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## WHEELER FAMILY HISTORY

(HON.) STEDMAN CYRUS WHEELER OF WATERBURY, VERMONT  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS, INCLUDING DESCENT FROM  
HENRY WHEELER [c1503-1557] OF CRANFIELD, BEDFORDSHIRE

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## PREFACE

Raymond David Wheeler and Gordon Boyce Wheeler have collaborated to jointly author Parts B and C, which detail the descent of Stedman Cyrus<sup>9</sup> Wheeler from George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler of Concord, Mass., and Thomas<sup>1</sup> Wheeler, Sr., of Concord, Mass., and Fairfield, Conn. Gordon Boyce Wheeler was primarily responsible for the information on the descendants of Stedman Cyrus Wheeler and their families.

Part A of this work was authored by Raymond David Wheeler, based upon his research into the Wheeler Family of Cranfield, Bedfordshire. His work, *The Wheeler Genealogy, The Wheeler Family of Cranfield, Bedfordshire, Settlers of Colonial New England*, covers the Wheelers of Cranfield, and their descendants in colonial New England.

The authors wish to credit Gleason Wheeler Ayers for providing the information on the Ayers family, and for his interest and cooperation.

### A WORD ABOUT FORMAT

*New England Historical and Genealogical Register* format is used. References follow each factual element to avoid footnotes, which could be confused with the superscripts which denote each generation. Each major listing of a person is followed by a line of descent.

### REMEMBER THE CALENDAR

Between 1582 and 1752, England and its colonies remained on the old Julian calendar, while Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar, which in 1582 corrected an error of ten days and began the new year on 1 January. For this work, old style calendar was in use, whereby the year began on the 25th of March. March was the first month of the year.

To prevent confusion, a standard double dating notation is used for the period of 1 January to 24 March, first showing the year of the event, followed by the number of the year that would begin on 25 March. Thus the day after 31 December 1623, would be 1 January 1623/4. Similarly, the day before 25 March 1624, is recorded as 24 March 1623/4. The records themselves frequently used this distinction. Of course to compare an English date with an Italian date, you would need to subtract the number of days difference, such as ten in 1582, but eleven by 1752.

Another method of dated related to the year of the reign of the English king or queen, such as the eleventh year in the reign of Charles I. For that you must find the date of coronation and add the number of years which have elapsed.

### ABBREVIATIONS

b.	buried	d.v.p.	died before father
bp.	baptized	g.s.	gravestone
bur.	buried	m.	married
c.	circa	s.	son
dau.	daughter	unm.	unmarried
d.	died	w.	wife
d.s.p.	died without issue	wid.	widow

### SUPERSCRIT NOTATION

- <sup>C</sup> Generation of immigrant's great-grandparent
- <sup>B</sup> Generation of immigrant's grandparent
- <sup>A</sup> Generation of immigrant's parent
- <sup>1</sup> The immigrant, siblings, and their generation
- <sup>2</sup> Generation of immigrant's children
- <sup>3</sup> Generation of immigrant's grandchildren
- <sup>4</sup> Generation of immigrant's great-grandchildren
- <sup>5</sup> Generation of immigrant's great-great-grandchildren

## INTRODUCTION

In his article, "The Father of the Concord Wheeler", Donald Lines Jacobus set forth the family of Thomas Wheeler, "the elder" of Bourne End, Cranfield, Bedfordshire (*The American Genealogist*, 14[1937]:1-4; hereinafter *TAG*). This corrected a part of the English ancestry of the Wheelers given two years earlier by Homer W. Brainard, in his, "Captain Thomas Wheeler and Some of His Descendants" (*TAG*, 12[July 1935]:4). Jacobus based his conclusions upon the 1627 will of Thomas Wheeler, which was transcribed in his article. One of America's most distinguished genealogists, Jacobus had earlier provided extensive coverage of the Wheelers in his *The History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, issued in 1930 - 1932.

As pointed out by Jacobus, the elder Thomas Wheeler was father of Thomas Wheeler, Sr., of Concord and Fairfield, of (Capt.) Timothy Wheeler of Concord, of (Lieut.) Joseph Wheeler of Concord, of (Sergt.) Ephraim Wheeler of Concord and Fairfield, of (Capt.) Thomas Wheeler, Jr., of Concord [and Fairfield, Conn. Colony; Westchester, New Netherlands Colony; and Paugusett, New Haven Colony], and father-in-law of Obadiah Wheeler of Concord. He was also the father-in-law of Allen Breed of Lynn, Mass.

The will did not mention George Wheeler of Concord (identified among others by Brainard), so Jacobus reflected that the George Wheeler, son of Thomas Wheeler, baptized at Cranfield, 28 March 1605, must have died young. He gave that probable fate also to the Thomas Wheeler, son of Thomas, baptized 20 November 1603.

In a series of articles, "The Wheelers of Bedfordshire and New England", John Insley Coddington provided much additional illumination on the many Wheelers from Bedfordshire. He provided full transcriptions of many wills, among which was that of John Wheeler, "the elder" of the Town End, Cranfield - another, "Father of the Concord Wheelers." Coddington updated the Brainard article to show that John was the father of Mary (Wheeler) Barrett, wife of Richard of Southampton, L.I.; Elizabeth (Wheeler) Halsey, wife of Thomas of Southampton; Sarah (Wheeler) Nash [wife of Robert Nash of Boston], Isaac Wheeler of Charlestown, and Obadiah Wheeler of Concord.

Even with Coddington's series of articles, the identification of George Wheeler's father remained elusive, and George's spurious first wife was not removed (*TAG*, 27[1950]:35).

Unidentified still was the father of Thomas Wheeler of Lynn, Mass., and Stonington, Conn., who died 6 March 1686[7], aged 84.

*The Genealogical and Encyclopedic History of the Wheeler Family in America* ([1914]. 17), incorrectly suggested that George Wheeler of Concord, was a brother of Captains Timothy Wheeler and Thomas Wheeler, basing this upon the "English records" which showed that George Wheeler had a brother Thomas Wheeler. Not explored was the possibility that George Wheeler of Concord, was brother to Thomas Wheeler of Stonington, or for that matter, any other Thomas Wheeler.

In his work from about the same period, *The Wheeler Families of Old Concord, Mass.* [1908, reproduced for the Concord Free Public Library in 1970], George Tolman thought that George Wheeler was Capt. Timothy Wheeler's uncle, and that it was probable George and Obadiah Wheeler were brothers. Tolman's work complemented *Wheeler Family* very

nicely for the family in America, but he did not have access to a good transcription of the English parish registers.

One such good transcription of the parish registers for Cranfield, is volume 27 of the *Bedfordshire Parish Registers*, edited by F. G. Emmison. From it may be plotted a time sequence of the baptisms of the children of each Thomas Wheeler. Occasionally, the parish register would tie the Thomas Wheeler to his occupation or the locale where he resided at Cranfield. At first, Thomas Wheeler, whose will was given by Jacobus, was called, "of Wharley End", then when his son married and was having children, the elder was called, "of Bourne End", and the son became, "of Wharley End" [this latter "of Wharley" was transcribed "of colorly?" in the Jacobus article]. Thus it is a simple matter to determine which children belong to Thomas Wheeler of Bourne End, and which belonged to his son, Thomas Wheeler of Wharley End. With five children of Thomas Wheeler left over, belonging neither to Thomas Wheeler of Bourne End, nor to his son Thomas Wheeler of Wharley End, we find the third Thomas Wheeler's family.

Fortunately, the entry for one of those children identified this third Thomas Wheeler as Thomas Wheeler, "of the Town End" at the baptism of his son Richard on 13 June 1614. Each of the other four children fit into a logical sequence to form a family unit distinct from that of Thomas Wheeler of Bourne End and his son Thomas Wheeler of Wharley End. The existence of this third Thomas Wheeler is verified by the 1626 listing of land holders at Cranfield, which shows him as being of Austin Allen [Close] on the Buckinghamshire border.

About one hundred descendants of the Wheelers of Cranfield came to America in 1638 and 1639. Some arrived later. They were active in the settlement of New England. Their descendants form perhaps the single largest family in North America.

Here we focus on the descent of the Honorable Stedman Cyrus Wheeler of Waterbury, Vermont, and document the place of his descendants in the Wheeler family.



PART A

DESCENT FROM HENRY WHEELER [c1503-1557]

OF CRANFIELD, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

By Raymond David Wheeler

1. **HENRY<sup>C</sup> WHEELER** of Cranfield, Beds., was born about 1503, and died between 27 May 1556, the date of his will, and 17 March 1556/7, the date his will was proved. He married, say 1525, an unknown first wife. He married second, **ISABEL ALLEN**, daughter of Thomas Allen of Cranfield (Will of Thomas Allen, 13 Aug. 1557, Beds. Rec. Off. File, ABP/W 1557/254, and will of Richard Allen, Junior, 12 Aug. 1556, Beds. Rec. Off. File ABP/W 1558-9/48), born say 1524, and died between the date of her will, 24 November 1570, and the date it was proved, 21 February 1570/71.

Henry Wheeler's will:

"In the name of god Amen In the yere of or lord 1556 the vxii day of May I **henry wheler** of Cranfeild in the Cont of bedff husbandman seik of body But of pfytt mynd & memory do make & ordeyne this my prsent testemet conteynynge therein my last wyll in manr & forme folowyng ffyrst I do beqthe my soule to allmyghthy god my maker & to hys sonne or salveor Jesus Chryst my Redemer & to or blessed lady saynt Marye & to all the blessed company in heaven And my body to be buried in the churchyerd of cranfeild aforesayd Itm I wyll to the hyghe alter for my tythes & oblacyens forgottten - iiid Itm to the church of lyncoline - iid Itm I will to the glassyng of the church wyndowes - xxd Itm I wyll to the mendyng of the pavement in the church - xxd Itm to the mendyng of ye church bell clapper xxd Itm to the bells iis Itm I wyll to the cawsey - iis iiid Itm I wyll to **thoms wheler my sonne** all the cattell yt he hath of myne except the ii kyeu of **hys brother wyllms** & of **hys brother Johns** Itm I wyll to the sayd **thoms** fyve pounds of money Itm I wyll to **henry Ryng my godchild** - xiid Itm to **henry wheler ye sonne of John wheler** - xiid Itm to my godchyld at **basterfeilds** - xiid Itm to every other of my god chyl dren - xiid apece Itm I wyll to be gyven to the moost porest peple in the towne - vis viiid the Rest of my goods moveable not beqthead my detts payd & my legacs pformyd I gyve to **Isbell my wyfe** whome I make my full & treu executrix in this behalf & she to dyspose the same goods amongst my chyl dren at her dyscretyn & for the health of my soule & all crystn soules Itm I wyll that **wyllm wheler my sonne** be overseer to se this my last wyll & testement trewly & faythefully pformede & he to have for hys paynes - xiid wytness Sir **Robert harreson** curatt **Rycherd wheler** wt other" (Will of Henry Wheeler, Beds. Rec. Off. File, ABP/W 1556/115).

Isabel's will yielded a number of relationships, but she did not tell what relationship any of those named were to her:

"In ye name of god ame in the yere of or Lord god 1570 the xxviii day of november **I Isabel wheler** of Cranfeld in the Cont of Bedd wydowe weil of Bodie & sole & pftytr of mynd and Remebrance make & ordeyne this my prsent Testement & Last will in forme folowyng ffyrst I bequethe my soule to almyghtie god and all the holic copany in heaven and my bodie to be buryed in the churche yerd of Cranfeld aforesayd Itm I bequehte to the churche of lyncolne iiii Itm I will to the bells in Cranfel iis Itm to the highe ways there - iis Itm to the pore peple in Cranfeld aforesayd - vs Itm I will to agnes wheler & Ales wheler dowghters of Thomas wheler on lyttell brasse panne & ii platters \* a Canstyk Itm I will to Rycherd wheler Sonne of willm wheler a charger of powder Itm I will to margaret wheler dowghter of willm wheler a powder platter Itm to Margaret willm wheler dowghter Sonne of will wheler ii makt arks & an old presse a fatt & the great pot & a saltyng keog Itm I will that the xs wch is in the handes of willm Johnson to mychael Baker Sonne of edward Baker or els a bullok for the same money & to be browght up to thuse of the sayd michaell Itm I will to agnes & ales Baker dowghters of edward Baker a ewe bullok to be bredd & brought up to their uses Itm I will to henry wheeler Sonne of Thoms wheler a bullok to be brought up by Thoms wheler & the increase thereof to Isabel wheler his Syster Itm I will one bullok to the chyldren of willm baker agnes & Thoms & to be bredd & brought up to their uses Itm to Rycherd wheler sonne of willm wheler a bullok to be bredd & brought up to his use Itm I will to Jone Johnson an ewe sheep Itm to anne Johnson a boltyng fatt or els iis iiii of money Itm to John Wheler sonne of henry wheler an ewe sheep & a kynnell in the loft The Rest of all my goodes not bequethed my legacys pformed & fynehall charges ended I will & give to Jone wheler dowghter of Thoms wheler whom I make my sole exect to se this my last will trewly pformed & fulfilled Itm I will to all my godchildren iiiiid apece Itm I will Robert Styrmey to be Supervisor to this my last will & to have for his paynes xxd Thes beyng witness Thoms hamerton curat Willm Syllys Thoms fuller Willm odell Willm Baker & Robert Styrmey" (Will of Isabel Wheeler, Beds. Rec. Off. File: ABP/W 1570-1/36).

Children by first wife at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 2. i. THOMAS<sup>B</sup>, b. say 1526.
  - ii. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1528, d. in 1570; m. AGNES [DUDLEY?].
- Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *William*, b. say 1553, d. 1589; m. say 1574, Joan ----. 2. *Margaret*, b. say 1567, bur. at Salford, Beds., 27 Mar. 1651 (*Bedfordshire Parish Registers*, F. G. Emmison, ed., 44 Vols. [Bedford, 1931-1953], v. 29, B16; hereinafter PR); m. at Salford, 14 Oct. 1587, John Lettyn (PR, v. 29, B9). 3. *Richard*, b. say 1569, bur. 6 Jul. 1616 (PR, v. 27, 61); m. say 1597, Elizabeth ----. 4. *Isabel*, b. say 1571, bur. at Salford, 20 Dec. 1638 (PR, v. 29, B16); m. at Salford, 9 Jun. 1593, Edward Butterfield (PR, v. 29, B10).
- iii. ANNE, b. say 1530, possibly a dau.; m. say 1549, EDWARD BAKER, son of Thomas and Agnes (-----) Baker, b. say 1522, d. 1566 (Will, Beds. Rec. Off. File ABP/W 1565-6/58).

Children at Cranfield, surname *Baker*: 1. *Michael*, b. say 1550. 2. *Agnes*, b. say 1555. 3. *Alice*, b. say 1560.

- + 3. iv. JOHN, b. ca. 1533.
- v. JOAN, b. say 1537, bur. 27 Sep. 1617 (PR, v. 27, 60); m. say 1566, WILLIAM BAKER, son of Michael and Agnes (White) Baker, b. say 1533, bur. 27 Apr. 1621 (PR, v. 27, 61). William Baker named his "cousin Thomas Wheeler" of Bourne End in his will (Beds. Rec. Off. File ABP/W 1621/172).

Children at Cranfield, surname *Baker*: 1. *Agnes*, b. say 1567 (will of Isabel above). 2. *Thomas*, b. say 1569, bur. 5 Feb. 1632/3 (PR, v. 27, 61) [he was perhaps the father of William Baker, b. say 1595, d. at Concord, Mass., 8 Apr. 1679

- (*Concord, Massachusetts. Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1625-1850*, 23; hereinafter VR); m. ca. 1620, Mary Odell, dau. of Edward and Martha (----) Odell (Will of Edward Odell, 7 Feb. 1641/2, Beds. Rec. Off. File, ABP/W 1645/7, names dau., "Marie Baker" and her two daughters), b. say 1598, d. after 1679, when the name of William's widow was "Mary" (*Middx. Probate*, Book 5, 188)].
3. William, b. say 1571; perhaps m. at Maulden, Beds., 5 May 1600, Friswith Crosse (*IGI*), and had son James there, bp. 1 Nov. 1601 (*IGI*) named in grandfather's will. 4. Isabel, b. say 1573, bur. 23 Apr. 1642 (PR, v. 27, 63, "Isabel BAKER"). 5. Joan, b. say 1575, bur. 19 Mar. 1633/4 (PR, v. 27, 62, "Joan PURREOR"); m. say 1596, William Purrier [possibly parents of William Purrier, b. ca. 1599, d. at Southold, L.I. by 1675; m. at Olney, Bucks., 21 Feb. 1621/2, Alice Knight (*TAG*, 65:69)]. 6. Michael, b. say 1577, bur. 27 Nov. 1608 (PR, v. 27, 60, "Mich s Wm BAKER"). 7. Richard, b. say 1581, possible son, but not named in father's will; m. at Pulloxhill, Beds., 24 Sep. 1606, Jane Sparke (*IGI*).
- vi. AGNES, b. say 1539, perhaps bur. 22 Nov. 1620 (PR, v. 27, 60, "widow JOHNSON [—es JOHNSON-T]"), possibly a dau.; m. say 1563, WILLIAM JOHNSON, possible son of Clement and Joan (----) Johnson, b. at Pulloxhill, Beds., say 1536 (Will of Clement Johnson, Beds., Rec. Off. File, ABP/R 1548-9; 12,f.46d).
- Children at Cranfield, surname *Johnson*: 1. Joan, , b. say 1564. 2. Anne, b. say 1566. 3. George, b. say 1578, bur. 19 Nov. 1626 (PR, v. 27, 61) was perhaps a son [Marjorie Johnson, possibly a dau. of George, , m. Morris Soames, a settler at Gloucester, Mass.]. (Perhaps other children.)

