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- 12 John NICKERSON (1772-c. 1820) [13217]. Born 1772. Marr Dorothy JAMES May 6, 1794. Died c. 1820.



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Another possible parentage of Dorothy Burke (or James) is Thomas and Nora James of Ballyshannon, Ireland. It's quite probable that Thomas James is the father of Dorothy as her son Knowles named his eldest son Thomas James Nickerson.

The death record for Dorothy Nickerson gives that she was 94 years old, born Bally Shannon, Ireland the daughter of Thomas and Nora James (Soldier)

- 7 Elizabeth (Betsy) SWAIN (1805- ) [12610]. Born May 7, 1805, Port LaTour, NS. Born May 7, 1807.

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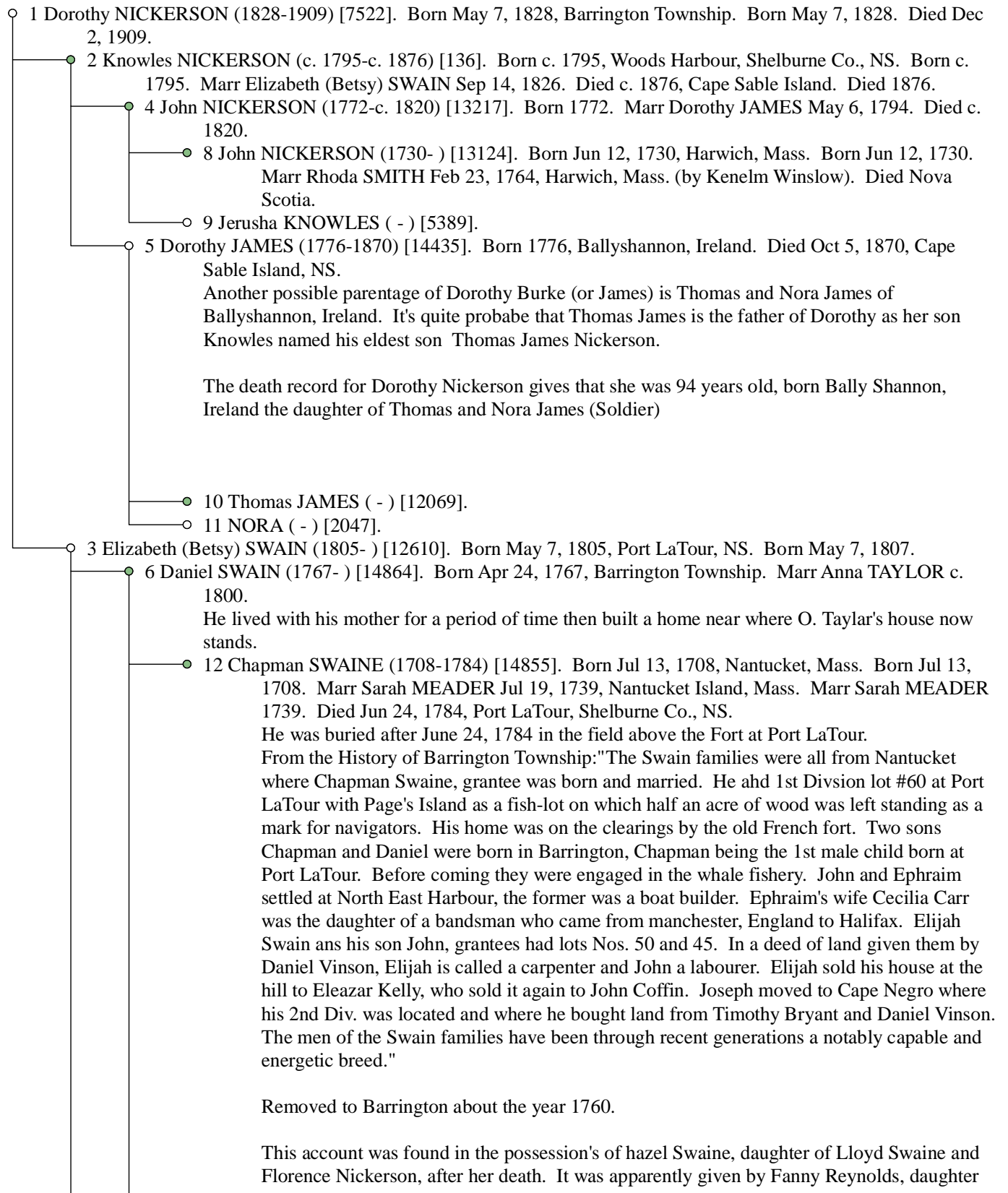
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"An account of some of the old families of Port LaTour furnished J.W. Taylor (Note: apparently John W. Taylor, 1837-1906, son of Thomas Taylor & Rebecca Swaine who married Cynthia Matilda Swaine) by Mrs. Fannie Swaine, she being at the time, May 24, 1881, near 93 years of age.

Chapman Swaine came from Nantucket, settled below the old fort at Port LaTour where he died of Smallpox and was buried in the field above the fort now used as a family burying ground. His will is dated 24 June 1784, probated September 10, 1784. His wife is buried near him.

They brought with them, six sons and four daughters, namely Joseph, John, Ephraim, Chapman, Zephaniah and Daniel. names of daughters are Patience, Sarah, Judith, Deborah.

Joseph, the oldest, a blacksmith by trade settled at Cape Negro and had four sons, Reuben, Joseph, David and John.

John, a boat builder, settled at North East Harbor, no sons.

Zephaniah settled at Port LaTour, near where Benjamin Swaine's house now stands, sons, Paul, Peter, daughters, Sarah, Lydia.

Ephraim at North East Harbor, sons William and Chapman.

Chapman built near the pond known as the Flasket (Note: unsure of this, looks like Flasket?), children Daniel and Josiah.

Daniel, the youngest, lived with his mother for a while, then built where O. Taylor's house now stands.

Daughters of Chapman Swaine are Patience, married Nathaniel Smith, son of Uncle Natts, Eel Bay who was founder of Smith Town. Judy married Stephens who lived in Yarmouth. Sarah married Samuel Horton, a carpenter and lived near where Edward Crowell's house now stands. Deborah married Jessie Descter (Note: should be Dexter), a shipbuilder and lived at Roseway.

Last will and testament of Chapman Swain:

In The Name of God Amen

The Last will and testament of Chapman Swaine of Barrington in the County of Queens County and Province of Nova Scotia, Yeoman is as followeth Firstly I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Grave. Being of perfect mind and sound memory, I give and devise unto my faithful & well beloved wife (Sarah Swain) all my personal estate in the said Township of Barrington during her natural life. I give & devise unto my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel, the whole of my homestead farm Lot containing twenty two acres and a half with a dwelling house and all other buildings thereon standing to them, their heirs and assigns forever. Said lot and premisses lying in said Township and is bounding on the harbour called Port LaTore, and my will further is that the said Land shall be equally divided between my said three sons in the following manner Zephaniah's land to be laid out to him on the North side of Land, next to him, Chapman to have his land and Daniel's Land to be on the Southern Part of said tract.

Item - I give and devise unto my three last mentioned sons, Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel their heirs and assigns all the meadow and mowing lands which I have cultivated and improved in said town adjoining to the land last mentioned which I have given to them, - the said meadow or mowing Land to be equally divided between them according to Quantity and Quality.

Item - I give and devise unto my other three sons, Joseph, John & Ephraim, thirty acres of land each, in the next division of land in said township and to be equal in Quality with such lands as shall be laid for my right as a Proprietor in the Grant in Said Township which Lands I give to them and their heirs.

Item - I give and devise unto my well beloved daughter Sarah, twenty acres of Lands Last mentioned to be laid out equal in Quality with the rest of said land to her and her heirs.

And it is my will that all the residue of my Lands in the proprietorship in said town be equally divided between my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel and their heirs and assigns.

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah after the decease of my wife, one cow.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Patience, Judith and Deborah, four sheep each after the decease of my wife.

Item - I give and devise unto my three daughters, Patience, Deborah and Sarah all my household furniture that shall remain after the decease of my wife, and the residue of all my personal estate that remains after the decease of my wife to be equally divided between my three sons, Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel.

And it is my will to be decently buried and the funeral charges to be paid by my Executrix.

And it is my will that further that my wife Sarah be my Executrix and my son Joseph Executor who I do hereby appoint and empower execute my will --

And this I declare to be my Last will and testament revoking all others this Twenty First day of June in the year of our Lord 1784

Signed, Sealed and Executed  
In the presence of ---- Chapman Swaine

Samuel Perry  
Thomas Perry  
Nathaniel Gardiner

Probate was attached to above document (Brian Smith, February 19, 2002)

We the subscribers being authorized and required by James McEwen, Judge of Probate of Wills & forgranting Letters of Administration on the Estate of Persons deceased To make a true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of the estate, real and personal of Chapman Swain, Late of Barrington, Deceased, according to the best of our skill and judgement To (unsure of last word, Brian Smith) make due return into the office of said Court on or before the Last Tuesday of December 1784.

