

JOHN WOODFIELD

was one of the Conihasset partners in 1646, and seems to have taken up lands, (probably without license as had others) before that time. His house lot was near Thomas Ensign's on the north. William James was his successor (probably by purchase) in Conihasset lands. In 1649 he sold marsh land and upland near "Lombard's rock," at the Great neck, in 1649, to John Williams, sen. Capt. Stephen Otis succeeded to a part of his Conihasset lands, by purchase of James. John Woodfield was one of "the agitators" in a Conference held between the two churches in Scituate, for the purpose of attempting a reconciliation in 1649. He deceased in 1669, giving in his will, his "whole estate to wife Hester." Hester, the widow, left a legacy in 1672, to Henry Ewell's daughter, (see Ewell.)

* WALTER WOODWORTH

was freeman in Scituate 1640, and settled amongst the men of Kent, 3d. lot on Kent street, south side of Meeting-house lane in 1635. He had other lands in 1635, viz. on the first Herring brook 30 rods below Stockbridge's mill: and on the north-west side of Walnut tree hill. He left no record of the births of his children; from incidental records we find Benjamin, Walter, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, wife of Aaron Simons 1677, Martha, the wife of Lieut. Zachary Daman 1679, Mehetabel, who was unfortunate in regard to her health, (see witchcraft.)

Benjamin was a soldier in Philip's war, and lost his life. Lands were assigned for his services, to Charles Stockbridge, for the use of Benjamin Woodworth's family 1676. He had daughters, Elizabeth, Deborah and Abigail, (wife of John Jackson of Plymouth 1695) and a son *Robert*, who settled in the west part of the Town, east of Symon's hill, where Dimmick Bowker now resides. His children were Ruth, born 1685, James 1689, Benjamin 1690, Elizabeth 1692, Joanna 1694, Robert 1697, Mary 1699, Deborah 1701, Ann 1704, Lydia 1706, James 1709. Of these, Benjamin married Mary Right 1712. Children, Benjamin 1713, and by a 2d. wife, Ann Torrey, Benjamin 1717, Joseph 1720, Anna 1723. *Robert*, jr. married Deborah Sylvester 1719. *James*, the youngest son of Robert, sen. married Sarah Soper 1731. Children, James 1731, Lydia 1734, (died single 1815) Sarah 1736, Bethia

27 March 1634.

Walter, yet a young man, made his way to the Plymouth Colony, and we soon find him settled at Scituate among the "Men from Kent". There appears no evidence that he was yet married. He was a planter and surveyor of highways and settled many of the local disputes and helped establish boundary lines.

He helped layout the town of Scituate, and records show that he paid taxes in 1633. Walter purchased the third lot on Kent Street, which runs along the ocean front at the corner of Meeting House Lane, and there he built a house, the first assignment being 12 April 1633 and the second being 20 Feb 1634.

He is on the 3 June 1662 list of servants and ancient freemen granted land and as a consequence on 4 October 1664 was granted sixty acres.

In that year he owned other land, a tract on the First Herring Brook not far below Stockbridge Mill, where afterwards stood the residence of the poet Samuel Woodworth, and another tract on Walnut Tree Hill, just west of the present Greenbush or South Scituate R. R. Station, which was in early times called Walter Woodworth's Hill. In 1666 he became a purchaser of sixty acres at Weymouth.

The following is from a typed copy of his will:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Walter Woodward, of Scituate, in the jurisdiction of New Plymouth in New England, in America, being weak in body, but of sound mind and perfect memory, praise to Almighty God for the same, do make this my last will and Testament in manner as followeth: First, and most principally, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my creator, in and through Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer, and my body unto decent and ... burial at the discretion of my executors with the advice of the rest of my sons hereafter named. And my temporal estate I dispose of as hereafter followeth: Imprimis. I give and

bequeath unto Thomas Woodward, my eldest son, a parcel of upland containing five acres, lying in Scituate aforesaid, bounded by the lands of Henry Ewell on the south and the Common on the north, to be enjoined to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give unto my two sons, Thomas and Joseph, ten acres of Marsh land, to be equally divided between them, which lyeth by Suzons - bounded by the Marsh of Anthony Collimer on the east, by the Marsh of Thomas Clap, deceased, on the north, in Scituate aforesaid to be enjoined to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give to Thomas Woodward, my son, one-third part of all my land at Seconet which I purchased. The other two-thirds I give unto my two sons, Benjamin and Isaac Woodward, to be equally divided between them, to be enjoined to them and their heirs forever, excepting twenty-five acres, of which I do give unto my son Joseph, to be enjoined to him and his heirs forever. Ten acres of which I do give unto my daughter, Martha, to her, her heirs forever, of which two quantities of land is to be deducted out of the two-thirds of my land lying at Seconet given to my two sons, Benjamin and Isaac aforesaid. All the rest of my land at Seconet, which is yet to be purchased, I give unto my two sons, Thomas and Joseph Woodward, to be divided equally between them, to be enjoined to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give to Benjamin, my son aforesaid, my dwelling-house with my barns and other outhousing, with all my land, both upland and marshland thereunto belonging, that is to say, twenty acres of upland, be it more or less bounded by land of John Turner to the west and by land of Joseph Otis to the east and six acres of marshland more or less bounded by the land of Joseph Otis to the north east, and by the first herring brook towards the south -- all of which said housings and land with all the appurtenances thereof, the commons and privileges thereunto belonging I give to the said Benjamin, my son, his heirs forever, always provided upon condition that my son, Benjamin, aforesaid, do pay and allow the sum of seventy pounds unto my son, Joseph, and my six daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Mehitabel and Abigail, ten pounds apiece, to be paid to them at three payments, viz, one-third part of the said seventy pounds to be paid to my said children within three years after my decease and the other two-thirds to be paid in


the two following years, that is to say -- in each year a third of the said sum of seventy pounds, and each payment to be paid, the one-half in silver and the other half to be paid in corn and cattell. Further, my will is that my son Benjamin, aforesaid, do allow my two daughters, Mehitabel and Abigail, the lower room or parlor at the northeasterly end of my dwelling house aforesaid, for their use during the time they do live unmarried. Item: I give and bequeath unto my said two daughters, Mehitabel and Abigail, my feather bed with the furniture thereunto belonging and all the rest of my household goods I give unto my six daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Mehitabel and Abigail, to be divided equally among them. The rest of my estate undisposed of by this my last will and testament, I give and bequeath to all my children, all my debts, funeral expenses being first paid, to be equally divided amongst them , Item: I do constitute and appoint my son, Benjamin, aforesaid, the sole executor of this my last will and testament, whom I do appoint my to sons, Thomas and Joseph Woodard, overseers of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty six day of November, 1685. The Mark of WALTER WOODWARD X Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of: THEO. KING, Senior, THOMAS PALMER, CHARLES STOCKBRIDGE

The children of Walter Woodward in America all began to use the family name of Woodworth.


Walter signed his will Woodward but the oath of his son and executor Benjamin was signed Woodworth on March 2, 1686.


Family Members


Spouse

 Elizabeth *Rogers*
Unknown*
1620-1685

Children

 Thomas
Woodworth*
1641-1718

 Sarah *Woodworth*
Mann?*
1643 - unknown

 Joseph Woodworth*
1645-1718



Elizabeth
Woodworth Stetson*
1647-1685



Benjamin
Woodworth*
1648-1728



Mary Woodworth
Simonson*
1650-1718



Martha Woodworth
Damon*
1656-1721



Isaac Woodworth*
1659-1714



Mehitable
Woodworth*
1662 - unknown



Abigail Woodworth
Jackson*
1664 - unknown

*Calculated Relationship

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