2. THOMAS<sup>B</sup> WHEELER (*Henry*<sup>C</sup>) was born at Cranfield, Beds., say 1526, and was alive in 1569/70, when named as supervisor of his brother William's will. Isabel Wheeler, in her 1570/1 will gave a bullock to Henry Wheler, son of Thoms Wheler, and named Henry's sister Isabel Wheler.

At the time, there were few Henry Wheelers, so the one mentioned by Isabel probably was the one who was later of Salford. That Henry Wheeler was shown by the will of George Wheeler, dated 31 May 1688 (*TAG*, 28[Jan. 1952]:146) and the will of George's brother William, dated 7 Feb. 1671/2 (*ibid.*) to be the brother of John Wheeler of East End, Cranfield, father of George and William.

George Wheeler of Kempston is placed in this family because his two sons, Thomas and William, were called kinsmen by the 31 May 1688 will of the other George Wheeler, and they were the ones who were called of Burkett [sic] in the parish of Wing, Bucks.

#### Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. HENRY<sup>A</sup>, b. say 1565, bur. at Salford, 14 May 1614 (PR, v. 29, B15); m. at Salford, 27 Feb. 1597/8, ELIZABETH SEELEY (PR, v. 29, B10, "Eliz Seeling"), b. say 1579, bur. at Salford, 28 Jan. 1633/4 (PR, v. 29, B15); she m. (2) 30 Mar. 1615, Robert Archer (PR, v. 29, B10).
- Children at Salford, surname *Wheeler*: 1. Joan, bp. 15 Jul. 1599 (PR, v. 29, B2), d. ca. 1630, when estate admin., 7 Apr. 1630 (Beds. Rec. Off. File, ABP/W 1630/28). 2. Elizabeth, bp. 6 Jan. 1600/1 (PR, v. 29, B2), bur. at Cranfield, 15 Mar. 1647/8 (PR, v. 27, 64); m. 4 Oct. 1624, John Grumman (PR, v. 29, B10) [Their son John settled at Fairfield, Conn. (*TAG*, 32:160)]. 3. George, bp. 17 Oct. 1602 (PR, v. 29, B2); m. at Cranfield, 12 May 1628, Mary Studd (PR, v. 27, 38), dau. of William and Mary (Cole) Studd, bp. at Cranfield, 10 Jun. 1610 (PR, v. 27,

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- 2). 4. *Robert*, bp. 30 Dec. 1604 (PR, v. 29, B2), bur. at North Crawley, Bucks., 7 Oct. 1659 (PR extract); m. at North Crawley, 13 Nov. 1638, Mary Smith (*ibid.*). 5. *Ann*, bp. 19 Jul. 1606 (*ibid.*). 6. *Henry*, bp. 3 Apr. 1608 (*ibid.*). 7. *William*, bp. 18 Feb. 1609/10 (*ibid.*). 8. *Alice*, bp. 24 Nov. 1611 (*ibid.*). 9. *Phoebe*, bp. 18 May 1614 (*ibid.*).
- ii. ISABEL, b. say 1567.
- iii. JOHN, b. say 1570, bur. at Cranfield, 25 Dec. 1632 (PR, v. 27, 62, "Jn WHEELER 'of east inn'"); m. say 1591, AGNES —, b. say 1572, bur. 3 Oct. 1626 (PR, v. 27, 61, "Agnes w Jn WHEELER").

Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Ralph*, b. say 1592, bur. 3 Feb. 1667/8 (PR, v. 27, 66). 2. *Thomas*, bp. at Moulsoe, Bucks., 16 Feb. 1593/4 (PR extract), bur. there 22 Mar. 1661/2 (*ibid.*); m. at Ridgmont, Beds., 15 Nov. 1627, Susan Farnell (*IGI*). 3. *Alice*, b. say 1597; m. at Aspley Guise, Beds., 13 May 1611, Steven Farre (*IGI*). 4. *Joan*, b. say 1599. 5. *John*, bp. 27 Dec. 1601 (PR, v. 27, 1), bur. 9 Jun. 1637 (PR, v. 27, 62); m. 28 Jul. 1633, Alice Morton (PR, v. 27, 39). 6. *Henry*, bp. 9 Sep. 1604 (PR, v. 27, 1), bur. 1 Mar. 1671/2 (PR, v. 27, 67); m. 4 Nov. 1641, Elizabeth Crowley (PR, v. 27, 39). 7. *William*, bp. 19 Apr. 1607 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. at Marston Moretaine, Beds., 13 Feb. 1671 (PR, v. 44); m. (1) —; m. (2) at Marston, 22 Sep. 1635, Elizabeth Stoakes, dau. of Gilbert and Joan (—) Stoakes, bp. at Marston, 1 Jan. 1610/1 (PR, v. 44, 2), bur. there 4 Nov. 1639 (PR, v. 44, 54). 8. *Susanna*, bp. 16 Feb. 1609/10 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 18 Aug. 1636 (PR, v. 27, 62). 9. *George*, bp. 13 Jun. 1613 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 27 Sep. 1689 (PR, v. 27); unm.; he made the will referred to above.

- iv. GEORGE, b. say 1575, bur. at Kempston, Beds., 21 Aug. 1632 (PR, v. 39, 73); m. at Chalgrave, Beds., 20 Oct. 1600, MARGARET FENSHAM (*IGI*).

Children at Kempston, except four, surname *Wheeler*: 1. dau. bur. at Chalgrave, 1 Aug. 1602 (PR, v. 18). 2. *Frances*, bp. at Chalgrave, 28 Aug. 1603 (*ibid.*), d.y. 3. *Joan*, bp. 21 Apr. 1605 (PR, v. 39, 5), bur. 1 May 1624 (PR, v. 39, 72). 4. *Frances*, bp. 6 Dec. 1607 (PR, v. 39, 5). 5. *Richard*, bp. 21 Sep. 1609 (PR, v. 39, 5), bur. 26 May 1625 (PR, v. 39, 72). 6. *George*, bp. at Chalgrave, 1 Sep. 1611 (PR, v. 18), bur. at Kempston, 17 Jan. 1656/7 (PR, v. 39, 75); m. at Kempston, 28 Nov. 1633, Margaret Markes (PR, v. 39, 45). 7. *Ann*, bp. at Chalgrave, 14 Nov. 1613 (PR, v. 18); m. at Kempston, 8 Feb. 1629/30, John Newold (PR, v. 39, 45). 8. *Thomas*, bp. 14 Apr. 1616 (PR, v. 39, 6), rem. to Burcott in the parish of Wing, Bucks. 9. *Phoebe*, bp. 15 Sep. 1619 (PR, v. 39, 7). 10. *Alice*, bp. 19 Aug. 1621 (PR, v. 39, 7), bur. 21 May 1628 (PR, v. 39, 72). 11. *William*, bp. 2 Feb. 1623/4 (PR, v. 39, 7).

- + 4. v. THOMAS, b. say 1578.

3. JOHN<sup>b</sup> WHEELER (*Henry*<sup>c</sup>) was born at Cranfield, Beds., about 1533, and died there by 16 April 1567, when his will was proved. He married about 1558, ALICE —.

John Wheeler made his will 9 February 1566/7:

"In the name of god amen the ix day of ffebruary 1566 I John whelor of Cranfeld in the Cont of Bedd husband Seik of bodie & hole & pfytr of Remebrance do make & ordayne this my psent testement wherin is conteyned my Last wyll in forme folowyng ffyrst I beqthe my soule to almyghtie god my maker redemer & savior & all the holie copanye in heaven & my bodye to be buryed in the church yerd of cranfeld aforesayd. Itm I will the the [sic] church of lyncoln iid. Itm I will for my tythes forgotten xiid. Itm to the bells xiid. Itm to the pore manes boxe viiid. Itm I will to the hyghe ways iiis iiiid where my execut & Supvisor shall thinke metest to be bestowed. Itm I will to begyven to the pore wthin the prshe vis viiid. Itm I gyve to Robert Tatham a yereyng bullok. Itm I gyve to annes

my servant ii couples of ewes & Lambes. Itm I gyve to Mathie Vauxe a Red hecver. Itm whereas the church by my office owethe me xxd I do forgiyve the same. Itm I will & gyve all my copie hold Land wthin cranfeld as by Surrender thereof mayd into the handes of Robert Styrmmy hedbor [head bordar] [as?] more playnly it dothe apere to thuse of thoms whelor my sonne hys heyres & assign according to the costome & he to enter to the same at thage of xxi yeres payng out of the same to John my sonne when he cometh at the age of xxi yeres, x£ wthin viii yeres next after the same payment other x£ to the same John The rest of all my goodes not bequythed I geve to Ales my wyfe and I will that she shallbe my Sole execut to see this my last will trewly pformed & see me honestly brought one earthe according to godes Lawes And I do ordayne to be supvysor to this my Last will Robert Styrmmy & to have for his paynes xxd wytness willm Baker, willm whelor junor & Rycherd mowse & other" (Beds. Rec. Off. File ABP/W 1567/89).

This will, abstracted in *TAG* (28[Jan. 1953]:140-141, indicated that Robert Styrmmy was, *of Hedborae*. There is no *of* in this phrase, so what seems to be meant is the feudal title, *Head Bordar*.

Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 5. i. THOMAS<sup>A</sup>, b. say 1560.
- ii. JOHN, b. say 1563, bur. 2 Dec. 1643 (PR, v. 27, 63); m. say 1596, Elizabeth ----, d. between 1 Dec. 1650 and 18 Dec. 1660 [sic], when her will was proved.  
 Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Mary*, b. say 1597, d. at Boston, Mass., 25 Aug. 1658 (*Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630-1699* [1883], v. 9, 66; hereinafter VR); m. 29 Jan. 1621/2, Richard Barrett (PR, v. 27, 38), son of John and Margaret (----) Barrett of Cranfield, b. say 1590, and was still alive at Southampton, L.I., when he witnessed the will of Thomas Halsey in 1677. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. say 1599, d. at Southampton, L.I., ca. 1649; m. say 1625, Thomas Halsey, son of Robert and Ellen (Alley alias Cooke) Halsey alias Chambers, bp. at Flamstead, Herts., 10 Mar. 1593/4 (Fam. Hist. Ctr. Film No. 1040653, *Flamstead, Herts., Parish Registers, 1548-1723*), d. at Southampton, L.I., 27 Aug. 1678 (George R. Howell, *The Early History of Southampton, Long Island, New York ...* [1887], 263). 3. *John*, bp. 22 Jan. 1603/4 (PR, v. 27, 1), had family at Cranfield. 4. *Sarah*, bp. 16 Jun. 1605 (PR, v. 27, 1), d. at Boston, Mass.; m. 8 Oct. 1627, Robert Nash (PR, v. 27, 38). 5. *Isaac*, bp. 13 Sep. 1607 (PR, v. 27, 2), d. at Charlestown, Mass., before 1648; m. 9 Apr. 1635, Frances Watson (PR, v. 27, 39); she m. (2) Richard Cooke; (3) Thomas Greene; and (4) Lieut. Joseph Wheeler. 6. *Obadiah*, bp. 5 Dec. 1609 (PR, v. 27, 2), d. at Concord, Mass., 27 Oct. 1671 (VR, 15); m. (1) 20 Jan. 1633/4, Susanna Wheeler (PR, v. 27, 39), dau. of Thomas and Rebecca (----) Wheeler, No. 5; m. (2) ----. 7. *Ruth*, bp. 29 Mar. 1612 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 9 Nov. 1640 (PR, v. 27 62); m. 25 Jun. 1633, Richard Mouse (PR, v. 27, 39). 8. *William*, bp. 4 Jan. 1614/5 (PR, v. 27, 3), bur. 17 Mar. 1667/8 (PR, v. 27, 66); m. say 1644, Mary ----; he was rector of St. Peter & St. Paul at Cranfield, founded the local Baptist Church there in 1660; for preaching without a license, jailed with John Bunyan, whose character Hopeful in *The Pilgrim's Progress* may remember the untimely death of a protégé. 9. *Joshua*, bp. 20 Jul. 1617 (PR, v. 27, 3), bur. 21 Sep. 1625 (PR, v. 27, 61). 10. *Isabel*, bp. 5 Nov. 1619 (PR, v. 27, 3), bur. 8 Sep. 1671 (PR, v. 27, 67); m. say 1645, William Odell.

4. THOMAS<sup>A</sup> WHEELER (Thomas<sup>B</sup>, Henry<sup>C</sup>) of the Town End, Cranfield, Beds., and also of Austen Allen Close at Wharley End, Cranfield, was born say 1578, and was possibly

buried at Clerkenwell, St. James, Middx. [London], 21 January 1640/1 (*A True Register of All the Christenings, Marriages, and Burialles in the Parishe of St. James, Clerkenwell from the Year of Our Lorde God 1551*, Robert Horenden, ed., [London, 1884 - 1891], v. 4, 245; hereinafter PR). The names of his wives are unknown. He perhaps married first at Chalgrave, Beds., 13 April 1600, **DOROTHY HOLLOWAY** (PR, 18), daughter of Hugh Holloway, baptized at Bedford, St. Mary, 13 October 1574 (*IGI*). He perhaps married second, at Clerkenwell, St. James, 5 November 1625, **JANE MITCHELL** (PR, v. 3, 55), and perhaps married third, there, 30 November 1631, **ELIZABETH CLAYE** (*ibid.*, 62).

This Thomas Wheeler was mentioned as a distinct individual at the baptism of his son Richard on 13 June 1614 (PR, v. 27, 2), and in the 1623 land survey of Cranfield.

In the 1623 land survey by Benjamin Hare, Thomas Wheeler, "of Alsnaline" was one of the three Thomas Wheelers mentioned. Of the other two, Thomas Wheeler, Senior, was listed with his house at an unidentified locale, while Thomas Wheeler, Junior had the site of his house listed as being at "Wharley". Other references place the site of Thomas Wheeler, Senior's house at Bourne End.

The term "Alsnaline" applies to the sixteen acre close at Wharley End, Cranfield, called "Great Austen Allen" lying on the border of North Crawley, Bucks. This Thomas Wheeler had over 25½ acres at Wharley End, including eight and ¾ acres of Bailey Gates, also lying on the border with Buckinghamshire. In addition, he held from George Purrier, another eight and ¼ acres with the house and closes.

No will has been found for this Thomas Wheeler, and the grouping of his children at Cranfield has been determined by working backwards from Richard, and attributing to him those children of Thomas Wheeler who did not fit into the families of the other two Thomas Wheelers.

The Clerkenwell, St. James connection is suggested to frame the relationship of John Wheeler of New London, Conn., to Thomas Wheeler of Stonington, Conn., who would seem to be Sarah (Wheeler) Williams', "uncle Wheeler", who invited Sarah's father to New London.

#### Children by first wife at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. **THOMAS**, bp. 20 Nov. 1603 (PR, v. 27, 1), d. at Stonington, Conn., 6 Mar. 1686[7], aged 84; m. at Cranfield, 6 Apr. 1635, **MARY BECKLEY** (PR, v. 27, 39), dau. of Thomas and Ann (Hickman) Beckley, bp. at Cranfield, 17 Jun. 1615 (PR, v. 27, 3; her mother's name from Liddington PR, v. 29, A24), d. at Stonington, Conn.

Children surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Mary*, bp. at Cranfield, 24 Feb. 1635/6 (PR, v. 27, 5). 2. *Elizabeth*, bp. at Cranfield, 7 Jan. 1637/8 (PR, v. 27, 6), d. at Stonington, 5 Aug. 1672 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 290); m. at Lynn, Mass., 25 Feb. 1661/2, Josiah Witter (*Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 Vols. [1905-1906], v. 2, 392; hereinafter VR). 3. *Isaac*, b. ca. 1646, d. at Stonington, 5 Mar. 1711/12, aged 66; m. at Stonington, 10 Jan. 1667, Martha Parke. 4. *Zippora*, bp. at Salem, Mass., 19 Nov. 1648 (*Vital Records of Salem, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 6 Vols. [1916-1925], v. 2, 417; hereinafter VR), murdered at New London, Conn., 6 Jun. 1678 (George E. Williams, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bolles of Wells, Maine* [1907], 23); m. at Groton, Conn., 1 Jul. 1669, Thomas Bolles, son of Joseph and Mary (Howell) Bolles, b. at Wells, Me., 1 Dec. 1644 (*ibid.*). 5. *Sarah*, b. say 1650.

6. ii. GEORGE, bp. 23 Mar. 1605/6 (PR, v. 27, 1).  
 iii. JOHN, bp. 23 Oct. 1608 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 27 Dec. 1611 (PR, v. 27, 60).  
 iv. ELIZABETH, bp. 27 Feb. 1610/11 (PR, v. 27, 2); perhaps m. at Clerkenwell, St. James, Middx., 3 Feb. 1628/9, THOMAS WATSON (*IGI*).  
 v. RICHARD, bp. 13 Jun. 1614 (PR, v. 27, 2). [Possibly he was the one of Dedham and Lancaster, Mass., who was killed by Indians at Lancaster, 10 Feb. 1675/6 (*The Birth, Marriage and Death Register, Church Records and Epitaphs, of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643-1850*, Henry S. Nourse, ed., [1890], 128; hereinafter VR); m. (1) at Dedham, 4 Mar. 1643/4 ELIZABETH TURNER (*The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths, and Intentions of Marriage, in the Town of Dedham ... 1635-1845*, Don G. Hill, ed. [1886], 126; hereinafter VR), who d. at Dedham, 25 Oct. 1656 (VR, 128); m. (2) at Lancaster, 2 Aug. 1658, SARAH PRESCOTT (VR, 11), dau. of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott, bp. at Sowerby, Yorks., in 1637.