Having met on the premises of the said Chapman Swain late Barrington Deceased on the 10th day of December 1784 and proceed in the following manner

1stly The Homestead Farm House and other buildings L2000 0  
thereon standing Scituate in Barrington, Port LaTore

2ndly Stock 4 cows @ 90/10 0 0  
1 Ox @ 8 0 0  
1, 2 Year Old Steer & 1, 3 year old Ditto @ 6 0 0  
20 Sheep and Lambs @ 6/326 5 0  
3 Swine @ 1 15 0

3rdly Farm Utensils  
3 syths 6/2 (unreadable), & tackling 5/0 11 0  
1 wood ax - 4/1 Iron Bar 6/0 10 0  
1 Hammer, 1 grindstone and plow 0 4 0  
1 pair old plow irons & four old books 0 2 0  
1 Scale beam and 2 weights 0 15 0  
4thly House furniture, 3 beds bedsteads and their  
furniture @ 60?9 0 0  
1 dozen pewter plates 5/ 4 pewter platers 5/0 10 0

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CARRIED OVER 251 12 0

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24 wooden dishes, pails 0 14 0  
1 Low Case of draws 15/ 1 warming pan 10/ 1 5 0  
6 Chairs 6/4 Iron pots and Kittles 15/ 1 1 0

Punch bouls, glasses, tea cups, (unreadable)  
& teaspoons 0 10 0  
Earthen Ware pans 4/ 1 pair of bellows 2/ 0 6 0  
1 Cooper Tea Kettle 20/ 1 pair (unreadable) 4/ 1 4 0  
2 Trammels 9/ 2 pair tongs and fire shovel 5/ 0 14 0  
2 spits and skewers 4/ 1 pair hand irons 3/ 0 7 0  
1 Iron Goose 2/ 1 Choping knife 1/ 0 3 0  
1 Whipsaw 15/ 1 Ox Chain 3/ one tin still 6/ 1 4 0  
6 Napkins & 3 table Cloaths 25/ 9 Towels 6/ 1 11 0  
9 tin cups 2/6 1 Black Jack /6 0 3 0  
3 tables, 3 old hoes, 1 old handsaw all at 0 10 0  
1 Chest, pipe box & Looking glass all at 0 4 0  
2 Spinning Wheels, 1 hand wheel & reel all at 0 6 0  
13 part of a boat 2 6 8

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Barrington Nath. Gardiner

December 13, 1784

Queens County for  
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Then Came Samuel Perry, Thomas Perry & Nathaniel Gardiner, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Last will & Testament of Chapman Swaine, Late of Barrington in said County, deceased, and severall made oath on the Holy Evangalist of Almighty God and that they did se the testator therin named, Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was; to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding; and they respectively subscribed their Names as witnesses to the will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and the presence of each other.

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The children of Caleb, a yeoman, wer all minors when he died at the early age of 36. Mary was appointed guardian of the children and, with George Godfrey, co-administrator of Caleb's estate which was valued at 2280 pounds. Since he died intestate, the record reads. "Real estate cannot be divided among all his children without great prejudice to or spoiling of the whole and the half being divided to Mary...Joshua eldest son of the deceased to pay to his brothers and sisters their ratable parts of the appraisal, the sum of 21 pounds 11 shillings and 10 pence each..." His real estate included land in both Chatham and Harwich.
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  - 7 NORA (-) [2047].

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1 Elizabeth (Betsy) SWAIN (1805- ) [12610]. Born May 7, 1805, Port LaTour, NS. Born May 7, 1807. Marr Knowles NICKERSON Sep 14, 1826.

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They brought with them, six sons and four daughters, namely Joseph, John, Ephraim, Chapman, Zephaniah and Daniel. names of daughters are Patience, Sarah, Judith, Deborah.

Joseph, the oldest, a blacksmith by trade settled at Cape Negro and had four sons, Reuben, Joseph, David and John.

John, a boat builder, settled at North East Harbor, no sons.

Zephaniah settled at Port LaTour, near where Benjamin Swaine's house now stands, sons, Paul, Peter, daughters, Sarah, Lydia.

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Chapman built near the pond known as the Flasket (Note: unsure of this, looks like Flasket?), children Daniel and Josiah.

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Last will and testament of Chapman Swain:

In The Name of God Amen

The Last will and testament of Chapman Swaine of Barrington in the County of Queens County and Province of Nova Scotia, Yeoman is as followeth Firstly I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Grave. Being of perfect mind and sound memory, I give and devise unto my faithful & well beloved wife (Sarah Swain) all my personal estate in the said Township of Barrington during her natural life. I give & devise unto my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel, the whole of my homestead farm Lot containing twenty two acres and a half with a dwelling house and all other buildings thereon standing to them, their heirs and assigns forever. Said lot and premisses lying in said Township and is bounding on the harbour called Port LaTore, and my will further is that the said Land shall be equally divided between my said three sons in the following manner Zephaniah's land to be laid out to him on the North side of Land, next to him, Chapman to have his land and Daniel's Land to be on the Southern Part of said tract.

Item - I give and devise unto my three last mentioned sons, Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel their heirs and assigns all the meadow and mowing lands which I have cultivated and improved in said town adjoining to the land last mentioned which I have given to them, - the said meadow or mowing Land to be equally divided between them according to Quantity and Quality.

Item - I give and devise unto my other three sons, Joseph, John & Ephraim, thirty acres of land each, in the next division of land in said township and to be equal in Quality with such lands as shall be laid for my right as a Proprietor in the Grant in Said Township which Lands I give to them and their heirs.

Item - I give and devise unto my well beloved daughter Sarah, twenty acres of Lands Last mentioned to be laid out equal in Quality with the rest of said land to her and her heirs.

And it is my will that all the residue of my Lands in the proprietorship in said town be equally divided between my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel and their heirs and assigns.

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah after the decease of my wife, one cow.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Patience, Judith and Deborah, four sheep each after the decease of my wife.

Item - I give and devise unto my three daughters, Patience, Deborah and Sarah all my household furniture that shall remain after the decease of my wife, and the residue of all my personal estate that remains after the decease of my wife to be equally divided between my three sons, Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel.

And it is my will to be decently buried and the funeral charges to be paid by my Executrix.

And it is my will that further that my wife Sarah be my Executrix and my son Joseph Executor who I do hereby appoint and empower execute my will --



And this I declare to be my Last will and testament revoking all others this Twenty First day of June in the year of our Lord 1784

Signed, Sealed and Executed  
In the pressence of ----- Chapman Swaine

Samuel Perry  
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Probate was attached to above document (Brian Smith, February 19, 2002)

We the subscribers being authorized and required by James McEwen, Judge of Probate of Wills & forgranting Letters of Administration on the Estate of Persons deceased To make a true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of the estate, real and personal of Chapman Swain, Late of Barrington, Deceased, according to the best of our skill and judgement  
To (unsure of last word, Brian Smith) make due return into the office of said Court on or before the Last Tuesday of December 1784.

Having met on the premises of the said Chapman Swain late Barrington Deceased on the 10th day of December 1784 and proceed in the following manner

1stly The Homestead Farm House and other buildings L2000 0  
thereon standing Scituate in Barrington, Port LaTore

2ndly Stock4 cows @ 90/10 0 0  
1 Ox @8 0 0  
1, 2 Year Old Steer & 1, 3 year old Ditto @ 6 0 0  
20 Sheep and Lambs @ 6/326 5 0  
3 Swine @1 15 0

3rdly Farm Utensils  
3 syths 6/2 (unreadable), & tackling 5/0 11 0  
1 wood ax - 4/1 Iron Bar 6/0 10 0  
1 Hammer, 1 grindstone and plow0 4 0  
1 pair old plow irons & four old books0 2 0  
1 Scale beam and 2 weights0 15 0  
4thlyHouse furniture, 3 beds bedsteads and their  
furniture @ 60?9 0 0  
1 dozen pewter plates 5/ 4 pewter platers 5/0 10 0

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CARRIED OVER 251 12 0

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24 wooden dishes, pails 0 14 0  
1 Low Case of draws 15/ 1 warming pan 10/ 1 5 0  
6 Chairs 6/4 Iron pots and Kittles 15/ 1 1 0

Punch bouls, glasses, tea cups, (unreadable)  
& teaspoons0 10 0

Earthen Ware pans 4/ 1 pair of bellows 2/	0	6	0
1 Cooper Tea Kittle 20/ 1 pair (unreadable) 4/	1	4	0
2 Trammels 9/ 2 pair tongs and fire shovel 5/	0	14	0
2 spits and skewers 4/ 1 pair hand irons 3/	0	7	0
1 Iron Goose 2/ 1 Choping knife 1/	0	3	0
1 Whipsaw 15/ 1 Ox Chain 3/ one tin still 6/	1	4	0
6 Napkins & 3 table Cloaths 25/ 9 Towels 6/	1	11	0
9 tin cups 2/6 1 Black Jack /6	0	3	0
3 tables, 3 old hoes, 1 old handsaw all at	0	10	0
1 Chest, pipe box & Looking glass all at	0	4	0
2 Spinning Wheels, 1 hand wheel & reel all at	0	6	0
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Barrington Nath. Gardiner

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Queens County for  
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Then Came Samuel Perry, Thomas Perry & Nathaniel Gardiner, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Last will & Testament of Chapman Swaine, Late of Barrington in said County, deceased, and severall made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and that they did se the testator therin named, Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was; to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding; and they respectively subscribed their Names as witnesses to the will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and the presence of each other.