Children at Dedham by first wife, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Sarah*, b. 4 Feb. 164[4]/5 (VR, 3), d. 25 Oct. 1656 (VR, 128). 2. *Mary*, b. 5 Oct. 1646 (VR, 3); m. at Lancaster, 25 Jun. 1668, Thomas Wilder (VR, 13; Alfred L. Holman, *Blackman and Allied Families* [1928], 224 which disproved the oft-repeated error that his wife was Mary Houghton). 3. *John*, b. 18 Oct. 1648 (VR, 4), d. 17 Feb. 1661/2 (VR, 8). 4. *Samuel*, b. 4 Jan. 1650/1 (VR, 5), d. 25 Oct. 1656 (VR, 128). 6. *Joseph*, b. 5 Feb. 1655/6 (VR, 6), killed in Menoco's raid at Lancaster, 22 Aug. 1675 (VR, 16, which called him "probably a non-resident soldier").

Children at Lancaster, except first two, by second wife, surname *Wheeler*: 7. *Abraham*, b. at Dedham, 7 Dec. 1659 (VR, 7), d. at Lancaster, in Nov. 1695 (VR, 16); m. Tabitha ----. 8. *Isaac*, b. at Dedham in 1661 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 499), d. at Medfield, Mass., 8 Feb. 1730/1 (*Vital Records of Medfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [1903], 241; hereinafter VR); m. ca. 1683, Experience Metcalf, dau. of John and Mary (Chickering) Metcalf (*Wheeler Fam.* 499). 9. *Jacob*, b. 25 Nov. 1663 (VR, 11), d. 21 Feb. 1663/4 (VR, 12). 10. *Zebediah*, b. 2 Jan. 1664/5 (VR, 11), d. at Stow, Mass., 16 Dec. 1729, aged abt. 66 (*Vital Records of Stow, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [1911], 264; hereinafter VR); m. ca. 1695, Mary Lawrence (*Register*, 58[1904]:lxxxiv), dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Morse) Lawrence, b. at Groton, Mass., 3 Mar. 1669/70 (*TAG*, 19:75; Samuel A. Green, *Early Church Records of Groton, Massachusetts ...* [1896], 6), d. at Stow, 26 Sep. 1728 (VR, 264). 11. *Sarah*, b. 1 Feb. 1666/7 (VR, 11). 12. *Elizabeth*, b. 24 May 1669 (VR, 13). 13. *Samuel*, b. 29 Apr. 1671 (VR, 13), killed in military expedition to Canada, 1690, inv. at Lancaster, 7 Apr. 1691 (VR, 20).]

Child at Clerkenwell, St. James, by second wife, surname *Wheeler*:

- vi. JOHN, bp. 14 Mar. 1626/7 (PR, v. 1, 155), d. at New London, Conn., 16 Dec. 1691 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 653); perh. m. (1) at Clerkenwell, St. James, 10 Jul. 1649, MARY BRYAN (PR, v. 3, 83; perh. m. (2) at St. Benet Paul's Wharf, Middx., 27 Nov. 1662, MARY MORGAN (*The Registers of St. Bene't and St. Peter, Paul's Wharf, London*, Willoughby A. Littledale, ed. [London, 1910, Vol. 39 of Harlein Society Publications], v. 2, 46); m. (3) at New London, say 1674, ELIZABETH (STANBRIDGE) RIDGE, widow of William Ridge, whom she m. (1) at Clerkenwell, St. James, 8 Oct. 1661 (PR, v. 3, 108), and she m. (3) Richard Steere.

Children by first wife at Stepney, St. Dunstan, Middx., surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Robert*, bp. 26 May 1653 (*IGI*), perh. the one who d. at Burlington, N.J. in 1714 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 1028); perh. m. at Burlington, 2 Apr. 1692, Rebecca Kenner (*IGI*). 2. *Jane*, bp. 1 Aug. 1656 (*IGI*).



Children by second wife at New London, Conn., except first, surname *Wheeler*: 3. *Sarah*, bp. at Stepney, St. Dunstan, Middx., 6 Feb. 1666/7 (*JGI*), d. at Groton, Conn., 10 Apr. 1754, aged 88; m. at Groton, 19 Jan. 1688/9, Capt. Richard Williams, son of William and Arabella (Thompson) Williams (J. Oliver Williams, *A Genealogy of Williams Families* [Brookline, Mass., 1938], 10, "Sarah Wheeler said she was born in the City of London; that her honored father, Mr. John Wheeler, was invited over to New England and that she came with him, to her Uncle Wheeler's in New London in Connecticut, where her father lived the remainder of his days."). 4. *Edward*, b. say 1669 was perhaps a son; m. banns at Albany, N.Y., 13 Oct. 1689, Josyntje Gardenier, dau. of Jan Jacobse and Sarah Janse (Van Bremen) Gardenier (*Waterman Fam.*, v. 1, 713). 5. *David*, b. say 1671, was perhaps a son, d. at Groton, Conn., by 8 Jul. 1718; m. say 1703, Abigail Culver, dau. of John and Mercy (Clark) Culver (Valeri Dyer Giorgi, *Colver-Culver Family Genealogy* ... [Santa Maria, Cal., 1984], 18). 6. *Hannah*, b. say 1673, was perhaps a dau., d. 1752; m. at New London, ca. 1694, Benjamin Beebe, son of John and Abigail (York) Beebe (Clarence Beebe, *A Monograph of the Descent of the Family of Beebe* ... [New York 1904], 15, "His wife was possibly named Hannah Wheeler."; hereinafter *Beebe*).

Children at New London by last wife, surname *Wheeler*: 7. *Zaccheus*, b. ca. 1675, d.s.p., 1703. 8. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 1678 (VR); m. at New London, 2 Jul. 1697, Nathaniel Beebe, son of Samuel and Mary (Keeney) Beebe (*Beebe*, 19). 9. *Joshua*, b. ca. 1680. 10. *William*, b. ca. 1682, d. by 1725. 11. *Anna*, b. 1 Jan. 1687 (VR); m. at New London, 25 Nov. 1702, as 2nd wife, John Tongue, whose 1st wife, also named Anna Wheeler, was dau. of Isaac and Martha (Parke) Wheeler, of Stonington. 12. *John*, b. ca. 1689, d. by 1725. [Note: only children by John Wheeler's last wife are named in the probate records for which his widow was executrix; presumably the others had been taken care of earlier and were either of age or married at the date of their father's death (Estate of John Wheeler, file #5656, New London, Conn.; Fam. Hist. Cen. Film 1025057).]

5. THOMAS<sup>A</sup> WHEELER (*John*<sup>B</sup>, *Henry*<sup>C</sup>) yeoman of Bourne End, Cranfield, Beds., was born about 1560, and was buried at Cranfield, 11 February 1634/5 (PR, v. 27, 62, "Thos WHEELER 'of the blakehowse'" - prob. refers to *Breaches* messuage, in Town End, and his house there). Thomas Wheeler evidently married at least twice, because he named two surviving sons, his eldest and his youngest, Thomas. The name of his first wife has not been found<sup>[1]</sup>. Any first wife probably died before 1600, the year parish registers began. He probably married second, say 1599, REBECCA [-----], whom he named in his will.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] While pondering the reason why Samuel Saltonstall died at Concord, Mass., 21 January 1695/6 (VR, 57), the only one of that name on the vital records, we wondered if he came from a neighboring town because he had kin at Concord. A great grandson of this Thomas Wheeler, Dr. Joseph Wheeler, who later was of Ipswich and Salem, Mass., would have been a fifteen year old at Concord in 1695/6 perhaps an apprentice to Concord's Dr. Jonathan Prescott (two of whose wives were Wheelers). Consequently it was no surprise to see that Samuel was indeed related to one Thomas Wheeler. We have thus looked into the possibility that it was this Thomas Wheeler who married at London, St. Dunstan in the East, 21 December 1585, Sarah Saltonstall (*The Registers of St. Dunstan in the East. London 1558-1654*, ed. A. W. Hughes Clarke, F.S.A, v. 69 of the Pubs. of the Harlein Soc. [London, 1939], 103), daughter of Richard and Susanna (Poyntz) Saltonstall (*Register*, 48[Oct. 1894]:502), baptized at London, St. Andrew Undershaft, 7 August 1559 (*JGI*; *Ancestry and Descendants of Sir Richard Saltonstall* ... [Riverside Press, 1897], 12 calls Sarah's husband, "Thomas Wheeler or Whaler, Gent. of London", but provides no further information on them). Sarah died after 1597, when her father made his will, "To Sara Saltonstall my daughter, now the wife of Thomas Wheeler, four hundred pounds." (*Register*, 48[1894]:502). The 1612 will of Sarah's mother left a number of her children unmentioned, as was Sarah (*ibid.*).

[2] A Rebecca Nash, dau. of Richard and Annis (Wethered) Nash, bp. at Hemel Hempstead, Herts., 4 June 1581 (*JGI*), was of suitable age to be a second wife.



At the baptism of his daughter Elizabeth in 1602, Thomas was, "of Warley" or Wharley End. By 1615, he was "of Borneend" and his eldest son Thomas became, "of Warley" (PR, v. 27, 1, 2).

In the survey of 1623, as Thomas Wheeler, Senior, he had over 29 acres, seven and one quarter being the "Scite of his house wth the Ley Close adjoyning;" two and a half acres of "Grove Close;" over four and three quarters of, "The Brache"; and fourteen and a quarter acres, "Tadd Croft and Tyn Meade". In addition, Thomas Wheeler held land from the Manor of Redlands, a four and three quarter acres of pasture.

Thomas Wheeler, senior, yeoman of Cranfield, made his will, 7 December 1627, and it was proved, 24 February 1634/5:

"In the name of God amen the seventh day of december in the yeare of our lord god one thousand Sixe hundred Twenty and Seaven I **Thomas Wheler** sen of Cranfeild in the county of Bedf. yeoman weake in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance Gods holie name be praised, doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in maner & forme followinge, That is to say ffirst I give and bequeath my soule unto allmightie god my Creator hoping assuredly through the merittes of Jesus Christ to be made ptaker of life everlastinge, And my bodie to the Earth whereof it is made, Item I give & bequeath unto **Rebeca my wife** (for & during the tearme of hir life is she keepe hir self a widow) all that Capitall messuage or tenement wth the Apptenances lying & being in the Town end of cranfeild aforesaid, wch I lately purchased of **John Vause Esquire** And after the decease of the said **Rebecca my wife** or day of hir mariage wth anie pson whatsoever I give and bequeath the said Capitall messuage or tenemente wth all houses edifices buildings yards gardens pightals groundes comons pfitts & apptenances thereto belonging to **Joseph Wheler my sonne** and his heirs for ever upon these Condicons + followinge viz: that he the said **Joseph my sonne** shall well & truly pay or cause to be payd out of my said ++ messuage & prmises the full sume of Thirtye poundes of lawfull money of England to my executor + or executrix hereafter named or to such other pson or psons as my said executor or executrix shall nominate or appoynte of debts where I owe And also pay or cause to be payd out of my said Messuage with the apptenances unto **Thomas Wheler my youngest son** the full sume of Twenty poundes of lawfull money of ++ England wch sumes of thirty poundes and ~~twenty poundes~~ are to be payd by the said **Joseph** <sup>within one yeare after my decease</sup> ~~when he cometh to the full age of one & twenty years.~~ And for the better payment of the said some by him the said **Joseph** I have surrendered to his use Twelve acres of Coppie hold land Provided allwaies & my will & mind absolutly is that is the said **Joseph my sonne** or his assigns doe not pay the said some of Thirty poundes & twenty poundes in such maner & forme at such dayes & to such pson or psons " afore is expressed then the gift & bequest of the said messuage or tenemnt wth the apptenances shalbe voyd & of none affect to all intents and purposes whatsoever, And I give & bequeath the said messuage wth the apptenances comons & pfitts whatsoever to the said **Thomas wheler my youngest sonne** & his heires for ever and for default of such issue the remaynder thereof to **Efraim wheler my sonne** & his heires for ever anie thing herein to the Contrarie hereof in anie wise notwithstanding, Item I give & bequeath to **Thomas wheler of wharly my eldest sonne** the some of Twelve pence Item I give to **Prisilae Cockes my daughter** xiid Item I give to **John wheler my sonne** twelve pence, Item I give to **Elizabeth Bread my daughter** xiid, Item I give to **Suzana wheler my daughter** <sup>12d</sup> ~~one ewe lame a table and fframe standing in the plor at Borne end house.~~ It I give to **Abiah wheler my daughter** ~~one whyte weaning Calfe &~~ Two Table Clotes, It I give to **marie wheler my daughter** one standing Bedsted & Two Table Cloates, It I give to the said **Joseph my sonne** one fframe hovell standing in the yard at my messuage at the towne end the old Cart & ould wheeles & a dung Cart, It I give to the said **Efraim wheler my sonne** one fframe hovell at the ould Borne end, fflower principall postes for a house And all the house Timber under the little hovells

in the Close yard at Borne end, ~~and one howed weaninge calfe~~ And my will is that **Thomas Tomkins** shall lawfully convey and affirm that ffrehold I bought of him to the said **Efraim my sonne** & his heirs for ever, It I give to the said **Thomas wheler my youngest sonne** ~~one pott one Tegg & five pounds of lawfull money of England to be payd to him by my executor, or executrix at the age of 24 years, It I give to Alin Bread my sonne in law one Carte Bodie lying behind the stoles in the ould barne & 2 broad Ristes,~~ It I give & bequeath to the said **Rebecka my wife** all my movable goodes wthin my two dwelling houses at Borne end & the towne end (unbequeathed) and Two heffers the one a Red howed one the other a little Browne one & one Ewe Sheepe, And also my will is that **Timothie wheler my sonne** shall have half of my messuage Closes + landes & medowes at Borne end aforesaid & half the benefitt & pfitt thereof for Thre yeares next after my decease (for an ease or helpe towards the payment of my debts) All the rest of my goods & Catteltes as well Reales as psonales, unbequeathed, I give & bequeath to the said **Timothy my sonne** whom I make my full & sole executor of this my last will & testament, And if he the said **Timothie** refuse to be executor of this my will then I make **Rebecka my wife** Executrix of this my last will and I doe herby utterly revoke & annull in deed & in law all former wills testaments legaces bequestes by me formerly made, And lastly my will is that the legacy of xxf shall be payd by the said **Joseph** to the said **Thomas my youngest sonne** out of my said messuage wth the apptenances when he cometh to the Age of xxi yeares, In wittnes wherof I the said **Thomas wheler the elder** have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written++.

Sealed & delivered in the

prsence of **Tho: Arnald**

**Richard Arnald**

**Thomas Baker**

**Thomas**

**Wheler**

**the elder**

postscript the 18th daie of June 1633 Itm I give & bequeath unto **Efraim Wheeler my sonne** one little pightle late **Thomas Tomkins** containing one Rood & halfe with the apurtenances to the heires & affsignes of the said **Efraim** for ever

**Thomas Wheler**

**the elder**

(Will of Thomas Wheeler, yeoman of Cranfield; Beds. Rec. Off. File: ABP/W 1634-5/105; also see Jacobus, *TAG*, 14[1937]:1 for similiar complete transcription, but change "(colorly?)" therein to "Warley".)

Children at Cranfield (perhaps by a first wife), surname *Wheeler*:

- + 7. i. **THOMAS**<sup>1</sup>, b. say 1588.
- ii. **JOHN**, b. say 1590. [He may be the one bur. at Northchurch, Herts., 14 Sep. or Oct. 1674; perhaps m. (1) at Bovingdon, Herts., 17 Jul. 1615, **JOAN SMITH** (IGI); (2?) say 1624, ---- **STONE**, d. by 1660; m. last after 1660, **ALICE** ----, bur. at Northchurch, 4 Jul. 1673 (Fam. Hist. Ctr. Film No. 0569749, *Bishop's Transcripts of Northchurch, Herts., Parish Registers, 1604-1849*; hereinafter BT).  
Children by a possible first wife, perhaps at Bovingdon, surname *Wheeler*: 1, **Thomas**, b. say 1616, may be a son, d. at Milford, Conn., 13 Nov. 1672; m. **Joan** ----. 2. **William**, b. say 1618, may be a son, d. in Del., 1666; m. **Sarah** ----, who m. (2) **William Brookes** of Milford. 3. **Mary**, b. say 1621, may be a dau., d. ca. 1674; m. at Wigginton, Herts., 15 Oct. 1639, **Henry Dell** (IGI). These three are known to be siblings; Wigginton is the parish adjacent to Northchurch.  
Children by a possible second wife at Northchurch, surname *Wheeler*: 4. **John**, bp. 8 May 1625, bur. 11 Aug. 1688; m. 8 Dec. 1656, **Sarah Ewer** (BT). 5. **James**, bp. 29 Jun. 1633 (BT), perhaps the one who d. at Stow, Mass., 31 Jan. 1721/2 (VR, 264); m. (1) say 1657, **Sarah** ----, bur. at Northchurch, 20 May 1673 (BT);

possibly m. (2) at Stow, 24 Jun. 1682, Sarah Randall (VR, 216), dau. of Steven and Susanna (Barron) Randall, b. at Watertown, Mass., 7 Aug. 1659 (*Watertown Records ... Births, Deaths, and Marriages* [1894], 22; hereinafter VR.)]

- iii. PRISCILLA, b. say 1593, bur. at Stagsden, Beds., 25 Nov. 1627 (PR, v. 63, 64, "Pris w Ste Cox"); m. at Cranfield, 17 Jun. 1612, STEVEN COCKS of Stagsden (PR, v. 27, 37), who was bur. at Kempston, Beds., 2 May 1654 (PR, v. 39, 75); he m. (2) at Kempston, 3 May 1632, Rebecca Purney (PR, v. 39, 45).

Children at Stagsden, surname *Cocks*: 1. *Susannah*, bp. 10 Sep. 1615 (PR, v. 63, 3). 2. *Ann*, bp. 27 Oct. 1616 (*ibid.*), bur. 11 Mar. 1625/6 (PR, v. 63, 64, "Agnes"). 3. *John*, bp. 30 Jan. 1619/20 (PR, v. 63, 3), bur. 1 Feb. 1619/20 (PR, v. 63, 63).