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- 1 Absalom NICKERSON (1767-1817) [195]. Born Sep 27, 1767, Barrington, NS. Marr Susanna NICKERSON Mar 4, 1790, Cape Sable Island. Died Mar 3, 1817.
- 2 Richard NICKERSON (1741-1774) [2931]. Born Feb 3, 1740/41, Chatham, Mass. Died Nov 15, 1774, Barrington, NS.
  - 4 Caleb NICKERSON (1713-1749) [13263]. Born 1713, Chatham, Mass. Died Dec 18, 1749, Chatham, Mass. Buried prob. Queen Anne Cemetery.  
The children of Caleb, a yeoman, wer all minors when he died at the early age of 36. Mary was appointed guardian of the children and, with George Godfrey, co-administrator of Caleb's estate which was valued at 2280 pounds. Since he died intestate, the record reads. "Real estate cannot be divided among all his children without great prejudice to or spoiling of the whole and the half being divided to Mary...Joshua eldest son of the deceased to pay to his brothers and sisters their ratable parts of the appraisal, the sum of 21 pounds 11 shillings and 10 pence each...." His real estate included land in both Chatham and Harwich.
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  - 5 Mary GODFREY (1711-1782) [1540]. Born Sep 4, 1711, Chatham, Mass. Marr Seth SMITH Nov 18, 1756, Chatham, Mass. Died Apr 24, 1782, Chatham, Mass. Buried Queen Anne Cemetery, East Harwich.
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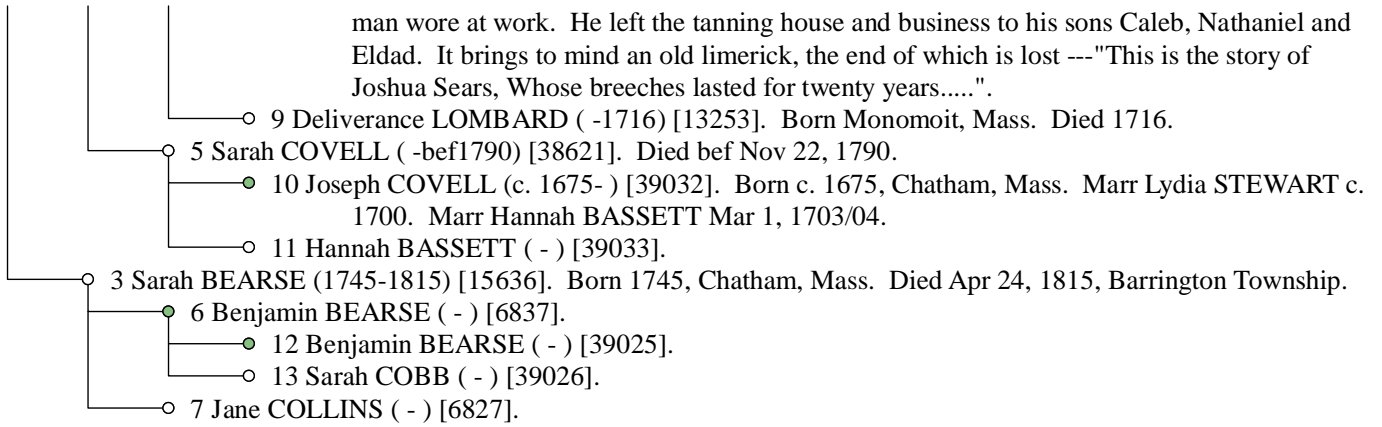
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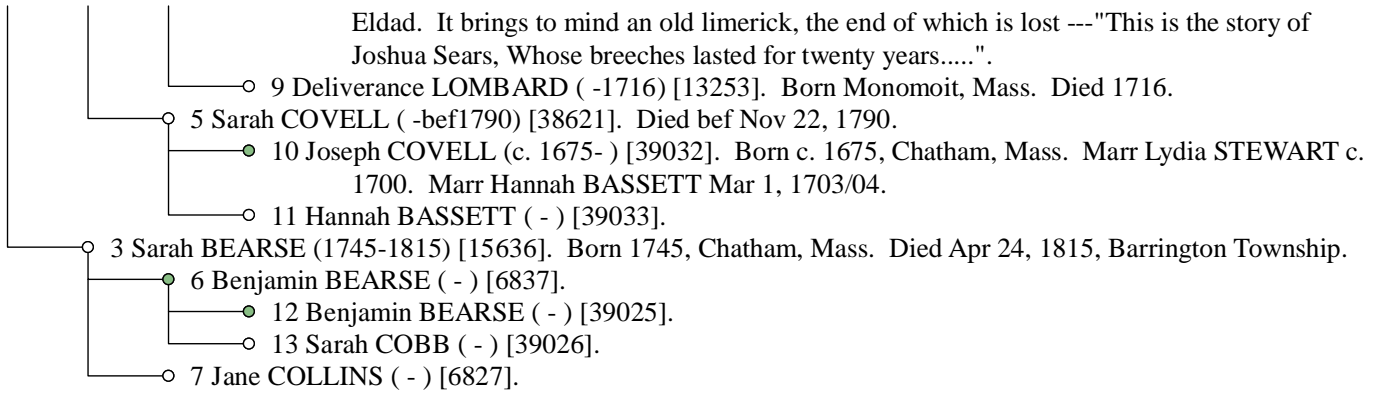
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- 1 John NICKERSON (1772-c. 1820) [13217]. Born 1772. Marr Dorothy JAMES May 6, 1794. Died c. 1820.
  - 2 John NICKERSON (1730- ) [13124]. Born Jun 12, 1730, Harwich, Mass. Born Jun 12, 1730. Marr Rhoda SMITH Feb 23, 1764, Harwich, Mass. (by Kenelm Winslow). Died Nova Scotia.
  - 4 John NICKERSON (1705-1794) [13120]. Born 1705, Harwich, Mass. Marr Dorcas BASSETT Mar 14, 1727/28, Harwich, Mass. (by Nathaniel Freeman, J.P.). Died Jan 30, 1794, Harwich, Mass. (at son Bassett's house).
  - 8 William NICKERSON (1678-bef1765) [13131]. Born 1678, Harwich, Mass. Marr Lydia MAKER Nov 4, 1703, Eastham, Mass. (by Capt. Jonathan Sparrow). Died btw Sep 15, 1760 and Mar 12, 1765, Drowned while canoeing.  
William's will was dated 15 September 1760 and was proved 12 March 1765.
- The family lived in East Harwich in 1726. In his will William gave his wife, Lydia, "for her sole use, one third of my homestead in lieu of her right of dower", and parcels of land in Harwich to all his sons and daughters. To his grandson, William, executor, "son of my son John ....as he has lived with me and is to live with me as long as I live, and is to do for me and my wife", all his other properties.
- 9 Lydia MAKER (1684- ) [13132]. Born 1684, Eastham, Mass. (probably Indian).
  - 5 Dorcas BASSETT ( -1770) [13121]. Born Chatham, Mass. Died 1770.  
The will of Mary Bassett, written 5 November 1741 and proved 6 May 1742, leaves daughter Dorcas Nickerson 5 shillings.
  - 10 Nathan BASSETT ( - ) [13122].
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  - 6 Enos KNOWLES ( - ) [13213].
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## Dorothy JAMES (1776-1870)

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- 1 Dorothy JAMES (1776-1870) [14435]. Born 1776, Ballyshannon, Ireland. Marr John NICKERSON May 6, 1794.

Died Oct 5, 1870, Cape Sable Island, NS.

Another possible parentage of Dorothy Burke (or James) is Thomas and Nora James of Ballyshannon, Ireland. It's quite probable that Thomas James is the father of Dorothy as her son Knowles named his eldest son Thomas James Nickerson.

The death record for Dorothy Nickerson gives that she was 94 years old, born Bally Shannon, Ireland the daughter of Thomas and Nora James (Soldier)

- 2 Thomas JAMES ( - ) [12069].

- 3 NORA ( - ) [2047].

## Daniel SWAIN (1767- )

- 1 Daniel SWAIN (1767- ) [14864]. Born Apr 24, 1767, Barrington Township. Marr Anna TAYLOR c. 1800. He lived with his mother for a period of time then built a home near where O. Taylor's house now stands.
- 2 Chapman SWAINE (1708-1784) [14855]. Born Jul 13, 1708, Nantucket, Mass. Born Jul 13, 1708. Marr Sarah MEADER Jul 19, 1739, Nantucket Island, Mass. Marr Sarah MEADER 1739. Died Jun 24, 1784, Port LaTour, Shelburne Co., NS. He was buried after June 24, 1784 in the field above the Fort at Port LaTour. From the History of Barrington Township: "The Swain families were all from Nantucket where Chapman Swaine, grantee was born and married. He had 1st Division lot #60 at Port LaTour with Page's Island as a fish-lot on which half an acre of wood was left standing as a mark for navigators. His home was on the clearings by the old French fort. Two sons Chapman and Daniel were born in Barrington, Chapman being the 1st male child born at Port LaTour. Before coming they were engaged in the whale fishery. John and Ephraim settled at North East Harbour, the former was a boat builder. Ephraim's wife Cecilia Carr was the daughter of a bandsman who came from Manchester, England to Halifax. Elijah Swain and his son John, grantees had lots Nos. 50 and 45. In a deed of land given them by Daniel Vinson, Elijah is called a carpenter and John a labourer. Elijah sold his house at the hill to Eleazar Kelly, who sold it again to John Coffin. Joseph moved to Cape Negro where his 2nd Div. was located and where he bought land from Timothy Bryant and Daniel Vinson. The men of the Swain families have been through recent generations a notably capable and energetic breed."
- Removed to Barrington about the year 1760.
- This account was found in the possession's of Hazel Swaine, daughter of Lloyd Swaine and Florence Nickerson, after her death. It was apparently given by Fanny Reynolds, daughter of John Reynolds and Temperance Atwood, who married Paul Swaine grandson of Chapman Swaine:
- "An account of some of the old families of Port LaTour furnished J.W. Taylor (Note: apparently John W. Taylor, 1837-1906, son of Thomas Taylor & Rebecca Swaine who married Cynthia Matilda Swaine) by Mrs. Fannie Swaine, she being at the time, May 24, 1881, near 93 years of age.
- Chapman Swaine came from Nantucket, settled below the old fort at Port LaTour where he died of Smallpox and was buried in the field above the fort now used as a family burying ground. His will is dated 24 June 1784, probated September 10, 1784. His wife is buried near him. They brought with them, six sons and four daughters, namely Joseph, John, Ephraim, Chapman, Zephaniah and Daniel. Names of daughters are Patience, Sarah, Judith, Deborah.
- Joseph, the oldest, a blacksmith by trade settled at Cape Negro and had four sons, Reuben, Joseph, David and John.
- John, a boat builder, settled at North East Harbor, no sons.
- Zephaniah settled at Port LaTour, near where Benjamin Swaine's house now stands, sons, Paul, Peter, daughters, Sarah, Lydia.
- Ephraim at North East Harbor, sons William and Chapman.
- Chapman built near the pond known as the Flasket (Note: unsure of this, looks like Flasket?), children Daniel and Josiah.
- Daniel, the youngest, lived with his mother for a while, then built where O. Taylor's house now stands.
- Daughters of Chapman Swaine are Patience, married Nathaniel Smith, son of Uncle Natts, Eel Bay who

was founder of Smith Town. Judy married Stephens who lived in Yarmouth. Sarah married Samuel Horton, a carpenter and lived near where Edward Crowell's house now stands. Deborah married Jessie Descter (Note: should be Dexter), a shipbuilder and lived at Roseway.

Last will and testament of Chapman Swain:

In The Name of God Amen

The Last will and testament of Chapman Swaine of Barrington in the County of Queens County and Province of Nova Scotia, Yeoman is as followeth Firstly I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Grave. Being of perfect mind and sound memory, I give and devise unto my faithful & well beloved wife (Sarah Swain) all my personal estate in the said Township of Barrington during her natural life. I give & devise unto my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel, the whole of my homestead farm Lot containing twenty two acres and a half with a dwelling house and all other buildings thereon standing to them, their heirs and assigns forever. Said lot and premisses lying in said Township and is bounding on the harbour called Port LaTore, and my will further is that the said Land shall be equally divided between my said three sons in the following manner Zephaniah's land to be laid out to him on the North side of Land, next to him, Chapman to have his land and Daniel's Land to be on the Southern Part of said tract.

Item - I give and devise unto my three last mentioned sons, Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel their heirs and assigns all the meadow and mowing lands which I have cultivated and improved in said town adjoining to the land last mentioned which I have given to them, - the said meadow or mowing Land to be equally divided between them according to Quantity and Quality.

Item - I give and devise unto my other three sons, Joseph, John & Ephraim, thirty acres of land each, in the next division of land in said township and to be equal in Quality with such lands as shall be laid for my right as a Proprietor in the Grant in Said Township which Lands I give to them and their heirs.

Item - I give and devise unto my well beloved daughter Sarah, twenty acres of Lands Last mentioned to be laid out equal in Quality with the rest of said land to her and her heirs.

An it is my will that all the residue of my Lands in the proprietorship in said town be equally divided between my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel and their heirs and assigns.

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah after the decease of my wife, one cow.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Patience, Judith and Deborah, four sheep each after the decease of my wife.

Item - I give and devise unto my three daughters, Patience, Deborah and Sarah all my household furniture that shall remain after the decease of my wife, and the residue of all my personal estate that remains after the decease of my wife to be equally divided between my three sons, Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel.

And it is my will to be decently buried and the funeral charges to be paid by my Executrix.

And it is my will that further that my wife Sarah be my Executrix and my son Joseph Executor who I do hereby appoint and empower execute my will --

And this I declare to be my Last will and testament revoking all others this Twenty First day of June in the year of our Lord 1784

Signed, Sealed and Executed  
In the presence of ----- Chapman Swaine

Samuel Perry  
 Thomas Perry  
 Nathaniel Gardiner

Probate was attached to above document (Brian Smith, February 19, 2002)

We the subscribers being authorized and required by James McEwen, Judge of Probate of Wills & forgranting Letters of Administration on the Estate of Persons deceased To make a true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of the estate, real and personal of Chapman Swain, Late of Barrington, Deceased, according to the best of our skill and judgement To (unsure of last word, Brian Smith) make due return into the office of said Court on or before the Last Tuesday of December 1784.

Having met on the premises of the said Chapman Swain late Barrington Deceased on the 10th day of December 1784 and proceed in the following manner

1stly The Homestead Farm House and other buildings L2000 0  
 thereon standing Scituate in Barrington, Port LaTore

2ndly Stock4 cows @ 90/10 0 0  
 1 Ox @8 0 0  
 1, 2 Year Old Steer & 1, 3 year old Ditto @ 6 0 0  
 20 Sheep and Lambs @ 6/326 5 0  
 3 Swine @1 15 0

3rdly Farm Utensils  
 3 syths 6/2 (unreadable), & tackling 5/0 11 0  
 1 wood ax - 4/1 Iron Bar 6/0 10 0  
 1 Hammer, 1 grindstone and plow0 4 0  
 1 pair old plow irons & four old books0 2 0  
 1 Scale beem and 2 weights0 15 0

4thlyHouse furniture, 3 beds bedsteads and their  
 furniture @ 60?9 0 0  
 1 dozen pewter plates 5/ 4 pewter platers 5/0 10 0

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 CARRIED OVER 251 12 0

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24 wooden dishes, pails 0 14 0  
 1 Low Case of draws 15/ 1 warming pan 10/ 1 5 0  
 6 Chairs 6/4 Iron pots and Kittles 15/ 1 1 0

Punch bouls, glasses, tea cups, (unreadable)  
 & teaspoons0 10 0  
 Earthen Ware pans 4/ 1 pair of bellows 2/ 0 6 0  
 1 Cooper Tea Kettle 20/ 1 pair (unreadable) 4/ 1 4 0  
 2 Trammels 9/ 2 pair tongs and fire shovel 5/ 0 14 0  
 2 spits and skewers 4/ 1 pair hand irons 3/ 0 7 0  
 1 Iron Goose 2/ 1 Choping knife 1/ 0 3 0  
 1 Whipsaw 15/ 1 Ox Chain 3/ one tin still 6/ 1 4 0

6 Napkins & 3 table Cloaths 25/ 9 Towels 6/                    1   11   0  
 9 tin cups 2/6 1 Black Jack /6                                    0   3   0  
 3 tables, 3 old hoes, 1 old handsaw all at                    0   10   0  
 1 Chest, pipe box & Looking glass all at                    0   4   0  
 2 Spinning Wheels, 1 hand wheel & reel all at            0   6   0  
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Barrington Nath. Gardiner

December 13, 1784

Queens County for  
 Shelburne the 10th Day of September 1784

Then Came Samuel Perry, Thomas Perry & Nathaniel Gardiner, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Last will & Testament of Chapman Swaine, Late of Barrington in said County, deceased, and severall made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and that they did se the testator therein named, Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was; to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding; and they respectively subscribed their Names as witnesses to the will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and the presence of each other.

Probate taken before me  
 Samuel Perry  
 Jas. McEwen Thos. Perry  
 Judge of Probate Nathl Gardiner.

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- 5 Patience SKIFFE (1681-1722) [14860]. Born 1681, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Died Feb 17, 1721/22, Nantucket, Mass.
  - 10 James SKIFFE ( - ) [6477].
  - 11 Sarah BARNARD ( - ) [21700].
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  - 7 Charity NASON ( - ) [14858].

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## **Anna TAYLOR ( -1818)**

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- 1 Anna TAYLOR ( -1818) [6200]. Marr Daniel SWAIN c. 1800. Died Feb 19, 1818, Barrington Township.