- iv. ANN, b. say 1595, was perhaps a daughter, d. by 1627; m. 5 May 1613, ROBERT HALSEY (PR, v. 27, 37), probably son of Robert and Ellen (Alley alias Cooke) Halsey alias Chambers, bp. at Flamstead, Herts., 7 Jan. 1581/2 (PR; he was a brother of Thomas Halsey, who settled at Southampton, L.I., and of Ann Halsey, who married Thomas Wheeler, No. 7).

- v. DEBORAH, b. perhaps 1598, bur. 30 Mar. 1600 (PR, v. 27, 60, "Debora Wheler d Thos WHELER) may belong in this family.

Children at Cranfield (perhaps by a second wife), surname *Wheeler*:

- vi. ELIZABETH, bp. 18 Jul. 1602 (PR, v. 27, 1), d. at Lynn, Mass., by 1655; m. at Pulloxhill, Beds., 14 Nov. 1622, ALLEN BREED (PR, v. 22, B16), son of John and Agnes (Pratchett) Breed, b. at Westoning, Beds., ca. 1599 (*Essex Institute Historical Collections*, 40:150), and d. at Lynn, Mass., 17 Mar. 1690/1 (VR, v. 2, 432); he m. (2) at Lynn, 26 Mar. 1656, Elizabeth (----) Knight (VR, v. 2, 55), wid of William Knight. Allen Breed was a founder of Southampton, L.I., although he returned to or remained at Lynn (Howell, *Southampton*, 423).

Children at Pulloxhill, except last, surname *Breed*: 1. *Allen*, bp. 27 Jan. 1630/1 (PR, v. 22, B4). 2. *Elizabeth*, bp. 23 May 1632 (*ibid.*), d.y. 3. *Elizabeth*, bp. 26 Dec. 1634 (*ibid.*), d. at Lynn, Mass., by 1676; m. at Lynn, say 1651, William Merriam, son of Joseph and Sarah (Goldstone) Merriam (Charles Henry Pope, *Merriam Genealogy ...* [Boston, 1906], 42). 4. *John*, b. at Lynn, ca. 1638.

- vii. TIMOTHY, bp. 28 Dec. 1604 (PR, v. 27, 1), d. at Concord, Mass., 30 Jul. 1687 (VR, 432); m. (1) at Cranfield, 30 Apr. 1632, SUSANNA KNIGHT (PR, v. 27, 39), dau. of John Knight, bp. at Cranfield, 21 Sep. 1606 (PR, v. 27, 1), d. ca. 1639; m. (2) say 1639, JANE ---- [could she be Jane Leverett, dau. of Thomas and Anne (Fitch) Leverett, bp. at Boston, Lincs., 6 Jan. 1614/5 (Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, "Genealogical Notice on the Family of Elder Thomas Leverett", *Register*, 4[Apr. 1850]:121), who died before her mother's 1656 will and was not mentioned in her father's 1650 will?], who d. at Concord, 12 Feb. 1642/3 (VR, 3); m. (3) ca. 1655, MARY BROOKS, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Grace (----) Brooks (Charles Brooks, *History of the Town of Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, From Its First Settlement, in 1630, to the Present Time, 1855* [Boston, 1855], 506), b. say 1634, d. 4 Oct. 1693 (VR, 56). Timothy was captain of Concord's company of foot and was frequently Concord's deputy to the General Court at Cambridge.

Child at Cranfield by first wife, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Deborah*, bp. 12 Apr. 1637 (PR, v. 27, 5), prob. d.y.

Child at Concord by second wife, surname *Wheeler*: 2. *Sarah*, b. 22 Jun. 1640 (VR, 3), d. 23 May 1662 (VR, 10); m. 4 Nov. 1658, John Farwell (VR, 8), son of Henry and Olive (Welby) Farwell, bp. at Boston, Lincs., 25 Oct. 1635 (*Farwell*, 26).

Children at Concord by third wife, surname *Wheeler*: 3. *Mary*, b. 3 Oct. 1657 (VR, 8), d. 7 Oct. 1660 (VR, 9). 4. *Elizabeth*, b. 6 Oct. 1661 (VR, 10), d. at Charlestown, Mass., 11 Oct. 1683 (*Register*, 55:106); m. 28 May 1678, Capt. Ebenezer Prout (VR, 21), son of Capt. Timothy and Margaret (----) Prout, b. at Boston, Mass., 14 Mar. 1656/7 (VR, v. 9, 56), and d. at Middletown, Conn., 27 Apr. 1735 (*TAG*, 20[Jan. 1944]:134); he m. (2) Grace Sherman, dau. of John and Mary (Launce) Sherman, (*ibid.*). 5. *Rebecca*, b. ca. 1666, d. 23 Sep. 1734, *Ætat* 68 (VR, 128); m. say 1684, Capt. James Minot, son of John and Lydia (Butler) Minot, b. 14 Sep. 1653 (*Register*, 1:173).

- viii. *SUSANNA*, bp. 31 May 1607 (PR, v. 27, 2), d. at Concord, Mass., 24 Mar. 1648/9 (VR, 6); m. at Cranfield, 20 Jan. 1633/4, *OBADIAH WHEELER* (PR, v. 27, 29), son of John and Elizabeth (----) Wheeler, bp. at Cranfield, 5 Dec. 1609 (PR, v. 27, 2), d. at Concord, 27 Oct. 1671 (VR, 15); he m. (2) unknown.

Children, except first, at Concord, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Joshua*, bp. at Cranfield, 15 Sep. 1637 (PR, v. 27, 5), d. at Plainfield, Conn., 4 Feb. 1725 (VR, v. 1, 37); m. say 1662, Elizabeth ---- [Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* [Baltimore 1985], 800, gives her name as "{Hayward?}"] b. say 1636, d. at Plainfield, 12 Feb. 1715/6, in 80th yr. (VR, v. 1, 19). 2. *John*, b. 27 Jan. 1640/1 (VR, 5), d.y. 3. *Ruth*, b. 23 Apr. 1642 (VR, 3), d.y. 4. son, b. 25, d. 29 Nov. 1643 (VR, 3). 5. *Samuel*, b. 22 Feb. 1644/5 (VR, 4); m. 10 Nov. 1673, Mary Perry (VR, 17). 6. *Susanna*, b. 17 Mar. 1648/9 (VR, 6, "164[-]"), killed by Indians at Groton, Mass., Jul. 1694 (Samuel A. Green, *Groton During the Indian Wars* [Groton, Mass., 1883], 67); m. at Chelmsford, Mass., 23 Sep. 1672, John Shipley (*Vital Records of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [1914], 316; hereinafter VR), son of John Shipley, born at Salem, Mass., ca. 1637 (Wilson Waters, *History of Chelmsford, Massachusetts* [Lowell, Mass., 1917], 531), and bp. at Chelmsford in 1656 at about 19 years old (VR, 138).

- ix. *JOSEPH*, bp. 18 Feb. 1609/10 (PR, v. 27, 2), d. after May 1681 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 46); m. (1) *ELIZABETH*----, bur. at Concord, 19 Jul. 1642 (VR, 3); m. (2) say 1642, *SARAH (GOLDSTONE) MERRIAM*, dau. of John and Frances (Jefferie) Goldstone (Charles Hudson, *History of Lexington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, From Its First Settlement to 1868. Revised ...*, 2 Vols., [1913], v. 2, 421; hereinafter Hudson, *Lexington*) of Tonbridge, Kent (*Wheeler Fam.*, 573), b. say 1599, and d. at Concord, 12 Mar. 1670/1 (VR, 15), widow of Joseph Merriam; m. (3) *FRANCES (WATSON) (WHEELER) (COOK) GREENE*, widow of Isaac Wheeler and Richard Cook of Charlestown, and of Thomas Greene of Malden.

Children by first wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Ephraim*, b. 14 Apr. 1640, bur. 19 Jul. 1642 (VR, 3). 2. *Joseph*, b. 1 Dec. 1641, bur. 18 Jul. 1642 (VR, 3).

Children by second wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*: 3. *Mary*, b. 20 Sep. 1643 (VR, 3). 4. *Rebecca*, b. 6 Sep. 1645 (VR, 4), d. 20 Feb. 1717/8 (VR, 29); m. (1) 16 Apr. 1667, Hon. (Col.) Peter Bulkeley (VR, 13), son of Rev. Edward and Lucian (----) Bulkeley, b. 3 Jan. 1640/1 (VR, 1), d. 24 May 1688 (VR, 55), who represented Mass. Bay in discussions at London with representatives of King Charles II, concerning claims by the Mason and Gorges heirs to Maine and New Hampshire; m. (2) 18 Dec. 1689, Capt. Jonathan Prescott, Sr. (VR, 31), son of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott, b. ca. 1643, d. 5 Dec. 1721; he m. (1) Dorothy ----; m. (2) Elizabeth Hoar; m. (4) Ruth (Wheeler) (Jones) Browne.

- x. *ABIAH*, bp. 17 Jan. 1612/3 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 18 Apr. 1637 (PR, v. 27, 62), will 10 Apr. 1637, proved 6 May 1637, "... I abya wheeler of Cranfeild in the Countie of

Bedford spinster beinge weake of bodie but of pfect memorie praised be god therefore doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in maner & forme followinge first and principallie I committ my soule into the hands of almightie god my maker in firme trust to be saved in eternall bliss through the meritts of Jesus Christ my savior and I doe appoynt my bodie shall be seemelie buried in the Church yard of Cranfeild afforesaid. Itm I give and bequeath unto ~~Ephraim~~ **Ephraim wheeler my brother** <sup>his heirs for ever</sup> one acre of arrable land with the appurtenances lyinge on a furlong called water furlong in perrie feild late the land of **henrie Taylore** Itm I give and bequeath unto **Tymothie wheeler my brother** fortie shilinges to be paid him within five yeares after my decease. Itm I give unto **Elizabeth Bread my sister** Ten shillings to be paid her within five years after my deceasse Itm I give unto **Susan wheeler my sister** fortie shillings to be paid her within five years after my deceasse Itm I give unto **Agnes Underwood** fortie shillings to be paid her within five years after my deceasse all the foresaid sumes to be paid by my brother **Ephraim** at the times afforesaid and all my good whatsoever I doe give and bequeath unto **Rebecka wheeler my lovinge mother** whom I doe make sole executrix of this my last will & testament in witness whereof i have sett my hand and seale

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Abya x wheeler

**Thomas Baker**  
**Obedia wheler**

(Will of Abya Wheeler, spinster of Cranfield; Beds. Rec. Off. File: ABP/W 1637/110.)

- xi. MARY, bp. 20 Oct. 1615 (PR, v. 27, 3), bur. 19 Apr. 1636 (PR, v. 27, 62, "Mary BILLINGTON"); m. 16 Oct. 1634, JOHN BILLINGTON (PR, v. 27, 39, which wrongly gives her name as "Alice" Wheeler), son of George Billington, bp. at Cranfield, 14 Feb. 1612/3 (PR, v. 27, 2), who m. (2) 2 Jun. 1637, Mary Bright (PR, v. 27, 39).  
Child at Cranfield, surname *Billington*: 1. *Mary*, bp. 14 Feb. 1635/6 (PR, v. 27, 5), bur. 15 Apr. 1636 (PR, v. 27, 62).
- xii. EPHRAIM, bp. 16 Mar. 1618/19 (PR, v. 27, 3), d. at Fairfield, Conn., 1670; m. ANN TURNEY (Elizabeth H. Schenck, *The History of Fairfield County, Connecticut, from the Settlement of the Town in 1639 to 1818*, 422; hereinafter Schenck, *Fairfield*; Torry, *New England Marriages*, 799, says, however, she was "not Ann TURNEY").  
Children, except first at Fairfield, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Isaac*, b. at Concord, Mass., 23 Dec. 1642 (VR, 3), d. at Stratfield, Conn., 1 Apr. 1712, aged 70 (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 668). 2. *Mary*, b. say 1644 (*ibid.*). 3. *Ruth*, b. say 1646, d. 1719; m. ca. 1668, Samuel Treadwell (*ibid.*). 4. *Hannah*, b. say 1648; m. (1) at Concord, Mass., 11 Jul. 1667, Samuel Smedley (VR, 13); m. (2) at Concord, 8 Nov. 1676, Samuel Perry (VR, 19). 5. *Rebecca*, b. say 1650; m. ca. 1672, Samuel Gregory. 6. *Judith*, b. say 1652. 7. *Abigail*, b. say 1654; m. ca. 1685, Sgt. Samuel Welles, grandson of Gov. Thomas Welles. 8. *Samuel*, b. say 1656, d. at Hartford, Conn., 28 Jun. 1712 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 984); m. ca. 1686, Sarah Grant, dau. of Peter and Mary (----) Grant (Charles W. Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records ...* [1904], v. 1, 313, 353). 9. *Timothy*, b. say 1658, d. 1730; m. (1) 11 Apr. 1689, Rebecca Turney, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth (Holly) Turney, b. at Fairfield, 10 Jul. 1671; m. (2) Margery ----. 10. *Ephraim*, b. say 1660, d. 1705; m. (1) say 1691, Sarah Turney, sister of Rebecca; m. (2) say 1693, Sarah Sherwood, dau. of Matthew and Mary (Fitch) Sherwood.
- xiii. THOMAS, bp. 8 Dec. 1621 (PR, v. 27, 3), d. at Concord, Mass., 10 Dec. 1676 (VR, 19); m. say 1644, RUTH WOOD, dau. of William and Margaret (----) Wood, probably b.

at Matlock, Derbys., say 1626 (Clay W. Holmes, *A Genealogy of the Lineal Descendants of William Wood, Who Settled at Concord, Massachusetts in 1638 ...* [1901], 10). Capt. Thomas Wheeler was a lieutenant at Fairfield, Conn., Westchester, N. Neth.; Paugusett, N. Haven Col.; and Concord, Mass., before being named captain of the Mass. Troop of Horse at Concord. At Westchester he was one of the first three Englishmen named magistrate by Peter Stuyvesant.

Children surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Timothy*, b. at Fairfield, Conn., say 1645, d. at Concord, 7 Jun. 1678 (VR, 23); m. at Concord, 29 Jun. 1670, Ruth Fuller (VR, 15), dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tidd) Fuller, b. at Woburn, Mass., 17 May 164[7] (*Register*, 13:361). 2. *Nathaniel*, b. at Fairfield, say 1647, d. at Concord, 16 Jan. 1676/7 (VR, 19). 3. *Thomas*, b. at Fairfield, say 1650, d. at Concord, 9 Jan. 1676/7 (VR, 19). 4. *Ruth*, b. at Fairfield say 1653, d. at Concord, 9 Feb. 1740 (VR, 144); m. (1) at Concord, 7 May 1673, Ephraim Jones (VR, 170), son of John and Dorcas (-----) Jones; m. (2) 12 Nov. 1677, Thomas Browne (VR, 20), son of Thomas and Bridget (-----) Browne; m. (3) 18 Aug. 1718, Capt. Jonathan Prescott, Sr. (VR, 93), son of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott, as the last of his four wives. 5. *Joseph*, b. say 1655, d. at Stratfield, Conn., in May 1698; m. at Chelmsford, Mass., 1 Mar. 1681/2, Mary Power (VR, 344; also *Concord VR*, 24), dau. of Walter and Trial (Shepard) Power. 6. *Ephraim*, b. say 1657, d. at Concord, 19 Feb. 1689 (VR, 55); m. say 1678, Dorcas [perh. Stone, dau. of David and Dorcas (-----) Stone, b. at Cambridge, Mass., 18 Dec. 1652 (Lexington VR, 78); their dau, Mary m. 15 Apr. 1697, Jacob Wood (VR, 43)], who m. (2) 12 May 1690, Robert Blood (VR, 33). 7. *Deliverance*, b. at Paugusett, say 1663, d. at Stow, Mass., 4 Feb. 1715/6, age 53 yr. (VR, 264); m. at Concord, 28 May 1691, Mary Davis (VR, 35), dau. of Lt. Simon and Mary (Blood) Davis, b. at Concord, 3 Oct. 1663 (VR, 11), and d at Stow, 27 Jun. 1748, age near 85 (VR, 264).

6. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> WHEELER (*Thomas*<sup>A,B</sup>, *Henry*<sup>C</sup>) is continued as No. 1, under Part B, "Descent from George Wheeler of Concord, Massachusetts".

7. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> WHEELER (*Thomas*<sup>A</sup>, *John*<sup>B</sup>, *Henry*<sup>C</sup>) is continued as No. 1, under Part C, "Descent from Thomas Wheeler, Senior, of Concord, Massachusetts, and Fairfield, Connecticut".

## PART B

### DESCENT FROM GEORGE WHEELER

#### OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1. (HON.) GEORGE<sup>1</sup> WHEELER was baptized at Cranfield, Beds., 23 March 1605/6 (PR, v. 27, 1, "s Thos WHELER"), and died at Concord, Mass., by 1687 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 17). He married at Cranfield, 8 June 1630, his only wife, CATHERINE PIN (PR, v. 27, 39, "Cath PIN"; at Cranfield, the name *Pin* is also spelled *Ping* and *Pyng*; at Holcot, *Pinge*; at Kempston there were *Penns*, but no *Pins*; the surname may be a variant of *Penn/Paine*). She died at Concord, 2 January 1684/5 (VR, 26).

At Cranfield in 1633, this George Wheeler was called, "of Wharley Inn" to distinguish him from George Wheeler, "of East End", who married Mary Studd at Cranfield, 12 May 1628 (PR, v. 27, 38). Both George Wheelers had children baptized in 1633 (PR, v. 27, 5). Consequently, the note by Coddington that George had a second wife (*TAG*, 27:122), no longer applies.