## Richard NICKERSON (1741-1774)

- 1 Richard NICKERSON (1741-1774) [2931]. Born Feb 3, 1740/41, Chatham, Mass. Died Nov 15, 1774, Barrington, NS.
- 2 Caleb NICKERSON (1713-1749) [13263]. Born 1713, Chatham, Mass. Died Dec 18, 1749, Chatham, Mass. Buried prob. Queen Anne Cemetery.  
The children of Caleb, a yeoman, wer all minors when he died at the early age of 36. Mary was appointed guardian of the children and, with George Godfrey, co-administrator of Caleb's estate which was valued at 2280 pounds. Since he died intestate, the record reads. "Real estate cannot be divided among all his children without great prejudice to or spoiling of the whole and the half being divided to Mary...Joshua eldest son of the deceased to pay to his brothers and sisters their ratable parts of the appraisal, the sum of 21 pounds 11 shillings and 10 pence each...." His real estate included land in both Chatham and Harwich.
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- 6 Moses GODFREY ( - ) [39580].
- 12 George GODFREY ( - ) [4074].

- └───○ 13 HANNAH ( - ) [24918].
- └───○ 7 Deborah COOK ( - ) [39581].

## Sarah NICKERSON (1748-1828)

- 1 Sarah NICKERSON (1748-1828) [2930]. Born Oct 6, 1748, Chatham, Mass. Marr Samuel PENNEY Aug 19, 1786, Barrington Township. Died Mar, 1828, Cameron Bridge, NS.
- 2 Absalom NICKERSON (1724- ) [8866]. Born Nov 12, 1724, Chatham, Mass.
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December 18, 1781 Gideon and Sarah sold their land rights to Ensign Nickerson, and 18 August 1804, Gideon, for \$220 paid by Ensign Nickerson, released all rights to his "honored mother Sary's third" in Chatham and any rights to his brother Lumbert's real estate in Chatham, Harwich, Orleans and elsewhere. In 1808 he came back to Massachusetts to visit.

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● 12 Nathaniel COVELL ( -bef1687) [38601]. Marr Sarah NICKERSON btw Jan 15, 1661/62 and Jul 4, 1663, Yarmouth, Mass. Died bef Dec, 1687.

The History of Chatham states, "the exact year in which Nathaniel Covell died is not certain but it was not far from 1682, in which year Robert Eldredge, his brother-in-law (husband of Elizabeth) died. Both were in the prime of life and left large families."

Nathaniel, a saddler, arrived in Boston on 26 August 1653, from England. When he was yet a boy and his father lay dying, he agreed to serve Mr. Edward Winslow of Marshfield, Mass. until 7 years after his arrival in New England. For part of this period Mr. Winslow assigned him to his son-in-law, Peregrine White. For his service he was to receive "His passage over, his support, and 10 pounds in goods and commodities, 13 bushels of Indian corn, and a good double apparel at the end of his time." His employ over, he went to Yarmouth where he married Sarah. Soon afterward they moved to Monomoit and lived on land given to Sarah by her father, near Alewife River and Ryder's Cove. he was designaed constable in 1674.

That Sarah was an able administrator must be assumed from the fact that she engaged in several land transactions. She sold parcels of her own property, and her father arranged that, at his death, the management of his entire domain should fall to her; and, as agreed, in 1687 she conveyed oe half of all the real estate, excepting her father's home farm, to her brother, William. In 1699 she had retained one third of her share of the properties and divided them among her four sons.

○ 13 Sarah NICKERSON (c. 1644-aft1715) [13167]. Born c. 1644, Yarmouth, Mass. Died aft 1715.

○ 7 Hannah BASSETT ( - ) [39033].

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## Sarah BEARSE (1745-1815)

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- 1 Sarah BEARSE (1745-1815) [15636]. Born 1745, Chatham, Mass. Marr Gideon NICKERSON Aug 30, 1764, Chatham, Mass. (by Rev. Stephen Emery). Died Apr 24, 1815, Barrington Township.
  - 2 Benjamin BEARSE ( - ) [6837].
    - 4 Benjamin BEARSE ( - ) [39025].
    - 5 Sarah COBB ( - ) [39026].
  - 3 Jane COLLINS ( - ) [6827].

## John NICKERSON (1730- )

- 1 John NICKERSON (1730- ) [13124]. Born Jun 12, 1730, Harwich, Mass. Born Jun 12, 1730. Marr Rhoda SMITH Feb 23, 1764, Harwich, Mass. (by Kenelm Winslow). Died Nova Scotia.
- 2 John NICKERSON (1705-1794) [13120]. Born 1705, Harwich, Mass. Marr Dorcas BASSETT Mar 14, 1727/28, Harwich, Mass. (by Nathaniel Freeman, J.P.). Died Jan 30, 1794, Harwich, Mass. (at son Bassett's house).
- 4 William NICKERSON (1678-bef1765) [13131]. Born 1678, Harwich, Mass. Marr Lydia MAKER Nov 4, 1703, Eastham, Mass. (by Capt. Jonathan Sparrow). Died btw Sep 15, 1760 and Mar 12, 1765, Drowned while canoeing.  
William's will was dated 15 September 1760 and was proved 12 March 1765.  
  
The family lived in East Harwich in 1726. In his will William gave his wife, Lydia, "for her sole use, one third of my homestead in lieu of her right of dower", and parcels of land in Harwich to all his sons and daughters. To his grandson, William, executor, "son of my son John ...as he has lived with me and is to live with me as long as I live, and is to do for me and my wife", all his other properties.
- 8 Joseph NICKERSON (1647- ) [13133]. Born Dec, 1647, Yarmouth, Mass. Marr Ruhamah JONES bef 1677, Prob. Yarmouth. Died Bt 1725 and 1731 (Harwich, Mass.).  
Joseph went with his father to Monomoy where he lived on a tract of land his father conveyed to him north of Ryder's Cove. For several years he lived in East Harwich, but in 1697 he purchased 50 acres of land at Muddy Cove from Barnabas Lothrop for 25 pounds in silver. He took residence and remained there the rest of his life. He also owned Lots 6 and 16 in the Quason Purchase. Little is known about him, but he was reputed to be a quiet, peaceable man.  
  
His will -- "Joseph Nickerson of Monamoy .... yeoman, for & in Consideration of my Real Love and Goodwill to my Natural son William Nickerson of Monamoy .... yeoman, have Given ..... unto him .... all that my Parcel of upland and meadow .... on the Northerly Side of the Muddy Cove River in the Township of Harwich ..... Bounded (viz) Beginning at the South west Corner by a Walnut tree Marked Standing Near the Sd River from thence Runing Northerly to a red oak tree marked by a Slough of water from thence Easterly to Joshua Jethrowes Land then Southerly down to Sd River and So a long Sd River westerly to the first Specified bound: takeing in all the Meadow Ground and Sedge Ground with the upland & then Extending from Sd walnut tree westerly takeing in all the Meadow and Sedge Ground So far as a point of upland that runs down Near to Sd River where a New fence Now stands to a Great pine tree there Marked Containing thirty acres more or less; with free Liverty for Cutting fire wood fenceing Stuff and Timber with Liberty of herbage on all my undivided Land on that Side of Said River." ---dated 5 November 1709. Signed with a mark, Witnessed by Joseph Higgins, Eben Hawes. Acknowledged the same day before Joseph Doane, justice of the peace. Recorded 11 July 1710 by William Bassett. "A true Copie Drawn & Compared this 23rd Day of Febry. me Solomon Otis Regr."
- 9 Ruhamah JONES (1650-aft1735) [13134]. Born 1650. Died aft 1735.  
Ruhamah died after 1735, when the town of Harwich was ordered to pay for her care in the home of John Eldredge.  
  
Ruhamah, apparently was one of the most colorful if not the most admirable of our ancestors! She was a "great beauty", but "of a disagreeable nature" and delighted in harassing others, so that both her Indian and white neighbors tried not to offend her. It is said that, if provoked, she would play havoc with their washing, their choice plants, and the fruits of their harvest. She was ready for an argument or a fight at any time. She was even

suspected of complicity when she was said to be ill and unable to attend court. For Joseph, an adverse action regarding security for his wife would cause him to lose his estate and render them destitute for life. This affair was decided favorably after he petitioned for an abatement.

Ruhamah lived to a "great age", and had remained sitting for so many years that, at her death, it was thought best to bury her in "the same crooked position"--on Burial Hill, south of Ryder's Cove where many early Nickersons were buried.

○ 5 Lydia MAKER (1684- ) [13132]. Born 1684, Eastham, Mass. (probably Indian).

● 10 James MAKER ( - ) [13135].

○ 11 RACHEL ( - ) [13136].

○ 3 Dorcas BASSETT ( -1770) [13121]. Born Chatham, Mass. Died 1770.

The will of Mary Bassett, written 5 November 1741 and proved 6 May 1742, leaves daughter Dorcas Nickerson 5 shillings.

● 6 Nathan BASSETT ( - ) [13122].

○ 7 Mary CROW ( - ) [13123].



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## Jerusha KNOWLES ( - )

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- 1 Jerusha KNOWLES ( - ) [5389].
  - 2 Enos KNOWLES ( - ) [13213].
  - 3 Sarah SPARROW ( - ) [13214].

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## Thomas JAMES ( - )

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- 1 Thomas JAMES ( - ) [12069].

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## **NORA ( - )**

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- 1 NORA ( - ) [2047].

## Chapman SWAINE (1708-1784)

- 1 Chapman SWAINE (1708-1784) [14855]. Born Jul 13, 1708, Nantucket, Mass. Born Jul 13, 1708. Marr Sarah MEADER Jul 19, 1739, Nantucket Island, Mass. Marr Sarah MEADER 1739. Died Jun 24, 1784, Port LaTour, Shelburne Co., NS.

He was buried after June 24, 1784 in the field above the Fort at Port LaTour.

From the History of Barrington Township: "The Swain families were all from Nantucket where Chapman Swaine, grantee was born and married. He had 1st Division lot #60 at Port LaTour with Page's Island as a fish-lot on which half an acre of wood was left standing as a mark for navigators. His home was on the clearings by the old French fort. Two sons Chapman and Daniel were born in Barrington, Chapman being the 1st male child born at Port LaTour. Before coming they were engaged in the whale fishery. John and Ephraim settled at North East Harbour, the former was a boat builder. Ephraim's wife Cecilia Carr was the daughter of a bandsman who came from Manchester, England to Halifax. Elijah Swain and his son John, grantees had lots Nos. 50 and 45. In a deed of land given them by Daniel Vinson, Elijah is called a carpenter and John a labourer. Elijah sold his house at the hill to Eleazar Kelly, who sold it again to John Coffin. Joseph moved to Cape Negro where his 2nd Div. was located and where he bought land from Timothy Bryant and Daniel Vinson. The men of the Swain families have been through recent generations a notably capable and energetic breed."

Removed to Barrington about the year 1760.

This account was found in the possession's of Hazel Swaine, daughter of Lloyd Swaine and Florence Nickerson, after her death. It was apparently given by Fanny Reynolds, daughter of John Reynolds and Temperance Atwood, who married Paul Swaine grandson of Chapman Swaine:

"An account of some of the old families of Port LaTour furnished J.W. Taylor (Note: apparently John W. Taylor, 1837-1906, son of Thomas Taylor & Rebecca Swaine who married Cynthia Matilda Swaine) by Mrs. Fannie Swaine, she being at the time, May 24, 1881, near 93 years of age.

Chapman Swaine came from Nantucket, settled below the old fort at Port LaTour where he died of Smallpox and was buried in the field above the fort now used as a family burying ground. His will is dated 24 June 1784, probated September 10, 1784. His wife is buried near him.

They brought with them, six sons and four daughters, namely Joseph, John, Ephraim, Chapman, Zephaniah and Daniel. Names of daughters are Patience, Sarah, Judith, Deborah.

Joseph, the oldest, a blacksmith by trade settled at Cape Negro and had four sons, Reuben, Joseph, David and John.

John, a boat builder, settled at North East Harbor, no sons.

Zephaniah settled at Port LaTour, near where Benjamin Swaine's house now stands, sons, Paul, Peter, daughters, Sarah, Lydia.

Ephraim at North East Harbor, sons William and Chapman.

Chapman built near the pond known as the Flasket (Note: unsure of this, looks like Flasket?), children Daniel and Josiah.

Daniel, the youngest, lived with his mother for a while, then built where O. Taylor's house now stands.

Daughters of Chapman Swaine are Patience, married Nathaniel Smith, son of Uncle Natts, Eel Bay who was founder of Smith Town. Judy married Stephens who lived in Yarmouth. Sarah married Samuel Horton, a carpenter and lived near where Edward Crowell's house now stands. Deborah married Jessie Descker (Note: should be Dexter), a shipbuilder and lived at Roseway.

Last will and testament of Chapman Swain:

In The Name of God Amen

The Last will and testament of Chapman Swaine of Barrington in the County of Queens County and Province of Nova Scotia, Yeoman is as followeth Firstly I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Grave. Being of perfect mind and sound memory, I give and devise unto my faithful & well beloved wife (Sarah Swain) all my personal estate in the said Township of Barrington during her natural life. I give & devise unto my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel, the whole of my homestead farm Lot containing twenty two acres and a half with a dwelling house and all other buildings thereon standing to them, their heirs and assigns forever. Said lot and premisses lying in said Township and is bounding onthe harbour called Port LaTore, and my will further is that the said Land shall be equally divided between my said three sons in the following manner Zephaniah's land to be laid out to him on the North side of Land, next to him, Chapman to have his alnd and Daniel's Land to be on the Southern Part of said tract.

Item - I give and devise unto my three last mentioned sons, Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel their heirs and assigns all the meadow and mowing lands which I have cultivated and improved in said twon adjoining to the land last mentioned which I have given to them, - the said meadow or mowing Land to be equally divided between them according to Quantity and Quality.

Item - I give and devise unto my other three sons, Joseph, John & Ephraim, thirty acres of land each, in the next division of land in said township and to be equal in Quality with such lands as shall be laid for my right as a Proprietor in the Grant in Said Township which Lands I give to them and their heirs.

Item - I give and devise unto my well beloved daughter Sarah, twenty acres of Lands Last mentioned to be laid out equal in Quality with the rest of said land to her and her heirs.

An it is my will that all the residue of my Lands in the proprietorship in said town be equally divided between my three sons Zephaniah, Chapman and Daniel and their heirs and assigns.

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah after the decease of my wife, one cow.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Patience, Judith and Deborah, four sheep each after the decease of my wife.

Item - I give and devise unto my three daughters, Patience, Deboarah and Sarah all my household furniture that shall remain after the decease of my wife, and the residue of all my personal estate that remains after the decease of my wife to be equally divided between my three sons, Zephaniah, Chapman & Daniel.

And it is my will to be decently buried and the funeral charges to be paid by my Executrix.

And it is my will that further that my wife Sarah be my Executrix and my son Joseph Executor who I do hereby appoint and impower execute my will --

And this I declare to be my Last will and testament revoking all others this Twenty First day of June in the year of our Lord 1784

Signed, Sealed and Executed  
In the pressence of ---- Chapman Swaine

Samuel Perry  
Thomas Perry  
Nathaniel Gardiner

Probate was attached to above document (Brian Smith, February 19, 2002)

We the subscribers being authorized and required by James McEwen, Judge of Probate of Wills & forgranting Letters of Administration on the Estate of Persons deceased To make a true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of the estate, real and personal of Chapman Swain, Late of Barrington, Deceased, according to the best of our skill and judgement

To (unsure of last word, Brian Smith) make due return into the office of said Court on or before the Last Tuesday of December 1784.

Having met on the premises of the said Chapman Swain late Barrington Deceased on the 10th day of December 1784 and proceed in the following manner

1stly The Homestead Farm House and other buildings L2000 0  
thereon standing Scituate in Barrington, Port LaTore

2ndly Stock4 cows @ 90/10 0 0  
1 Ox @8 0 0  
1, 2 Year Old Steer & 1, 3 year old Ditto @ 6 0 0  
20 Sheep and Lambs @ 6/326 5 0  
3 Swine @1 15 0

3rdly Farm Utensils  
3 syths 6/2 (unreadable), & tackling 5/0 11 0  
1 wood ax - 4/1 Iron Bar 6/0 10 0  
1 Hammer, 1 grindstone and plow0 4 0  
1 pair old plow irons & four old books0 2 0  
1 Scale beam and 2 weights0 15 0  
4thlyHouse furniture, 3 beds bedsteads and their  
furniture @ 60?9 0 0  
1 dozen pewter plates 5/ 4 pewter platers 5/0 10 0

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CARRIED OVER 251 12 0

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24 wooden dishes, pails 0 14 0  
1 Low Case of draws 15/ 1 warming pan 10/ 1 5 0  
6 Chairs 6/4 Iron pots and Kittles 15/ 1 1 0

Punch bouls, glasses, tea cups, (unreadable)  
& teaspoons0 10 0  
Earthen Ware pans 4/ 1 pair of bellows 2/ 0 6 0  
1 Cooper Tea Kettle 20/ 1 pair (unreadable) 4/ 1 4 0  
2 Trammels 9/ 2 pair tongs and fire shovel 5/ 0 14 0  
2 spits and skewers 4/ 1 pair hand irons 3/ 0 7 0  
1 Iron Goose 2/ 1 Choping knife 1/ 0 3 0  
1 Whipsaw 15/ 1 Ox Chain 3/ one tin still 6/ 1 4 0  
6 Napkins & 3 table Cloaths 25/ 9 Towels 6/ 1 11 0  
9 tin cups 2/6 1 Black Jack /6 0 3 0  
3 tables, 3 old hoes, 1 old handsaw all at 0 10 0  
1 Chest, pipe box & Looking glass all at 0 4 0

2 Spinning Wheels, 1 hand wheel & reel all at 0 6 0  
 13 part of a boat 2 6 8

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Barrington Nath. Gardiner

December 13, 1784

Queens County for  
 Shelburne the 10th Day of September 1784

Then Came Samuel Perry, Thomas Perry & Nathaniel Gardiner, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Last will & Testament of Chapman Swaine, Late of Barrington in said County, deceased, and severall made oath on the Holy Evangalist of Almighty God and that they did se the testator therin named, Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was; to the best of their apprehentions of Sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding; and they respectively subscribed their Names as witnesses to the will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and the presence of each other.

Probate taken before me  
 Samuel Perry  
 Jas. McEwen Thos. Perry  
 Judge of Probate Nathl Gardiner.