George Wheeler was made freeman in Massachusetts on 2 June 1641 (*Register*, 3[1849]:189). He was not among the Wheelers petitioning the Massachusetts Bay General Court for land in 1643, but was among those on the October 1654 petition (*Wheeler Fam.*, 1106). Even before 1654, along with John Smedley for Concord, and John Roper and Ralph Houghton for Lancaster, he laid out the road between the two communities (Ruth R. Wheeler, *Concord, Climate for Freedom* [Concord, 1967, 1970], 85; hereinafter Wheeler, *Climate*). George Wheeler was one of the overseers for the South Quarter of Concord in 1654 (Lemuel Shattuck, *A History of the Town of Concord; Middlesex County, Massachusetts ...* [Boston, 1835; reprinted 1985], 35; hereinafter Shattuck, *Concord*, 35). By 1666, George Wheeler owned 24 lots consisting of 434 acres (*ibid.*, 38), which included his 1660 purchase of one fourth the estate of Grace Bulkeley, widow of Rev. Peter Bulkeley (Wheeler, *Climate*, 42), including "Nine Acre Corner" (*ibid.*, 220). He was selectman for Concord in 1660 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 1).

When Rev. John Jones left Concord for Fairfield, Conn., he put his house up for sale, but was not paid until 1659, its third sale. George Wheeler subsequently owned this house, and sold it to Jonathan Prescott in 1678, probably then building the mansion house (Wheeler, *Climate*, 22, n.), which he left to his sons Thomas and John.



The 28 January 1684/5 will of George Wheeler, Senior, of Concord, was proved 2 June 1687. He named sons Thomas and John; children of deceased son William; daughters Elizabeth Fletcher, Sarah Dudley, Ruth Hartwell, and Hannah Fletcher; children of his daughter Fox. Witnesses were Samuel Merriam, Jonathan Hubbard, and John Scotchford. (*Wheeler Fam.*, 17; also see G. A. Taylor, "Stray Wills at Suffolk County [Mass.] Probate Registry", *TAG*, 14[Oct. 1937]131.)

Children, three at Cranfield, rest at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, bp. at Cranfield, 24 Jul. 1631 (PR, v. 27, 5), d. at Concord, 31 Dec. 1683 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 2; VR, 26, has "31.9.83" [sic]); m. there, 30 Oct. 1659, HANNAH BUSS (VR, 9), dau. of William and Hannah [Ann] (Merriam) Buss, b. at Concord, 18 Feb. 1641/2 (VR, 1).
- ii. THOMAS, bp. at Cranfield, 14 Aug. 1633 (PR, v. 27, 5), d. 1687, admin., 21 Sep. 1687, to widow Hannah and son Thomas; inv. "estate of Thomas Wheeler, son of George Wheeler late of Concord, deceased" (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 2; *TAG*, 14[Oct. 1937]:132, abstracts Suffolk County, Liber 10, folio 115); m. at Concord, 10 Oct. 1657, HANNAH HARWOOD (VR, 9), named in 13 Nov. 1684, proved 22 Jun. 1685, will of John Harwood of London, "I give to my brother Thomas Harwood in New England ... I give to Nathaniel Harwood of New England ... I give to Hannah Wheeler of Concord in New England ... [each £50] (*Register*, 42[1888]:64).
- iii. ELIZABETH, bp. at Cranfield, 3 Jan. 1635/6 (PR, v. 27, 5), d. at Concord, 14 Jun. 1704 (VR, 68); m. at Concord, 11 Oct. 1656, FRANCIS FLETCHER (VR, 7), son of Robert Fletcher (Edward H. Fletcher, *Fletcher Genealogy: An Account of the Descendants of Robert Fletcher, of Concord, Massachusetts* [1871], 26; hereinafter *Fletcher*).
- iv. SARAH, b. 30 Mar. 1640 (VR, 3), d. 12 Dec. 1713 (VR, 82); m. at Concord, 26 Oct. 1665, FRANCIS DUDLEY (VR, 12), perhaps son of John Dudley, born at Charlestown, Mass., ca. 1640 (Dean Dudley, *History of the Dudley Family* ... [1891], 558).
- + 2. v. JOHN, b. 19 Mar. 1642/3 (VR, 3).
- vi. MARY, b. 6 Sep. 1645 (VR, 4), d. 24 Feb. 1678/9 (VR, 23); m. at Concord, 26 Oct. 1665, ELIPHALET FOX (VR, 12), son of Thomas and Rebecca (-----) Fox, b. 1644 (William F. Fox, *Thomas Fox of Concord and His Descendants* [Albany, 1909], 15); he m. (2) 30 Nov. 1681, Mary (Stone) Hunt (VR, 25).
- vii. RUTH, b. say 1647, d. 19 Dec. 1713 (VR, 82); m. at Concord, 26 Oct. 1665, SAMUEL HARTWELL (VR, 12), son of William and Jasan (-----) Hartwell, b. at Concord, 26 Mar. 1645 (VR, 4), d. there, 26 Jul. 1725 (VR, 110, "husband to Elizabeth"); he m. (2) Rebecca -----; m. (3) Elizabeth Fletcher (John F. Hartwell, *The Hartwells of America* ... [1958], 1).
- viii. HANNAH, b. say 1654, d. at Chelmsford, Mass., 11 Dec. 1697 (*Fletcher*, 30); m. at Chelmsford, 5 Jul. [1672?], SAMUEL FLETCHER (VR, 344, yr. torn), son of William and Lydia (Fairbank?) Fletcher, b. ca. 1652 (Chelmsford VR, 66, which gives age 4 yrs. at bp., 1:12:1656); he m. (2) Sarah (Merriam) Ball; m. (3) Elizabeth Proctor.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WHEELER (*George*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Concord, Mass., 19 March 1642/3 (VR, 3), and died there, 27 September 1713 (VR, 82). He married at Charlestown, Mass., 25 March 1663, SARAH LARKIN (*Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, Roger D. Joslyn, ed. [1984], v. 1, 43; hereinafter VR; also rec. at Concord, VR, 10), daughter of deacon Edward and Joanna (-----) Larkin, born at Charlestown, 12 March 1646/7 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 3), and died at Concord, 12 August 1725 (VR, 110).



John Wheeler served in the Narraganset Expedition of 1675, by virtue of which his son Ebenezer was granted land in 1735 (*Register*, 16[1862]:146).

On 21 October 1713 [also entered as twelfth year of the reign of Queen Anne, who came to the throne in 1702], an agreement was made among the heirs of John Wheeler to settle the estate. The widow, Sarah Wheeler made her mark. Children signing were Samuel Wheeler, Edward Wheeler [sic], and Ebenezer Wheeler. On behalf of their wives, the following signed: Wm Woodbury, John Meriam, Samuel Prescott, Jonas Prescott, John Meriam Junr. and Timothy Wheeler. Witnesses were John Heywood and Joseph Dakin. (Agreement, Middx. Probate No. 24290.)

Children at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, b. 6 Jul. 1664 (VR, 11), d. 20 Dec. 1717 (VR, 93); m. 27 Jan. 1689/90, MARY HOSMER (VR, 32), dau. of Stephen and Abigail (Wood) Hosmer, b. 2 May 1668 (VR, 14); she m. (2), 5 Dec. 1721, John Bellows of Marlborough, Mass. (VR, 101).
- ii. SARAH, b. 12 Dec. 1666 (VR, 12), d. 2 Aug. 1692 (VR, 56); m. 22 Jul. 1691, JOHN MERRIAM (VR, 35), son of John and Mary (Cooper) Merriam, b. 3 Sep. 1666 (VR, 12), d. at Littleton, Mass., 30 November 1748 (Pope, *Merriam*, 54); he m. (2) 16 Feb. 1693, Sarah Spalding (*ibid.*).
- iii. EDWARD, b. 17 Jul. 1669 (VR, 14), d. 17 Feb. 1733/4 (VR, 127); m. 23 Nov. 1697, SARAH MERRIAM (VR, 44), dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Townsend) Merriam, b. 18 Aug. 1675 (VR, 18), d. 25 Oct. 1738 (VR, 143).
- iv. JOANNA, b. 21 Dec. 1671 (VR, 16); m. at Beverly, Mass., 29 Sep. 1689, WILLIAM WOODBURY (*Early Records of the Town of Beverly, Essex County, Mass.* [1907], 62), son of William Woodbury, Jun., b. at Beverly, 10 Mar. 1665 (*ibid.*, 3).
- v. MARY, b. 15 Sep. 1673 (VR, 17), d. at Lexington, Mass., 27 Dec. 1747, "aged 75" (Hudson, *Lexington*, v. 2, 423; not 20 Dec. 1745 as given by Pope, *Merriam*, 52, and *Wheeler Fam.*, 1103); m. 14 Nov. 1688, JOHN MERRIAM (VR, 27; also see estate of her father, which proves she did not m. Jacob Wood, as given by *Wheeler Fam.*, 25, No. 123), son of Joseph and Mary (Stone) Merriam, b. at Lexington, 30 Aug. 1662 (*Lexington, Massachusetts. Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths to January 1, 1898*, 2 Parts [1898], pt. 1, 47), d. 21 May 1727 (Pope, *Merriam*, 52; admin of estate at Lexington, Middx. Probate No. 15063).
- + 3. vi. LYDIA, b. 27 Oct. 1675 (VR, 19).
- vii. ESTHER, b. 1 Dec. 1678 (VR, 22); m. 5 May 1698, SAMUEL PRESCOTT (VR, 46), eldest son of Capt. Jonathan Prescott by his first wife Dorothy ----, b. ca. 1674, d. at Acton, Mass., 25 Jul. 1758, aged 84 (William Prescott, *The Prescott Memorial* [1870], 46).
- viii. EBENEZER, b. 3 Jun. 1682 (VR, 25), d. 26 Feb. 1748 (VR, 171); m. 26 Dec. 1706, MARY MINOT (VR, 66), dau. of Capt. James and Rebecca (Wheeler) Minot, b. 16 Nov. 1689 (VR, 31), d. 3 Sep. 1760 (VR, 206), a granddaughter of Capt. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- ix. THANKFUL, b. 3 Jun. 1682 (VR, 25), d. at Groton, Mass., 6 Nov. 1716 (*Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 Vols. [1926, 1927], v. 2, 257; hereinafter VR); m. at Concord, 5 Oct. 1699, JONAS PRESCOTT (VR, 50), son of Jonas and Mary (Loker) Prescott, b. at Sudbury, Mass., 25 Oct. 1678 (*Vital Records of Sudbury, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [1903], 114; hereinafter VR), d. at Groton, 12 Sep. 1750, 71y., 10m., 17d. (VR, v. 2, 257); he m. (2) at Groton, 30 Apr. 1718, Mary Page (VR, v. 2, 139).

3. **LYDIA<sup>3</sup> WHEELER** (*John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Concord, Mass., 27 October 1675 (VR, 19). She married first at Concord, 19 May 1692, **TIMOTHY WHEELER** (VR, 36), son. Sgt. Thomas and Sarah (Merriam) Wheeler, born at Concord, 24 July 1667 (VR, 13), and died there 14 April 1718, in his 51st year (VR, 94). She married second at Concord, 21 April 1720, **NATHANIEL STOW** (VR, 98), son of Nathaniel and Martha (Bignell) Stow, born at Concord, 18 September 1663 (VR, 11), and died there 12 November 1724, in his 62nd year (VR, 110); his children were by his first wife, Ruth Merriam. For the continuation of Lydia's line, see No. 3, Timothy Wheeler in Part C, "Descent From Thomas Wheeler, Senior, of Concord, Massachusetts, and Fairfield, Connecticut.

## PART C

### DESCENT FROM THOMAS WHEELER, SENIOR

#### OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS, AND FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

1. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> WHEELER, the eldest son of Thomas Wheeler of Bourne End, Cranfield, Beds. (*TAG*, 14:1), was born say 1588, and died at Fairfield, Conn., in 1654 (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 662). He married at Cranfield, 5 May 1613, ANN HALSEY (PR, v. 27, 37), daughter of Robert and Ellen (Alley alias Cooke) Halsey alias Chambers, baptized at Flamstead, Herts., 30 May 1591 (PR), and died at Fairfield, Conn., in 1659 (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 662).

Thomas Wheeler of Wharley End, Cranfield, Beds., removed to New England, probably by the summer of 1638. On the lists of arrears in the payment of King Charles I "ship money tax" for the Hundred of Redbournestoke, under Cranfield, Thomas Wheeler was in arrears on the list dated 14 July 1638, by an even one pound, with the notation, "Gon out of the Country" (List TW 869 at Beds. Rec. Off.; also see John Insley Coddington, "The Wheelers of Bedfordshire and New England", *TAG*, 28[1952]:257; also see Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, *Civil War And Ship Money Papers* [1936], v. 18, 73). On a subsequent update, but undated list, Thomas Wheeler was in arrears by £1, 5s and this list was annotated next to his name, "Gone into New England" (List TW 857, p. 7, at Beds. Rec. Off.; also see Jacobus, *TAG*, 14[1937]:4).

A Thomas Wheeler was made freeman in New England on 17 April 1637 (*Register*, 3[1849]:95). One source connects the freeman of 17 April 1637 to Thomas Wheeler of Concord and Fairfield, but then also connects that same date to Thomas Wheeler, a tailor of Boston (*Wheeler Fam.*, 200, 485). Of course, that date pertains to the tailor, not to Thomas Wheeler, Senior, who was still at Cranfield.

An early record of Thomas Wheeler, Senior, in New England, was a petition for land at Concord, dated 7 September 1643. It stated that the petitioners, Thomas Wheeler, Timothy Wheeler, Ephraim Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Jr., Roger Draper, and Richard Lettin, came into the country about four years earlier (*Wheeler Fam.*, 1105). Thomas Wheeler, Senior, departed shortly thereafter for Fairfield, Conn., where it was recorded that he erected a stone house with a flat plank roof. On the roof he placed two cannon; one pointed at the mouth of Black Rock Harbor, and the other at an Indian fort, with a

population of nearly two hundred, at the head of the harbor (Schenck, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 2, 42).

By January 1649, Thomas Wheeler, Senior, was granted a home lot of two and one half acres at the Pequonnock settlement, next to his brothers Ephraim Wheeler and Thomas Wheeler, Junior (*ibid.*, 66).

Thomas Wheeler, Senior, of Fairfield made his will 5 May 1654, proved 23 August 1654, naming wife Ann; elder son Thomas at Concord, to receive property there; son John, lands at Fairfield; daughter Sarah, wife of Thomas Sherwood, and their son Thomas; grandchildren Mary, James, Thomas, and John Bennett; overseers were brother Thomas Wheeler, Lieutenant, Robert Lockwood, and Andrew Ward, all of Fairfield; Ephraim Wheeler was named an appraiser (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 662).

Ann Wheeler made her will 21 August 1659, naming elder son Thomas, his wife and children; Sarah and Hannah Bennett, children of her daughter Hannah; grandchild Sarah Sherwood; Annis Sherwood, wife of her son-in-law; she left her best hat to Rebecca Turney, and a petticoat to Ann Squire; inventory was 20 October 1659 (*ibid.*, v. 1, 663; the end of the will was not legible).

(Hon.) Thomas Wheeler of Milford, Conn., and his brother William Wheeler of Stratford, Conn., sometimes shown as children of this couple (*Wheeler Fam.*, 200), are not their children. The error came about after a transcriber at Cranfield misread the name Ephraim as William in the baptism entry of 16 March 1618[/19]. Jacobus pointed out the error, as is evident from the will abstract above that the elder son Thomas was living at Concord, Mass. (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, v. 1, 662). Jacobus further showed that Thomas Wheeler, Senior, of Fairfield; Timothy Wheeler, of Concord; Ephraim Wheeler of Fairfield; and [Capt.] Thomas Wheeler, Jr., were all sons of Thomas Wheeler, the elder, of Bourne End, Cranfield (*TAG*, 14:1). The will of Timothy Wheeler named his nephew, Sgt. Thomas Wheeler, and also children of his brother [Capt.] Thomas Wheeler (*Wheeler Fam.*, 134). It is thus certain that Thomas Wheeler of Milford, and his brother, William Wheeler of Stratford are of a different family group (see also George Dudley Seymour, "A Seventeenth Century Letter", *Register*, 62[Jan. 1908]:82, which indicates that Henry Dell of Wigginton, Herts., married a sister of Thomas and William; the IGI shows that Mary Wheeler married Henry Dell at Wigginton, 15 October 1639).

#### Children at Cranfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. ANN<sup>2</sup>, bp. 30 Jan. 1613/4 (PR, v. 27, 2), bur. 16 Jul. 1615 (PR, v. 27, 61).
- ii. ALICE, bp. 15 Jun. 1616 (PR, v. 27, 3), probably d. at Concord, 17 Mar. 1640/1 (VR, 3, "Allice the daughtr of Thomas Wheeler").
- iii. ANN [HANNAH], bp. 15 Feb. 1617/18 (PR, v. 27, 3); m. (1) say 1639, JAMES BENNETT, d. at Fairfield, by Aug. 1659; m. (2) JOSEPH MIDDLEBROOK.
- † 2. iv. THOMAS, bp. 9 Apr. 1620 (PR, v. 27, 3).
- v. ELIZABETH, bp. 4 Nov. 1622 (*ibid.*). Unplaced.
- vi. JOHN, bp. 27 Feb. 1624/5 (PR, v. 27, 4), d. at Fairfield, 1690; m. (1) say 1660, JUDITH TURNEY, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Odell) Turney, b. at Soulbury, Bucks., ca. 1635, d. at Fairfield, abt. 1672; m. (2) by 1673 ELIZABETH ROWLAND, dau. of Henry and Rebecca (----) Rowland, d. ca. 1702/3.

- vii. SARAH, bp. 10 Aug. 1628 (PR, v. 27, 4), d. at Fairfield by 1659; m. ca. 1650's, THOMAS SHERWOOD, son of Thomas and Alice (----) Sherwood, d. at Fairfield, 1697; he m. (2) Ann Turney; m. (3) Elizabeth (----) Cable; m. (4) Sarah (Hyde) Coley.
- viii. SUSANNA, bp. 4 Apr. 1630 (PR, v. 27, 4, "Susan d Thos WHEELER 'tenant to ye Lordship'") may be of this family, probably bur. 24 Feb. 1632/3 (PR, v. 27, 62, "Susan WHEELER").