- 2 John SWAINE (c. 1680-1749) [14859]. Born c. 1680, England. Marr Patience SKIFFE Oct 3, 1706, Nantucket, Mass. Died Oct 5, 1749, Nantucket, Mass.
- 3 Patience SKIFFE (1681-1722) [14860]. Born 1681, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Died Feb 17, 1721/22, Nantucket, Mass.
  - 6 James SKIFFE ( - ) [6477].
  - 7 Sarah BARNARD ( - ) [21700].

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## Sarah MEADER (1722-aft1784)

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- 1 Sarah MEADER (1722-aft1784) [14856]. Born Apr 30, 1722, Nantucket, Mass. Born Nantucket. Born Apr 30, 1722. Marr Chapman SWAINE Jul 19, 1739, Nantucket Island, Mass. Marr Chapman SWAINE 1739. Died aft 1784, Port LaTour, Shelburne Co., NS.  
she is buried in a field above the Fort at Port LaTour, now used as a family burying ground, Port LaTour.
- ● 2 Joseph MEADER ( - ) [14857].
- 3 Charity NASON ( - ) [14858].



## Caleb NICKERSON (1713-1749)

- 1 Caleb NICKERSON (1713-1749) [13263]. Born 1713, Chatham, Mass. Died Dec 18, 1749, Chatham, Mass. Buried prob. Queen Anne Cemetery.

The children of Caleb, a yeoman, wer all minors when he died at the early age of 36. Mary was appointed guardian of the children and, with George Godfrey, co-administrator of Caleb's estate which was valued at 2280 pounds. Since he died intestate, the record reads. "Real estate cannot be divided among all his children without great prejudice to or spoiling of the whole and the half being divided to Mary...Joshua eldest son of the deceased to pay to his brothers and sisters their ratable parts of the appraisal, the sum of 21 pounds 11 shillings and 10 pence each...." His real estate included land in both Chatham and Harwich.
- 2 William NICKERSON (aft1668-1742) [13250]. Born btw 1668 and 1675, Monomoit, Mass. Marr Deliverance LOMBARD 1700. Marr Anna (or Hannah) ATWOOD Oct 24, 1717, Chatham, Mass. Died btw Oct 19, 1742 and Nov 15, 1742.

Ensign William, so "styled" about 1706 as leader of the local military company, lived on his land at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor), but also received land at Monomessett (Nickerson's) Neck from his father. He was a tanner and carried on that business for many years. There was not only a demand for boots and shoes, but also for leather pants which nearly every man wore at work. He left the tanning house and business to his sons Caleb, Nathaniel and Eldad. It brings to mind an old limerick, the end of which is lost ---"This is the story of Joshua Sears, Whose breeches lasted for twenty years.....".
- 4 William NICKERSON (1646-bef1719) [13168]. Born Jun, 1646, Yarmouth, Mass. Marr Mercy WILLIAMS Nov 30, 1668. Died bef Apr 7, 1719.

Before 1677, William Jr. owned a parcel of land east of Great Hill, Monomoit, and another lying southwest of the head of Ryder's Cove where he probably lived. but in 1689 he bought land at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) where he built a house and resided for some time. He took the oath of a freeman in 1690 and was a soldier in King Philip's War. As an active participant in village affairs, he served as grandjuryman, constable, inspector of whales, selectman, and was the first village treasurer and clerk. It is noted that he did not record his own family, and but few others.

In 1700, stimulated by the work of the minister, Mr. Jonathan Vickery, the village voted to "bild a meten hous of 20 and 2 foot floor and 13 foot in the wall". For this purpose they "made chose of Gorg Godfree and William Nicarson, Jr. to lok after and see the work be don and at the same meten the inhabentce ded agree with Edward Small to be the fore workman to get the tember and to fram the hous with the help of the inhabtance and the inhabbetance ded agree to take thare tornes and go out with Edward Small and to get the tember two days a pece tell every man had took his torn." It was also agreed "that every man that had a teme should drag one lode to plase of the tember...and when the reat is made it shold be took from thar reat that had don the work adn aded to them that had not took thar torn in doing the work." The building, roughly completed in 1701, had no shingles, clapboards or glass for the windows. There were no pews, but benches, for the men on one side, and women on the other side of the aisle. The oldest persons sat at the front, and others in order of their ages. It was used for all village meetings -- religious and secular.
- 8 William NICKERSON (1604- ) [13149]. Born 1604, Norwich, England. Died Bt Aug 30, 1689- Sept 8, 1690 (Monomoit, Mass.). Buried Burial Hill (now Chatham Port, Mass.).

William was a tailor apprentice to his father in 1621 was admitted a worsted weaver and freeman in Norwich 18 May 1632. He and his family sailed from Yarmouth, England, 15 April 1637 on the ship John and Dorothy, arriving at Salem, Mass., 20 June 1637. Wher the family lived for a few years is not known, but in 1641 they moved to Yarmouth, Mass. he first bought land at Monomoit from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason in 1656 and a few years later, moved from yarmouth with his children's families to begin the settlement of the present Chatham in the area which is now Chatham Port.

The land deed to Elizabeth Eldred, daughter of William Nickerson, was only a part of the thousands of acres he had purchased, beginning about 1656, from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason, who had accepted in pay cows, cloth, wampum, and other trade goodds.

Together they staked out the metes and bounds, some of which are landmarks to this day; but the Sagamore could give no written deed because the Plymouth real estate operators had passed a law that no Indian could sell property without the consent of the Colony. Nickerson claimed that the land was the Indian's to do with as he saw fit, but it took him twenty year and a substantial kick-back to the speculators before Mattaquason was allowed to set his hand to a deed.

Regardless of the law, the settler moved in and built his cabin in the field across the highway to the south of the present Christopher Ryder House in Chathamport. According to tradition, the Old Sagamore's lodge stood a short distance to the north. They were about of an age; and here these two old men, the red man and the white, lived out their days as good friends and neighbors, always carrying out their word-of-mouth agreements as man to man despite the shenanigans of the political land-sharks in Plymouth.

The Old Sagamore went to his Happy Hunting Ground during the winter of 1682\3, followed in a few years by the old pioneer. Mattaquason left a son Towsowet, alias John Quason, and three daughters known to our forefathers as Cussen's Squaw, Old Skinnicut's Wife, a large tract in South Harwich around the pond which still bears the name of her husband, and to Sarah what is known as Old harbor, in Chatham. The remainder of his land fell to Towsowet. My father, Warren Jensen Nickerson, was born on the north side of Round Cove in East Harwich in the original Wequassett House which stands on land that has never been out of our family since it was bought of Towsowet.

- 9 Anne BUSBY (1607-aft1686) [13150]. Born Aug, 1607, Norwich, England. Died aft May 18, 1686, Monomoit, Mass. Buried prob. near William.
- 5 Mercy WILLIAMS (c. 1644- ) [13247]. Born c. 1644, Eastham, Mass. Died 7 (2) 1739 (Chatham, Mass) bt. 90 - 95 years old.
  - 10 Thomas WILLIAMS ( - ) [38598].
  - 11 Elizabeth TATE ( - ) [38599].
- 3 Deliverance LOMBARD ( -1716) [13253]. Born Monomoit, Mass. Died 1716.
  - 6 Caleb LOMBARD ( - ) [13272].

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## Mary GODFREY (1711-1782)

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- 1 Mary GODFREY (1711-1782) [1540]. Born Sep 4, 1711, Chatham, Mass. Marr Seth SMITH Nov 18, 1756, Chatham, Mass. Died Apr 24, 1782, Chatham, Mass. Buried Queen Anne Cemetery, East Harwich.
  - 2 Moses GODFREY ( - ) [39580].
    - 4 George GODFREY ( - ) [4074].
    - 5 HANNAH ( - ) [24918].
  - 3 Deborah COOK ( - ) [39581].

## Absalom NICKERSON (1724- )

- 1 Absalom NICKERSON (1724- ) [8866]. Born Nov 12, 1724, Chatham, Mass.
- 2 William NICKERSON (1701-1763) [13257]. Born May 15, 1701, Chatham, Mass. Born May 15, 1701. Marr Sarah COVELL c. 1723. Died Feb, 1763, prob. Chatham, Mass (drowned out of a canoe).  
It is written of William's death that he "drowned in a creek out of a canoe last week and is not found yet". His estate was proved 3 May 1763 and lists books, guns, a sword, spinning wheels and yarn, a mare, oxen, 2 heifers, 11 sheep, 10 lambs, his land at Monomessett Neck (now Nickerson Neck) with all the buildings thereon.  
  
In the division of his estate, 24 July 1772, Sarah received a woodlot in Harwich near Great Long Pond...and a part of Monomessett Neck---"the west end with the buildings thereon---land runs into the Bay (Pleasant Bay) and near Salt Pond."  
  
William was thought to be somewhat of a religious fanatic and joined the new movement of "Separatists" or "New Lights". This sect, which first appeared in Connecticut and grew rapidly, were seceders from the established Church. They entertained more liberal views, believing, among other things, that true preacher need not have a formal education and that the mode of performing the baptismal rite should be a matter of personal choice. They objected strenuously to being taxed for the support of the ministers of the Standing Order, and submitted many fruitless petitions requesting to be relieved from this tax. On refusal to pay the tax some highly respectable men were imprisoned in Barnstable jail. In the 1740's, Joshua, William and Samuel Nickerson of Harwich were active in this movement.  
  