2. (Sgt.) THOMAS<sup>2</sup> WHEELER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized at Cranfield, Beds., 9 April 1620 (PR, v. 27, 3), and died at Concord, Mass., 24 December 1704 (VR, 68), "in his 84th year" (*Wheeler Fam.*, 143), which is about right, but certainly not "æ 76" (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 52). He married first, say in 1648, SARAH MERRIAM, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Goldstone) Merriam (*ibid.*), born at Hadlow, Kent, about 1626 (Hudson, *Lexington*, v. 2, 422), died at Concord, 1 February 1676/7 (VR, 19). He married second at Concord, 23 July 1677, SARAH (BEERS) STEARNS (VR, 20), daughter of Capt. Richard and Elizabeth (----) Beers, born at Watertown, Mass., 5 October 1639 (VR, v. 1, 6), died at Concord, 21 January 1723/4 (VR, 110) and widow of Isaac Stearns of Lexington (Hudson, *Lexington*, v. 2, 663).

He was probably the Thomas Wheeler made freeman on 7 October 1641 (*Register*, 3[1849]:189), although there were too many of the name to be certain. He was plain Thomas Wheeler in the 1649 birth record of his first daughter. When a group of his children were recorded in 1658 though, about the time George Wheeler's son Thomas married, he was called Thomas Wheeler, Senior. In 1662, Thomas Wheeler, Senior, was appointed one of two sergeants in the company of foot, under his uncle, Capt. Timothy Wheeler (Shattuck, *Concord*, 46), and by 1664, he was being referred to as Sergeant on the birth records of his children.

Children by first wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. SARAH<sup>3</sup>, b. 10 Jun. 1649 (VR, 5, or VR, 8, "July"), d. ca. 1726; m. 5 May 1669, JOHN SMEDLEY (VR, 14), son of John and Ann (----) Smedley, b. at Concord, 31 Oct. 1646 (VR, 5), d. there 6 Feb. 1717 (VR, 93).
- ii. JOSEPH, b. 18 Aug. 1651 (VR, 8), d. 16 Mar. 1676/7 (VR, 19); served in the Narragansett Expedition of 1675 (*Register*, 16[1862]:145).
- iii. ANN, b. 22 Dec. 1653 (VR, 8), d. 20 Mar. 1676/7 (VR, 19).
- iv. JOHN, b. 18 Feb. 1655/6 (VR, 8), d. 1 Dec. 1736 (VR, 128); m. (1) at Concord, 27 Dec. 1678, SARAH STEARNS (VR, 121), dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Beers) Stearns, b. at Lexington, Mass., 14 Jan. 1661 (VR, 77), d. at Concord, 29 Dec. 1727 (VR, 120); m. (2) SARAH (FARWELL) JONES, dau. of John and Sarah (Wheeler) Farwell, b. at Concord, 2 May 1662 (VR, 10), d. there 18 Apr. 1741 (VR, 144), widow of John Jones, and a granddaughter of Capt. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- v. MARY, b. 20 Dec. 1658 (VR, 8), d. 26 May 1668 (VR, 13).
- vi. THOMAS, b. 29 Mar. 1662 (VR, 10), d. 12 Jun. 1695 (VR, 57); unnm.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. 23 Feb. 1664/5 (VR, 11), d. 26 Oct. 1744 (VR, 159); m. 15 Jun. 1682, SAMUEL FLETCHER (VR, 25), son of Francis and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Fletcher, b. 6 Oct. 1657 (VR, 7), d. 23 Oct. 1744 (VR, 159), a grandson of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- viii. TIMOTHY, b. 24 Jul. 1667 (VR, 11).
- ix. REBECCA, b. 3 Apr. 1670 (VR, 17), d. 6 Nov. 1710 (VR, 76); unnm.

- x. RUTH, b. 10 Apr. 1673 (VR, 17); m. at Chelmsford, Mass., 11 Mar. 1696, JOSEPH WARREN (VR, 345), son of Jacob and Mary (Hildreth) Warren, b. there, 25 Oct. 1670 (VR, 162).

Children by second wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- xi. EPHRAIM, b. 26 Jun. 1678 (VR, 22), d. at Plainfield, Conn., 19 Apr. 1725 (VR, v. 1, 37); m. at Concord, 20 Apr. 1698, ELIZABETH SPALDING (VR, 46), dau. of Benjamin and Olive (Farwell) Spalding, b. at Chelmsford, Mass., 22 Mar. 1680 (VR, 141), d. at Plainfield, 4 Sep. 1724, "in 44 yr." (VR, v. 1, 34). (Hon.) Ephraim Wheeler was Plainfield's deputy to the Connecticut Assembly at Hartford, 10 Oct. 1723 (Hoadly, *Conn.*, v. 6, 410).
- xii. JOSEPH, b. 11 Jan. 1680/1 [twin] (VR, 24, 31), d. by 1708; m. at Salem, Mass., 2 Nov. 1704, MARTHA WIGGLESWORTH (VR, v. 4, 458), dau. of Rev. Michael and Martha (----) Wigglesworth, b. at Malden, Mass., 21 Dec. 1683 (*Register*, 15[1861]:335), d. at Stonington, Conn., 4 Dec. 1719 (Philomena Jenkins, *Waters-Law*, 9); she m. (2) at Concord, 15 Dec. 1708, Dr. Samuel Law (VR, 71). Dr. Joseph Wheeler was a physician at Ipswich and Salem, Mass.
- xiii. JOANNA, b. 12 Jan. 1680/1 [twin] (VR, 24).

3. TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup> WHEELER (*Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Concord, Mass., 24 July 1667 (VR, 13), and died there, 14 April 1718, in his 51st year (VR, 94). He married at Concord, 19 May 1692, LYDIA WHEELER (VR, 36), daughter of John and Sarah (Larkin) Wheeler, born at Concord, 27 October 1675 (VR, 19). She married second at Concord, 21 April 1720, Nathaniel Stow (VR, 98). She was a granddaughter of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.

Timothy Wheeler, senior of Concord, yeoman, made his will, 8 April 1718, proved 8 May 1718, naming son Benjamin Wheeler, under 21; son Timothy Wheeler; daughter Lydia Brooks; other daughters under age; wife Lydia (*Wheeler Fam.*, 144-146),

Children at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. LYDIA<sup>4</sup>, b. 5 May 1694 (VR, 39), d. 25 Jun. 1750 (VR, 171); m. 24 Apr. 1713, JOSHUA BROOKS (VR, 83), son of Noah and Dorothy (Wright) Brooks, b. 14 Oct. 1688 (VR, 30), d. at Lincoln, Mass., 26 Jun. 1768, in 80th yr. (*Vital Records of Lincoln, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [1908], 156; hereinafter VR); he m. (2) at Lincoln, 4 Jun. 1751, the widow Mary (Munroe) Wheeler (VR, 185), 156, dau. of William and Mary (Cutler) Munroe, b. at Lexington, 3 Apr. 1699 (VR, 5), and widow of Thomas Wheeler, son of Timothy's brother John, above.
- ii. TIMOTHY, b. 8 Mar. 1696/7 (VR, 43).
- iii. JONAS, b. 19 Jun. 1699 (VR, 47), killed 30 Aug. 1716, falling off a horse (VR, 89).
- iv. SARAH, b. 3 Nov. 1701 (VR, 51).
- v. MARY, b. 12 Aug. 1704 (VR, 61); perhaps m. say 1720, JOHN STOW, son of her mother's second husband, Nathaniel Stow, by his wife Ruth (Merriam), b. 8 Sep. 1691 (VR, 35), d. 17 May 1724, in 33 yr. (VR, 110).
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Apr. 1707 (VR, 67).
- vii. BENJAMIN, b. 13 Aug. 1709 (VR, 72), d. 21 Sep. 1777, in 69 yr. (VR, 434); m. (1) 6 Apr. 1736, REBECCA LEE (VR, 132), dau. of Henry and Rebecca (Heywood) Lee, b. 31 Oct. 1715 (VR, 86), d. 17 Apr. 1752, in 57 yr. (VR, 415); m. (2) 27 Nov. 1753, LUCY (HASTINGS) WINSHIP, widow of Moses Winship of Lexington (Lucius R. Paige, *History of Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1630-1877* ... [Boston, 1877], 700, dau. of

Joseph and Lydia (Brown) Hastings, b. at Waltham, Mass., 9 Apr. 1726 (Hudson, *Lexington*, v. 2, 766), d. at Concord, 28 Dec. 1767, in 42 yr. (VR, 433).

- viii. ANNA, b. 26 Sep. 1713 (VR, 82), d. at Bedford, Mass., 14 Mar. 1804, age 91 yr. (VR, 139); m. (1) at Concord, 10 Feb. 1731/2, JOHN BATEMAN (VR, 130), son of John and Elizabeth (-----) Bateman, b. 18 Oct. 1706 (VR, 66), d. 17 Nov. 1752 (VR, 415); m. (2) at Bedford, 10 Dec. 1760, as his 3rd wife, RICHARD WHEELER (VR, 106), son of John and Elizabeth (Perkins) Wheeler, b. say 1696 at Oyster River, N.H., a grandson of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler's son William<sup>2</sup> Wheeler (Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Baltimore, 1988], 743).

4. (Capt.) TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> WHEELER (*Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2.1</sup>) was born at Concord, Mass., 8 March 1696/7 (VR, 43), and died there 7 May 1782, aged 85 (VR, 417). He married first at Concord, 25 June 1719, ABIGAIL MUNROE (VR, 98), daughter of William and Mary (Cutler) Munroe, born at Lexington, Mass., 28 June 1701 (Hudson, *Lexington*, v. 2, 450), and she died in 1743. He married second at Concord, 31 May 1744, MEHITABLE WHITTEMORE (VR, 161), daughter of Benjamin and Esther (Brooks) Whittemore, born at Concord, 9 April 1705 (VR, 63), and died there, 2 March 1772 (VR, 223).

The record calls him Captain Timothy Wheeler [which distinguished him from Timothy<sup>4</sup> Wheeler, Junior (*Ebenezer*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *George*<sup>1</sup>), who was born in 1716/7; Timothy Wheeler, Jr., was one of the three Concord selectmen to sign the resolution on the taxation of tea (Shattuck, *Concord*, 78, 79)]. In May 1755, Timothy Wheeler was a 2d lieutenant in Captain Osgood's company, during the expedition to Nova Scotia (*ibid.*, 72).

In February 1775, Concord exercised great caution to see that the articles of association were observed,

"Several meetings were held; and such measures, as the state of the times required, adopted. Capt. Timothy Wheeler, Mr. Andrew Conant, Mr. Samuel Whitney, Capt. John Green, Mr. Josiah Merriam, Mr. Ephraim Wood, jr., Mr. William Parkman, and Capt. Thomas Davis, were added to the committee of inspection, and directed to return the names of those who declined signing the articles of association. Such were to be treated with neglect and detestation." (*ibid.*, 94).

Among the stores furnished by the committee of supplies, 66 barrels of flour were stored by Capt. Timothy Wheeler (*ibid.*, 98), who also furnished oatmeal (*ibid.*, 99). Some of the stores in the center of town were broken open by the British troops who entered the town. The liberty-pole on the hill was cut down and nearly five hundred pounds of lead were disposed of in wells and in the mill pond.

"The shrewd and successful address of Captain Timothy Wheeler on this occasion deserves notice. He had the charge of a large quantity of provincial flour, which together with some casks of his own, was stored in his barn. A British officer, demanding entrance, he readily took his key and gave him admission. The officer expressed pleasure at the discovery; but Captain Wheeler with much affected simplicity, said to him, putting his hand on a barrel; 'This is my flour. I am a miller, Sir. Yonder stands my mill. I get my living by it. In the winter I grind a great deal of grain, and get it ready for market in the spring. This,' pointing to the barrel, 'is the flour of corn; this is the flour of rye; this,' putting his hand on his own casks, 'is my flour; this is my wheat' this is my rye; this is mine.' 'Well,' said the officer, 'we do not injure private property'; and withdrew leaving this important depository untouched." (*ibid.*, 107-108, from Holmes *Annals*, v. 2, 326).

Children by first wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. JONAS<sup>1</sup>, b. 18 May 1720 (VR, 99), d. at New Ipswich, N.H., 2 Apr. 1815, æ 94 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 688; see ref. below); m. at Concord, 13 Oct. 1743, PERSIS BROOKS (VR, 160), dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Heywood) Brooks, b. 2 Aug. 1720 (VR, 100), d. at New Ipswich, 28 Apr. 1816 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 60).
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 7 Dec. 1721 (VR, 103), d. 29 May 1796 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 150); m. 11 Jan. 1752, NATHAN MERRIAM (VR, 153), son of Joseph and Dorothy (Brooks) Merriam, b. 12 May 1720 (VR, 99), d. 11 Nov. 1782, in 63d yr. (VR, 417, also has "a 65").
- iii. TIMOTHY, b. 19 Mar. 1722/3 (VR, 108); m. at Weston, Mass., 14 Dec. 1753, SARAH BOND (*Lincoln, Mass.*, VR, 144), dau. of Samuel and Mary (Cutler) Bond, b. at Watertown, Mass., 11 Sep. 1733 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 60).
- iv. LYDIA, b. 5 Oct. 1724 (VR, 113), d. 20 Aug. 1802 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 151); m. 17 Jun. 1746, JOSIAH MERRIAM (VR, 165), son of Joseph and Dorothy (Brooks) Merriam, b. 13 Feb. 1725/6 (VR, 115), d. 23 Apr. 1809 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 151).
- v. NATHAN, b. 9 Feb. 1726/7 (VR, 118), prob. d. at Wheelersburg, Ohio, in 1812, "aged within 2 wks. of 90 yts." ("A Wheeler Bible", *Register*, 123:237); m. at Concord, 25 May 1749, MARY HUNT (VR, 175), dau. of Simon and Mary (Raymond) Hunt, b. 10 Nov. 1729 (VR, 123). Mary was a great-great granddaughter of Capt. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- vi. AMOS, b. 19 Oct. 1727 (VR, 118).
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. 10 Dec. 1728 (VR, 120); m. 17 Jun. 1755, JOSEPH SARGENT (VR, 103), son of Samuel and Elizabeth (-----) Sargent, b. at Stow, Mass., 6 Oct. 1732 (VR, 73).
- viii. DAVID, b. 22 Jul. 1730 (VR, 125), d. 10 Nov. 1803; m. 15 Mar. 1757, REBECCA JONES (VR, 198), dau. of Bartholomew and Ruth (Stow) Jones, b. 24 Jul. 1736 (VR, 142), d. 6 Sep. 1823 (*Wheeler Fam.*, 152); she was a descendant of Capt. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Wheeler. Capt. David Wheeler was a lieutenant in Capt. David Browne's company of Concord's Minutemen on the day they fired the "shot heard round the world" (*Wheeler, Climate*, 227).
- ix. MARY, b. 23 Apr. 1732 (VR, 132); m. 22 Jan. 1750, EBENEZER JONES (VR, 176), son of John and Anna (Brooks) Jones, b. 8 Dec. 1726 (VR, 119), a descendant of Capt. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- x. LUCY, b. 5 Nov. 1733 (VR, 137), d. at Stow, Mass., 8 Jan. 1817, age 83 (VR, 236); m. int. at Stow, 16 May 1755, LUKE BROOKS (VR, 121), son of Thomas and Hannah (Dakin) Brooks, b. at Concord, 10 Aug. 1731 (VR, 129), d. at Stow, 17 Jan. 1817, age 85 (VR, 236).
- + 5. xi. WILLIAM, b. 17 Jan. 1734/5 (VR, 136).
- xii. REBECCA, b. say 1737 (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 56).

Child by second wife at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- xiii. JOEL, b. 8 Nov. 1748 (VR, 174), d. at Gardner, Mass., 24 Oct. 1807, 58y., 11m., 16d. (*Vital Records of Gardner, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [1907], 133); m. DORCAS STEARNS (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 62).

5. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> WHEELER (*Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Concord, Mass., 17 January 1734/5 (VR, 136) and was alive in 1790 at New Ipswich, N.H. (*U.S. Census for N.H., 1790*, 52), but was not there in 1800 (*U.S. Census for N.H., 1800*, 103). He married at Concord, 18 January 1763, GRACE WOOD (VR, 215), daughter of Joseph and Grace (Whittemore) Wood, born at Concord, 1 December 1741 (VR, 154), and probably still alive at New Ipswich, N.H., in 1790.



A William Wheeler was among the forty four enlisted at Concord, 20 January 1777 (Shattuck, *Concord*, 355).

On 21 November 1784, William and his wife were recommended to the church at New Ipswich, N.H., upon their dismissal from the one at Concord (Tolman, *Wheeler*, 62). But, he was evidently already a resident of New Ipswich, where his name appeared on a tax list in 1781 (Charles Henry Chandler and Sarah Fiske Lee, *The History of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, 1735-1914, With Genealogical Records of the Principal Families* [Fitchburg, Mass., 1914], 688; hereinafter Chandler, *New Ipswich*).

Children at Concord, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. GRACE<sup>6</sup>, b. 13 Mar. 1765 (VR, 219), d. at New Ipswich, 16 Jul. 1789; m. there, say 1783, JOSEPH FLETCHER (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 415), son of Thomas and Esther (Hoar) Fletcher, b. at New Ipswich, 13 Jun. 1758 (*ibid.*); he m. (2), 16 Mar. 1790, Rachel Walton (*ibid.*); he was a descendant of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler.
- + 6. ii. WILLIAM, b. 24 Aug. 1767 (VR, 225).
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. 22 Feb. 1770 (VR, 229).
- iv. TIMOTHY, b. 21 Sep. 1772 (VR, 234).
- v. SUSANNA, b. 1 May 1775 (VR, 239).
- vi. JOSEPH, b. 20 Jun. 1778 (VR, 247), d. at New Ipswich, 6 May 1859; m. 29 May 1817, RACHEL WILSON (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 689).
- vii. POLLY, b. at New Ipswich, 23 Apr. 1783; m. TIMOTHY WHEELER (*ibid.*).

6. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> WHEELER (*William*<sup>5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Concord, Mass., 24 August 1767 (VR, 225), and died in a barn raising accident at Waitsfield, Vt., 9 May 1821 (Town Clerk, Waitsfield, Vt., *Vital Records*, 24; hereinafter VR). He married first at New Ipswich, N.H., 25 December 1788, ELIZABETH COOK (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 689), born October 1771, and died after a fire consumed her house (*ibid.*) 27 March 1807 (Family Record of Gordon Boyce Wheeler; hereinafter FR). He married second at Waitsfield, Vt., say 1810, LUCY PALMER, daughter of Jonathan and Betsey (Quimby) Palmer (Matt Bushnell Jones, *History of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont 1782-1908, With Family Genealogies*, 508; hereinafter Jones, *Waitsfield*; but Jones incorrectly ascribes Lucy as the wife of William Wheeler, son of her husband), and she married second at Waitsfield, 22 January 1836, Elijah Grandy of Waitsfield (VR, 125).

On 29 December 1795, William Wheeler, being of Windsor, Windsor Co., Vt., bought for £85 lawful money, Lot 81, a 150 acre parcel at Waitsfield, Chittenden Co., Vt., from Stephen Maine, of Hartland, Windsor Co., Vt. On that same day he gave a mortgage to Stephen Maine in the amount of \$283.33 & 1/3¢. plus lawful interest on three notes, \$100.00, payable on 1 March, with interest after that time. Another of the same, payable 1 March 1797, with interest until paid; and the other for \$83.33 & 1/3¢ with interest until paid (Waitsfield, Vt., Land Records, 64; recorded 20 Oct. 1796).

He lived the greater part of his life in Vermont, for a while at Windsor, and then removing to Waitsfield, his home for a considerable time. Tradition and some fire damaged furniture which was brought back to New Ipswich by a son, indicates that Elizabeth lost her life, along with a babe in arms, trying to retrieve some prized possession while fire ravaged her home (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 689).

William was a farmer, and was involved in Waitsfield affairs. He was a member of the Congregational Society of Waitsfield, which was first organized on 27 September 1800. William bid on Pew No. 55, and paid \$20.75 for it. *The History of Waitsfield* shows a pew diagram of the church, with Pew 55 having his name.

Children by first wife in Vermont, surname *Wheeler*:

- i. SAMUEL COOK<sup>7</sup>, b. at Windsor, 17 Jan. 1790 (*Waitsfield VR*, 24), d. at New Ipswich, N.H., 1 Nov. 1872; m. there, 17 Jun. 1813, ABIGAIL WILSON (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 692).  
Children, surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Samuel Wilson*, b. 2 Jul. 1814. 2. *William*, b. 30 Dec. 1815. 3. *Abigail*, b. 1 Sep. 1817. 4. *Mary*, b. 1 Feb. 1820. 5. *Harriet*, b. 4 Apr. 1822. 6. *Sophronia*, b. 25 Sep. 1824, d. 13 Apr. 1825. 7. *Sophronia*, b. 28 Feb. 1826. 8. *Horace*, b. 3 Oct. 1828. 9. *Caroline Elizabeth*, b. 14 Sep. 1830. 10. *Henry Bancroft*, b. 13 Dec. 1833. 11. *Sarah Maria*, b. 16 Jul. 1837. (*ibid.*).
- + 7. ii. WILLIAM, b. at Windsor, 17 Sep. 1791 (*Waitsfield VR*, 24).
- iii. SILAS, b. at Windsor, 11 Sep. 1793 (*ibid.*); m. (1) 10 Mar. 1818, RACHEL CHASE, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Chase, b. ca. 1796, d. 15 Jul. 1841; m. (2) 14 Dec. 1841, TRYPHENA SMITH, dau. of Salah and Mary (Taylor) Smith, b. 1 Mar. 1803 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 694).  
Children (incomplete) surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Sophia*, b. ca. 1818, d. 11 Dec. 1842. 2. *Betsey*, b. ca. 1830, d. 3 Sep. 1853 (*ibid.*).
- iv. TIMOTHY, b. at Windsor, 24 May 1795 (*Waitsfield VR*, 24), d. 5 Feb. 1818 (FR), removed to Indiana (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 689).
- v. MEHETABEL, b. at Waitsfield, Vt., 28 Feb. 1797 (VR, 24), d. 16 May 1866; unm (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 689).
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. at Waitsfield, 12 Sep. 1799 (VR, 24), d. 9 Nov. 1811 (FR).
- vii. DAVID, b. at Waitsfield, 7 Sep. 1801 (VR, 24), d. 17 Jun. 1861 (FR); m. ANNA HOUSE, dau. of Job and Eleanor (Dana) House, b. 24 Mar. 1810, d. 31 Aug. 1872.  
Child surname *Wheeler*: 1. *Juliette*, b. 31 Dec. 1834, d. 31 Jul. 1836 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 694).
- viii. JOSEPH, b. at Waitsfield, 7 May 1803 (VR, 24), d. 29 Dec. 1806 (FR).

Children by second wife at Waitsfield, surname *Wheeler*:

- ix. child, b. say 1812, d. 25 Jul. 1813 (FR).
- x. BETSEY, b. 25 Jul. 1814 (VR, 24).
- xi. ABIGAIL, b. 10 Mar. 1816 (VR, 24), d. 18 May 1860 (FR); m. [NATHANIEL?] WAIT.
- xii. RHODA, b. 15 Apr. 1818 (VR, 24).

7. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> WHEELER (*William*<sup>65</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>43</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>21</sup>) was born at Windsor, Vt., 17 September 1791 (*Waitsfield VR*, 24), and died 9 October 1845. He married at Waitsfield, Vt., 17 August 1818, SOPHIA SMITH (VR), daughter of Moses and Mary (Childs) Smith, born at Waitsfield, 16 September 1801 (VR, 7), and died at Waterbury, Vt., 10 April 1887 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693), aged 85 years, six months, and twenty four days (*Waterbury VR*).

On 28 April 1812, William Wheeler, Junior, of Waitsfield, Jefferson Co., Vt., bought of Benjamin Richardson, for \$260.00, the west half of Lot Eleven in the fifth range of lots, Town of Fayston, Vt., which lot was drawn to the first division of Jeremiah Rust. On the same day, William Wheeler mortgaged the property to Benjamin Richardson for five notes

dated 28 April 1812, one for \$100.00 of grain, due 10 January 1813; one for \$40.00 in wheat, due 1 January 1814; one for \$40.00 of wheat, due 1 January 1815; one for \$40.00 in grain, due 1 January 1816; and the last note, for \$40.00 in grain, due 1 January 1817, all on interest until paid (Fayston, Vt., Land Records, 248; recorded 28 April 1812).

William Wheeler was a volunteer during the War of 1812 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693). With others from Waitsfield, he marched to Burlington, to help repel the British invasion of Plattsburgh in September 1814; however, the contingent, under command of Capt. Matthias Jones, arrived too late for transportation across Lake Champlain (Jones, *Waitsfield*, 78). Sophia received a pension for her husband's service (War of 1812, Pension No. 28558).

Children at Fayston, Vt. (except three), surname *Wheeler*:

- i. (dau.)<sup>8</sup>, b. 1 Jan. 1820, d. 2 Jan. 1820 (FR).
- ii. TIMOTHY, b. 17 Dec. 1820 (FR), d. 11 Jun. 1909 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693).
- iii. MARY, b. 11 Jan. 1823 (FR), d. 2 Dec. 1898 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693).
- iv. DAVID, b. 13 Dec. 1824, d. 2 Aug. 1826, aged 1 y., 7 m., 18 d., bur. at Bragg Hill Cemetery, S. Fayston, Vt. (FR).
- v. LOUISA, b. 18 Feb. 1827 (FR), d. 5 Jun. 1890 (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693).
- vi. MELISSA A., b. 22 Aug. 1829 (FR); m. 8 Jul. 1852, CARLOS BARNARD; resided at Waitsfield, Vt. (Chandler, *New Ipswich*, 693).
- vii. ELIZABETH COOK, b. at Montpelier, Vt., 12 Jan. 1832, d. 27 Dec. 1832, 11m., 14 d. (FR).
- viii. WILLIAM, b. at Montpelier, 13 Jun. 1834, d. 6 May 1855 (FR).
- + 8. ix. JOSEPH SMITH, b. at Montpelier, 25 Nov. 1836 (FR).
- x. (son), b. and d. 2 Dec. 1841 (FR).
- xi. CYRUS WOOD, b. 4 Sep. 1843, d. 30 Apr. 1866 (FR), bur. at S. Duxbury, Vt., "Our Dearest Treasure, God's First Choice" (g.s.).

8. JOSEPH SMITH<sup>8</sup> WHEELER (*William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Montpelier, Vt., 25 November 1836, and died at Waterbury, Vt., 19 March 1896 (FR). He married at Stowe, Vt., 28 March 1865, ELLEN L. FULLER, daughter of Seth Austin and Pamela (Bingham) Fuller, born in 1845, and died at Waterbury, 27 April 1926. Both Joseph and Ellen are buried in Hope Cemetery at Waterbury (FR).

Joseph was a farmer and lumber dealer at Loomis Hill in Waterbury. He had one home there, and a second one on the "Back Road to Waterbury Center", both of which he purchased from his brother Timothy (FR).

Children at Waterbury, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 9. i. STEDMAN CYRUS<sup>9</sup>, b. 1 Mar. 1867.
- ii. LILLIAN H., b. 25 Jan. 1872, d. 21 Nov. 1874 of "Scarletince".

9. (Hon. ) STEDMAN CYRUS<sup>9</sup> WHEELER (*Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Waterbury, Vt., 1 March 1867, and died there 1 June 1953 (VR). He married first at Waterbury, 30 October 1889, MABEL JUDITH GROVER, daughter of George W. and Abbie (Robinson) Grover, born at Waterbury, 13 March 1870, and died there 30 October 1892 (VR). He married second in 1907, Miss EMOGENE POTTLE, of Stowe.

Stedman Wheeler graduated from the Green Mountain Seminary at Waterbury Center, in 1888. He engaged in the lumber business for over forty years, first operating a sawmill and then purchasing one at Colbyville, in 1896.

He served the Town of Waterbury as Selectman, School Director, Lister, Auditor, and was Town Moderator for five years. He was town representative to the Vermont State Legislature in 1920 and 1921 (FR).

Stedman was, very quietly, a private banker for a few young men in Waterbury, who could not obtain bank money to build their homes, and/or to start their businesses.

Children by first wife at Waterbury, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 10. i. ALTON GROVER<sup>10</sup>, b. 28 Mar. 1891.
- + 11. ii. AMY ELIZABETH, b. 15 Apr. 1892.

Child by second wife at Waterbury, surname *Wheeler*:

- iii. ESTHER DORIS, b. 1 Sep. 1908; unm. Graduated Waterbury High School, 1927; graduated University of Vermont, 1931. Taught at Loomis Hill School, near Waterbury, at Waterbury Elementary School, and the Montpelier School. Retired from public school teaching in 1968. Then taught at Eldred School of Vermont State Hospital, Waterbury, and retired from there in 1974.

10. (Hon.) ALTON GROVER<sup>10</sup> WHEELER (*Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Waterbury, Vt., 28 March 1891, and died at Fair Haven, Vt., 29 March 1984 (VR). He married at Waterbury, 20 May 1915, EDITH MAY BOYCE, daughter of Willard Jarius and Elna M. (Robbins) Boyce, born at Waterbury, 18 June 1892, and died at Rutland, Vt., 22 March 1976. Both were buried in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury.

Alton Grover Wheeler graduated from Waterbury High School and in 1914, received his B.S. from Norwich University at Northfield, Vt.,. From 1910 to 1916, he was a member of the Vermont National Guard. He was in the lumber business with his father until 1923. In 1924, he helped found the Pilgrim Plywood Corporation of which he was president from 1942 to 1966.

He served the community in many ways, being a Village Trustee, and President for three years. He was on the School Board for fifteen years, Chairman for several. He was an Officer of, then President of the Waterbury Public Library Association for 48 years.

Alton Wheeler was a Director of the Vermont Associated Industries from 1942 until 1947, during which period he was also a member of the Vermont State Guard; he was a Major. He served on the Montpelier Selective Service Board, No. 12, for sixteen years and represented Waterbury in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1965 to 1968.

Hon. Alton Grover Wheeler was listed in *Who's Who in the East*. For over sixty years, he was extremely active in Masonic affairs. He was a member of Winooski Lodge #49, which he served as Master. He held the following positions and honors in the fraternity: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, 1956-1957; Grand High Priest in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, 1944; in 1957, received the Scottish Rite 33rd degree and also the York Rite Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Edith May Boyce graduated from Waterbury High School, then attended Middlebury College for two years before her marriage. Her father was killed in an automobile

accident about that time, and that was a factor in her return home. She was a fifty year member of the Queen Esther Chapter 7, of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a charter member of the Waterbury Women's Club, of which she was a Past President. An avid reader, she was active in church and women's activities.

Children at Waterbury, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 12. i. EVELYN<sup>11</sup>, b. 30 Sep. 1916.
- + 13. ii. GORDON BOYCE, b. 18 Dec. 1919.

11. AMY ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> WHEELER (*Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Waterbury, Vt., 15 April 1892, and died at Burlington, Vt., 17 February 1962. She married 28 June 1916, MAX GLEASON AYERS, son of Orlo Leroy and Bessie Amanda (-----) Ayers, born at Waterbury, 27 November 1890, and died at Colchester, Vt., 4 November 1980.

Amy graduated from Waterbury High School in 1911, and attended the University of Vermont for two years. She received a certificate to teach Domestic Science and taught at the Essex Junction High School for the three years before her marriage.

Max Ayers also graduated from Waterbury High School. In 1913 he received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Norwich University. He worked for Western Electric Co., in Chicago until 1915, when he returned to join his father in the hardware, plumbing, and heating business, which he continued until 1955. In 1941, he was one of the founders of the Blush Hill Country Club at Waterbury. He was active in the Masonic Order and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont in 1934. He became Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1960.

Children at Montpelier, surname *Ayers*:

- + 14. i. GLEASON WHEELER<sup>11</sup>, b. 18 Aug. 1917.
- + 15. ii. DOROTHY ESTHER, b. 14 Jan. 1923.

12. (HON.) EVELYN<sup>11</sup> WHEELER (*Alton*<sup>10</sup>, *Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Waterbury, Vt., 30 September 1916. She married at Syracuse, N.Y., 15 May 1942, DAVID THEODORE STAGG, son of Howard J. and Aleda (Sedgwick) Stagg, born at Syracuse.

Evelyn graduated from Waterbury High School in 1935, and from Middlebury College in 1939. She taught High School at New Berlin, N.Y., and then at Marcellus, N.Y. During this time she studied psychology in graduate school at Syracuse University. In 1971, she received the first graduate M.A. degree in Communications at the University of Vermont.

During much of WWII the young Stagg family was at Laredo, Tex. After the war, they returned East, living at East Proctor, Vt., for several years. Evelyn was active in community service and taught at Otter Valley Union High School from 1960 to 1966. She then became an instructor at Castleton State College, from which she retired in 1982 as an Associate Professor of English & Communications in the English Department. She served

in various faculty offices at the college, including President of the Faculty Assembly, and Chair of Promotion & Tenure.

Soon after retirement from Castleton State College, Hon. Evelyn (Wheeler) Stagg was elected to the Vermont State Legislature, serving four terms (1983-1991), declining to run for a fifth. She served as Vice-Chair of Health & Welfare, and Chair of the House Education Committee, and as a Commissioner on the National Educational Commission of the States.

She served also in several other capacities for public service, including the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Board, as member and Chairperson, and on the Rutland Board of Mental Health. She was a Justice of the Peace for many years, a Notary Public, and in Castleton, a Trustee of Public Funds.

Evelyn is an avid stamp and coin collector. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*.

David Stagg went to the Pebble Hill School and Central High School in Syracuse. He entered Middlebury College, from which he graduated in 1948, after a delay of four years service in the U.S. Army Air Corps. At Middlebury, he was Captain of the Ski Team and was Downhill Champion of Chile in 1941.

David, a C.L.U., worked for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company as an agent and estate planner, retiring in 1986. He was active in the Rutland Rotary Club for many years and was President in 1965-1966. David was elected President of the Village of Proctor, serving several years in that capacity. He was the first president of the Live-Wire Club of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, and was an active Lightning sailor, and a skier, most of his life.

Children, surname *Stagg*:

- + 16. i. CHRISTIE ALEDA<sup>12</sup>, b. at Syracuse, N.Y., 6 Jan. 1943.
- + 17. ii. BONNIE SEDGWICK, b. at Burlington, Vt., 18 Jan. 1948.
- + 18. iii. CAROL MAY, b. 18 Oct. 1950.

**13. (Col.) GORDON BOYCE<sup>11</sup> WHEELER** (*Alton<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Waterbury, Vt., 18 December 1919. He married at Albany, N.Y., 8 July 1944, **MIRIAM GRACE TIBBITTS**, daughter of William Carl and Julia Marguerite (Verch) Tibbitts, born at Albany, 27 January 1921.

Gordon was valedictorian of the Class of 1937 at Waterbury High School. He obtained a B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Norwich University, having graduated third in his class of 1942. He was listed in *Who's Who in American University Students* in 1942. In 1948 he received his M.S. in Management Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Having received a commission as 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps at Norwich, he was on active duty for four and one half years during World War II, starting in May 1942. He served in staff and command positions at Air Bases training pilots. Major Wheeler at the end of active service, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the Reserves, from which he resigned in 1956.