For a reason we have been unable to uncover, he was known as William "Red Stockings". One example --- "Chatham Records April ye 18, 1739, I ye widow bassit of Chatham do oblige my self to you William Nickerson red stocking of said town if I can't find or make more by any means by your wife or find it my self I do forfit two coveredleds of like sort said witness our hands---Nathan bassit, Nathaniel Bassit. mary Bas x sit her mark". It is conceivable that Mary was Sarah's maternal grandmother.
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## **SARAH ( - )**

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## William NICKERSON (1701-1763)

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It is written of William's death that he "drowned in a creek out of a canoe last week and is not found yet". His estate was proved 3 May 1763 and lists books, guns, a sword, spinning wheels and yarn, a mare, oxen, 2 heifers, 11 sheep, 10 lambs, his land at Monomessett Neck (now Nickerson Neck) with all the buildings thereon.

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William was thought to be somewhat of a religious fanatic and joined the new movement of "Separatists" or "New Lights". This sect, which first appeared in Connecticut and grew rapidly, were seceders from the established Church. They entertained more liberal views, believing, among other things, that a true preacher need not have a formal education and that the mode of performing the baptismal rite should be a matter of personal choice. They objected strenuously to being taxed for the support of the ministers of the Standing Order, and submitted many fruitless petitions requesting to be relieved from this tax. On refusal to pay the tax some highly respectable men were imprisoned in Barnstable jail. In the 1740's, Joshua, William and Samuel Nickerson of Harwich were active in this movement.

For a reason we have been unable to uncover, he was known as William "Red Stockings". One example --- "Chatham Records April ye 18, 1739, I ye widow bassit of Chatham do oblige my self to you William Nickerson red stocking of said town if I can't find or make more by any means by your wife or find it my self I do forfit two coveredles of like sort said witness our hands---Nathan bassit, Nathaniel Bassit. mary Bas x sit her mark". It is conceivable that Mary was Sarah's maternal grandmother.

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- 2 William NICKERSON (1678-bef1765) [13131]. Born 1678, Harwich, Mass. Marr Lydia MAKER Nov 4, 1703, Eastham, Mass. (by Capt. Jonathan Sparrow). Died btw Sep 15, 1760 and Mar 12, 1765, Drowned while canoeing.  
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The family lived in East Harwich in 1726. In his will William gave his wife, Lydia, "for her sole use, one third of my homestead in lieu of her right of dower", and parcels of land in Harwich to all his sons and daughters. To his grandson, William, executor, "son of my son John ....as he has lived with me and is to live with me as long as I live, and is to do for me and my wife", all his other properties.

- 4 Joseph NICKERSON (1647- ) [13133]. Born Dec, 1647, Yarmouth, Mass. Marr Ruhamah JONES bef 1677, Prob. Yarmouth. Died Bt 1725 and 1731 (Harwich, Mass.).

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Ruhamah, apparently was one of the most colorful if not the most admirable of our ancestors! She was a "great beauty", but "of a disagreeable nature" and delighted in harassing others, so that both her Indian and white neighbors tried not to offend her. It is said that, if provoked, she would play havoc with their washing, their choice plants, and the fruits of their harvest. She was ready for an argument or a fight at any time. She was even suspected of complicity when she was said to be ill and unable to attend court. For Joseph, an adverse action regarding security for his wife would cause him to lose his estate and render them destitute for life. This affair was decided favorably after he petitioned for an abatement.

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- 10 Teague JONES ( - ) [38580].

- 3 Lydia MAKER (1684- ) [13132]. Born 1684, Eastham, Mass. (probably Indian).

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The family lived in East Harwich in 1726. In his will William gave his wife, Lydia, "for her sole use, one third of my homestead in lieu of her right of dower", and parcels of land in Harwich to all his sons and daughters. To his grandson, William, executor, "son of my son John ....as he has lived with me and is to live with me as long as I live, and is to do for me and my wife", all his other properties.

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## Joseph NICKERSON (1647- )

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Joseph went with his father to Monomoit where he lived on a tract of land his father conveyed to him north of Ryder's Cove. For several years he lived in East Harwich, but in 1697 he purchased 50 acres of land at Muddy Cove from Barnabas Lothrop for 25 pounds in silver. He took residence and remained there the rest of his life. He also owned Lots 6 and 16 in the Quason Purchase. Little is known about him, but he was reputed to be a quiet, peaceable man.

His will -- "Joseph Nickerson of Monamoy .... yeoman, for & in Consideration of my Real Love and Goodwill to my Natural son William Nickerson of Monamoy .... yeoman, have Given ..... unto him .... all that my Parcel of upland and meadow .... on the Northerly Side of the Muddy Cove River in the Township of Harwich ..... Bounded (viz) Beginning at the South west Corner by a Walnut tree Marked Standing Near the Sd River from thence Runing Northerly to a red oak tree marked by a Slough of water from thence Easterly to Joshua Jethrowes Land then Southerly down to Sd River and So a long Sd River westerly to the first Specified bound: takeing in all the Meadow Ground and Sedge Ground with the upland & then Extending from Sd wallnut tree westerly takeing in all the Meadow and Sedge Ground So far as a point of upland that runs down Near to Sd River where a New fence Now stands to a Great pine tree there Marked Containing thirty acres more or less; with free Liverty for Cutting fire wood fenceing Stuff and Timber with Liberty of herbage on all my undivided Land on that Side of Said River." ---dated 5 November 1709. Signed with a mark, Witnessed by Joseph Higgins, Eben Hawes. Acknowledged the same day before Joseph Doane, justice of the peace. Recorded 11 July 1710 by William Bassett. "A true Copie Drawn & Compared this 23rd Day of Febry. me Solomon Otis Regr."

- 2 William NICKERSON (1604- ) [13149]. Born 1604, Norwich, England. Died Bt Aug 30, 1689-Sept 8, 1690 (Monomoit, Mass.). Buried Burial Hill (now Chatham Port, Mass.).

William was a tailor apprentice to his father in 1621 was admitted a worsted weaver and freeman in Norwich 18 May 1632. He and his family sailed from Yarmouth, England, 15 April 1637 on the ship John and Dorothy, arriving at Salem, Mass., 20 June 1637. Where the family lived for a few years is not known, but in 1641 they moved to Yarmouth, Mass. He first bought land at Monomoit from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason in 1656 and a few years later, moved from Yarmouth with his children's families to begin the settlement of the present Chatham in the area which is now Chatham Port.

The land deed to Elizabeth Eldred, daughter of William Nickerson, was only a part of the thousands of acres he had purchased, beginning about 1656, from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason, who had accepted in pay cows, cloth, wampum, and other trade goods. Together they staked out the metes and bounds, some of which are landmarks to this day; but the Sagamore could give no written deed because the Plymouth real estate operators had passed a law that no Indian could sell property without the consent of the Colony. Nickerson claimed that the land was the Indian's to do with as he saw fit, but it took him twenty years and a substantial kick-back to the speculators before Mattaquason was allowed to set his hand to a deed.

Regardless of the law, the settler moved in and built his cabin in the field across the highway to the south of the present Christopher Ryder House in Chathamport. According to tradition, the Old Sagamore's lodge stood a short distance to the north. They were about of an age; and here these two old men, the red man and the white, lived out their days as good friends and neighbors, always carrying out their word-of-mouth agreements as man to man despite the shenanigans of the political land-sharks in Plymouth.

The Old Sagamore went to his Happy Hunting Ground during the winter of 1682\3, followed in a few years by the old pioneer. Mattaquason left a son Towsowet, alias John Quason, and three daughters known to our forefathers as Cussen's Squaw, Old Skinnicut's Wife, a large tract in South Harwich around the pond which still bears the name of her husband, and to Sarah what is known as Old harbor, in Chatham. The remainder

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## Ruhamah JONES (1650-aft1735)

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Ruhamah died after 1735, when the town of Harwich was ordered to pay for her care in the home of John Eldredge.

Ruhamah, apparently was one of the most colorful if not the most admirable of our ancestors! She was a "great beauty", but "of a disagreeable nature" and delighted in harassing others, so that both her Indian and white neighbors tried not to offend her. It is said that, if provoked, she would play havoc with their washing, their choice plants, and the fruits of their harvest. She was ready for an argument or a fight at any time. She was even suspected of complicity when she was said to be ill and unable to attend court. For Joseph, an adverse action regarding security for his wife would cause him to lose his estate and render them destitute for life. This affair was decided favorably after he petitioned for an abatement.

Ruhamah lived to a "great age", and had remained sitting for so many years that, at her death, it was thought best to bury her in "the same crooked position"--on Burial Hill, south of Ryder's Cove where many early Nickersons were buried.

- 2 Teague JONES ( - ) [38580].

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- 1 Thomas WILLIAMS ( - ) [38598].

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- 1 Elizabeth TATE ( - ) [38599].

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## **Nathaniel COVELL ( - )**

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