From 1948 to 1962, Gordon was with the Procter & Gamble Co., and its subsidiary Hines-Park Foods, Inc., first in Cincinnati, responsible for various P&G factory

operations, and then managing operations and planning for the manufacture and development of drug products. At Ithaca, with Hines-Park Foods, he was managing director of the division which franchised the Duncan Hines brand name.

From 1963 to 1984, he was President and CEO of Accounting & Management Systems, Inc., of Ithaca, N.Y., with five other offices in upstate New York, plus a major office at Syracuse. After the business, which primarily served professional accountants, was sold in 1984, he continued for a year as full-time consultant to the buyer. Active in community service for many years, he was elected Trustee of the Village of Cayuga Heights in 1966, and served as such, or as Treasurer, for 29 years. He was a Commissioner of the Bolton Point Water Commission, a five municipality joint venture, for several years, and, for some years, a Director of the A.R.C. Greater Upstate New York Blood Services Center, which served 27 upstate counties.

Miriam graduated from the Albany Academy for Girls in 1939, from Colby Junior College in 1941, and from Russell Sage College in 1947, with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. After Colby, she was executive secretary to the Publicity Director of the Norton Company at Worcester, Mass. In 1942, she transferred to the Behr-Manning Co., a Norton subsidiary, in Troy, N.Y., where she trained field sales representatives. She left Behr-Manning to join the U.S. Naval Reserve. She served almost two years, becoming a WAVE ensign, assigned to BUAER in Washington, D.C.

Miriam was active in the League of Women Voters, and served as vice-president for a term. She was active in several other community service activities, including Co-President of the P.T.A., and years of volunteer work at the Tompkins Community Hospital.

In business with her husband, she was on the Board of Directors, Corporate Secretary, and co-owner of Accounting & Management Systems.

Children, surname *Wheeler*:

- + 19. i. ALAN GORDON BOYCE<sup>12</sup>, b. at Albany, N.Y., 18 Mar. 1948.
- + 20. ii. CONSTANCE EVELYN, b. at Cincinnati, Oh., 15 Oct. 1950.

14. GLEASON WHEELER<sup>11</sup> AYERS (*Amy*<sup>10</sup>, *Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Montpelier, Vt., 18 August 1917. He married at Waterbury, Vt., 22 February 1941, MARION ALICE PRATT, daughter of Archibald Wendell and Stella Ruth (Macomber) Pratt, born at Morristown, Vt., 9 April 1918.

Gleason graduated from Waterbury High School, and in 1940 from Norwich University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for General Electric Co., at Schenectady, N.Y., and Lynn, Mass., from 1940 to 1947, then until 1957, for the Pilgrim Plywood Corporation. From 1957 to 1980, he worked for the Vermont Highway Department and the Vermont Agency of Transportation in a number of engineering capacities. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in both Massachusetts and Vermont. He was active in promulgating a Vermont Licensing Law for Land Surveyors, and is a Licensed Surveyor in Vermont. Gleason has long been involved in singing with men's groups.



Gleason is active in the Masonic Order, and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont in 1985. He was made a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1969, and was Grand Sovereign in 1986.

Marion (Pratt) Ayers graduated from Waterbury High School in 1936 and from Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing in 1939, becoming a Registered Nurse that same year. She worked for the hospital at Windsor, Vt., until her marriage. She returned to nursing in 1960 at the Vermont State Hospital, in General Nursing, and also in Nursing Education. She worked for the Waterbury Home Health Agency from 1967 through 1973. Her last public work and the one she enjoyed the most was that of School Nurse of the North Bennington, Vt., Elementary School through 1979.

Children, except last, at Winchester, Mass., surname *Ayers*:

- + 21. i. GLEASON ROBERT<sup>12</sup>, b. 2 Jan. 1943.
- + 22. ii. RICHARD WENDELL, b. 3 Jun. 1944.
- + 23. iii. BETSEY MARION, b. 9 Jul. 1947.
- + 24. iv. DAVID STEDMAN, b. at Montpelier, Vt., 18 Apr. 1952.

15. DOROTHY ESTHER<sup>11</sup> AYERS (*Amy*<sup>10</sup>, *Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Montpelier, Vt., 14 January 1923. She married first, 5 November 1944, JOHN QUESTUS CASWELL, and they divorced in 1974. She married second, 30 November 1975, ALBERT ALLEN INGALLS.

Dorothy graduated from Waterbury High School, and from Middlebury College with an A.B. degree in 1944.

She lives at Burlington and held various positions at the University of Vermont.

Children by first husband at Clearwater, Fla., surname *Caswell*:

- i. JOHN CRAIG<sup>12</sup>, b. 2 May 1960.
- ii. CHRISTOPHER AYERS, b. 11 Aug. 1961.

16. CHRISTIE ALEDA<sup>12</sup> STAGG (*Evelyn*<sup>11</sup>, *Alton*<sup>10</sup>, *Stedman*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7,6,5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4,3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2,1</sup>) was born at Syracuse, N.Y., 6 January 1943. She married at Proctor, Vt., 21 January 1967, INGRAM CLARENCE AUSTIN III, son of Ingram Clarence and Mildred (Emerson) Austin, Jr., born at Memphis, Tenn., 26 June 1937.

Christie graduated from Proctor High School and in 1965, from Wells College, with a B.A. She received her M.A. from New York University in 1987.

She was a Board member of the Montclair Adult School and edited their Educational Catalog for five years. Since 1986, she has been Alumni Director at the Montclair Kimberly Academy. This, the largest private independent school in New Jersey, was founded in 1887. Christie is a Trustee of the Montclair Educational Fund.

Children, surname *Austin*:

- i. KRISTIN WHEELER<sup>13</sup>, b. at New York City, 26 May 1969.
- ii. DAVID EMERSON, b. at Glen Ridge, N.J., 4 Apr. 1971.



17. **BONNIE SEDGEWICK<sup>12</sup> STAGG** (*Evelyn<sup>11</sup>, Alton<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Burlington, Vt., 18 January 1948. She married first, 20 December 1969, **CHARLES QUIGLEY**, and they divorced in 1976. She married second, 6 October 1979, **WILLIAM MICHLEIN**, and they divorced in 1990.

Bonnie graduated from Proctor High School, and in 1970, from the University of Vermont, with a B.S. in Clothing & Textiles. She received a M.S. in 1973, from Pennsylvania State, in Man/Environmental Relations. She was a competitive skier and in the Eastern Junior Championships during high school. Bonnie is a clothing and textile designer, living at Newport, R.I.

18. **CAROL MAY<sup>12</sup> STAGG** (*Evelyn<sup>11</sup>, Alton<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born 18 October 1950. She married, 4 August 1976, **WILLIAM KEVAN**, son of William John and Lucille (Giguere) Kevan, born 11 November 1937.

Carol (known as Mimi) graduated from Mary Burnham in Northampton, Mass., in 1968 and received her B.S. from the University of Vermont in 1972, and her M.S. in Speech Pathology there in 1973.

Mimi, a very competitive skier, was in the Eastern Junior Championships, and a ski instructor at Killington for many years.

She is the owner and V.P. of a general construction company in the commercial and institutional field. She is also owner of a tavern located in the Railroad Historical Building at Bethel, Vt. She is one of three public members of the Vermont State Board of Medical Practice, the medical licensing body for the State.

Child at Randolph, Vt., surname *Kevan*:

i. **MARA<sup>13</sup>**, b. 29 Apr. 1978.

18. **ALAN GORDON BOYCE<sup>12</sup> WHEELER** (*Gordon<sup>11</sup>, Alton<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Albany, N.Y., 18 March 1948. He married first at Ithaca, N.Y., 20 November 1971, **JUDITH BOTTS**, and they divorced in October 1983. Alan married second at Ithaca, 6 June 1987, **SUSAN AINSLEE**; they divorced in May 1992.

Alan graduated from Ithaca High School in 1966, and obtained a B.A. at Norwich University in 1970. In high school he was a competitive skier, being Western New York Giant Slalom Champion in 1965, and he was a very successful STAR sailor. These sports remain active for him. At Norwich he was a member of the Mountain Rescue Team and participated in several rescues.

Alan was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army at Norwich, but could not serve on active duty because of a near fatal accident not long after graduation.

He was in business with his father for eleven years, leaving to start his own computer business. Later he was in the general contracting business at Ithaca for several years, building large private homes.

Children by first wife at Utica, N.Y., surname *Wheeler*:

i. **MEAGAN<sup>13</sup>**, b. 7 Jan. 1974.

ii. **SETH ALTON**, b. 29 Nov. 1976.

19. **CONSTANCE EVELYN<sup>12</sup> WHEELER** (*Gordon<sup>11</sup>, Alton<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, 15 October 1950. She married first, 8 May 1970, **BRIAN ROACH**, and they divorced in 1976. She married second at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., 29 July 1979, **CURTIS SAUER**, son of Col. Richard LeRoy Sauer, USAF (Ret.) and his wife Virginia May (Henbest) Sauer.

Now known as Connor, she graduated from Ithaca High School in 1968 and attended the University of Vermont for two years. In high school she was a competitive skier, being New York State Downhill Champion in 1967. She was in the Eastern Junior Championships in 1968.

After college she started her studies of religions and the environment. She spent three months in India and Tibet, studying the religions, the cultures, and the outdoors, doing climbing with a Sherpa. She was a co-organizer of the first all-female rafting trip on the Colorado River through the complete 225 miles of the Grand Canyon, with her mother being one of the participants. Connor is involved in environmental and women's issues and activities in the State of Washington and American Indian issues nationally. She is the founder of "Clean Air Now" in Port Angeles. She travels and works with communities in the creative arts of drumming, singing, and dancing, in Canada and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

Child at Flagstaff, Ariz., surname *Sauer*:

- i. **RICHARD DAMIAN<sup>13</sup>**, b. 12 Sep. 1983.

21. **GLEASON ROBERT<sup>12</sup> AYERS** (*Gleason<sup>11</sup>, Amy<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Winchester, Mass., 2 January 1943. He married at North Hero, Vt., 18 July 1964, **JUDITH VANTINE**, daughter of Walter John and Emily (Hayford) Vantine.

Robert graduated from Waterbury High School in 1960, and from Norwich University in 1964, with a B.A. in English. He received a M.A. in Liberal Studies in 1970 from Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn.

From September 1964 to 1968, he taught in high schools at Woodbury, Conn. Since then he has taught in the Burlington, Vt., junior and senior high schools. He is very active in church affairs, and is an avid photographer.

Children surname *Ayers*:

- i. **BETHANY JUDITH<sup>13</sup>**, b. 10 Feb. 1966; m. 27 Aug. 1988, **DAVID CHRISTOPHER GOSS**.
- ii. **KIMBERLY AMY**, b. 14 Jan. 1969.
- iii. **JEREMY ROBERT**, b. 3 Dec. 1974.

22. **RICHARD WENDELL<sup>12</sup> AYERS** (*Gleason<sup>11</sup>, Amy<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Winchester, Mass., 3 June 1944. He married at Southbury, Conn., 31 August 1968, **MINA KATHRYN LIMOUZE**, daughter of Charles Andersen and Grace (Nichols) Limouze.

Richard graduated from Waterbury High School in 1953, and from Norwich University, with a B.S. in Math Education. He received a M.A., and a Ph. D. in Educational Administration from the University of Colorado in 1975 and 1985, respectively.

He taught high school math in Southbury, Conn., for a year, then served two years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a lieutenant. He taught at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, then served a tour in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star there.

From 1970 to 1990, he taught and served as Principal of secondary schools in Colorado and New Hampshire. In 1990 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Laconia, N.H.

Richard is an adjunct professor at the University of New Hampshire. There he has been involved with state educational agencies, publishing articles, and serving on boards. He is active in community service organizations.

Children at Denver, surname *Ayers*:

- i. ERIKA KATHRYN<sup>13</sup>, b. 6 Nov. 1975.
- ii. BENJAMIN RICHARD, b. 9 Dec. 1976.

**23. BETSEY MARION<sup>12</sup> AYERS** (*Gleason<sup>11</sup>, Amy<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Winchester, Mass., 9 July 1947. She married first at Waterbury, Vt., 22 February 1969, **BURTON D. GUILD**, and they were divorced 23 March 1979. She married second at Waterbury, 7 August 1983, **ANDREW MARK SHAPIRO**, son of Gilbert and Irene Shapiro, born at New York City in the Bronx, 18 October 1957.

Betsey graduated from Waterbury High School in 1966, and attended Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. She later enrolled in the Community College of Vermont.

Andrew Shapiro is Professor of Music at Johnson State College, Johnson, Vt.

Children by second husband, surname *Shapiro*:

- i. EMILY ELIZABETH<sup>13</sup>, b. 19 Jun. 1987.
- ii. CHRISTOPHER MAX, b. 20 Sep. 1989.

**24. DAVID STEDMAN<sup>12</sup> AYERS** (*Gleason<sup>11</sup>, Amy<sup>10</sup>, Stedman<sup>9</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7,6,5</sup>, Timothy<sup>4,3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2,1</sup>*) was born at Montpelier, Vt., 18 April 1952. He married at Charlotte, Vt., 14 July 1984, **ELIZABETH NICKERSON**, daughter of Hollis Windsor and Helvie (Honkahleto) Nickerson, Jr.

David graduated from Harwood Union High School in 1970, and from Norwich University in 1974, with a B.S. degree.

He worked for Pizzagalli Construction Co., from 1977 to 1987. During this period he worked on various construction projects, some in the U.S. Virgin Islands. From 1987 to 1989, he worked at Abington Constructors of Portsmouth, N.H.

In 1989, David started a new company, Ayers Associates, which provides estimating consulting services and data bases to contractors. In 1991 he released data bases for Timberline estimating software that are sold nationally to contractors.

Child surname *Ayers*:

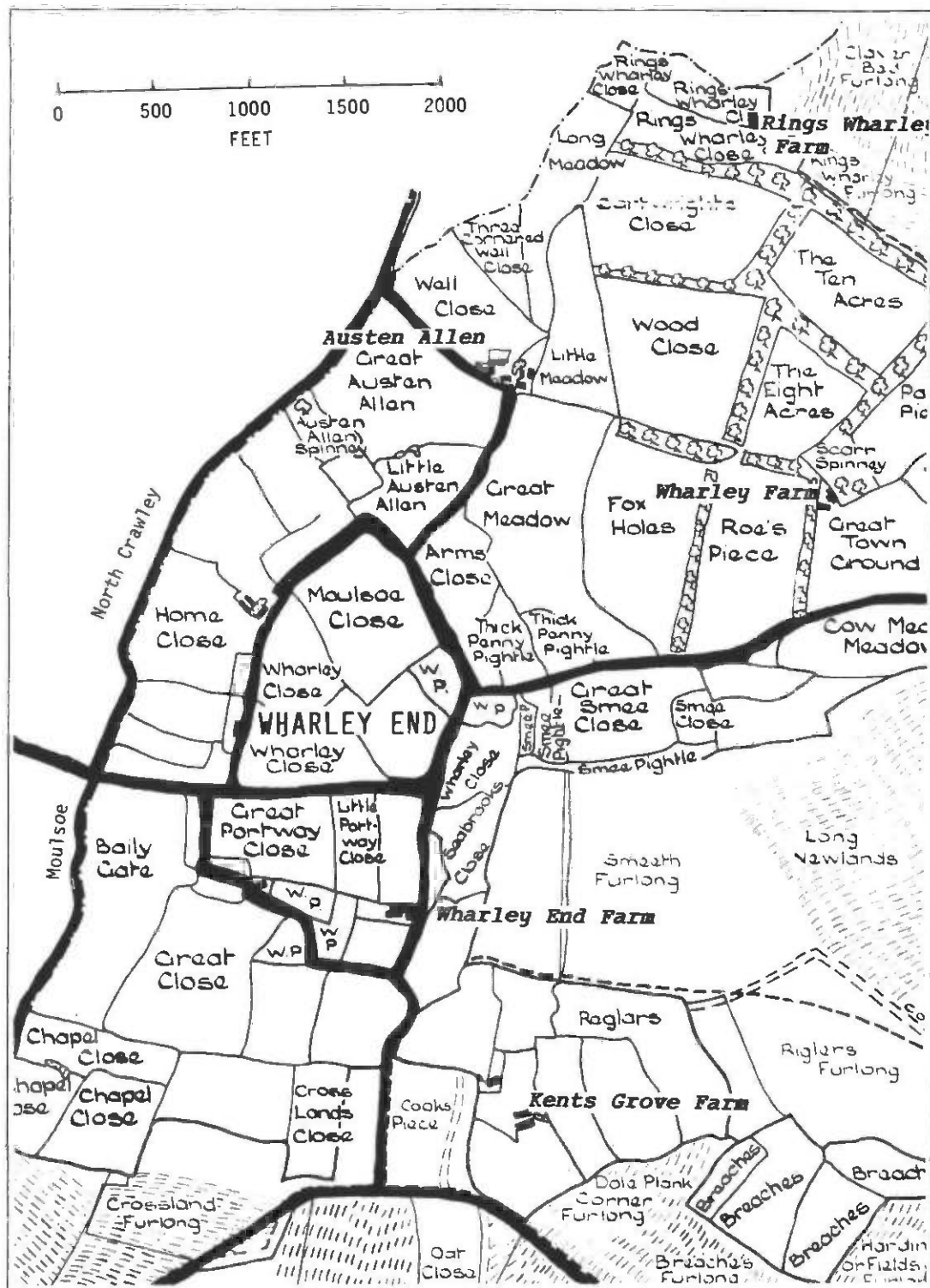
- i. SARA ELIZABETH<sup>13</sup>, b. 14 Sep. 1986.

## APPENDIX

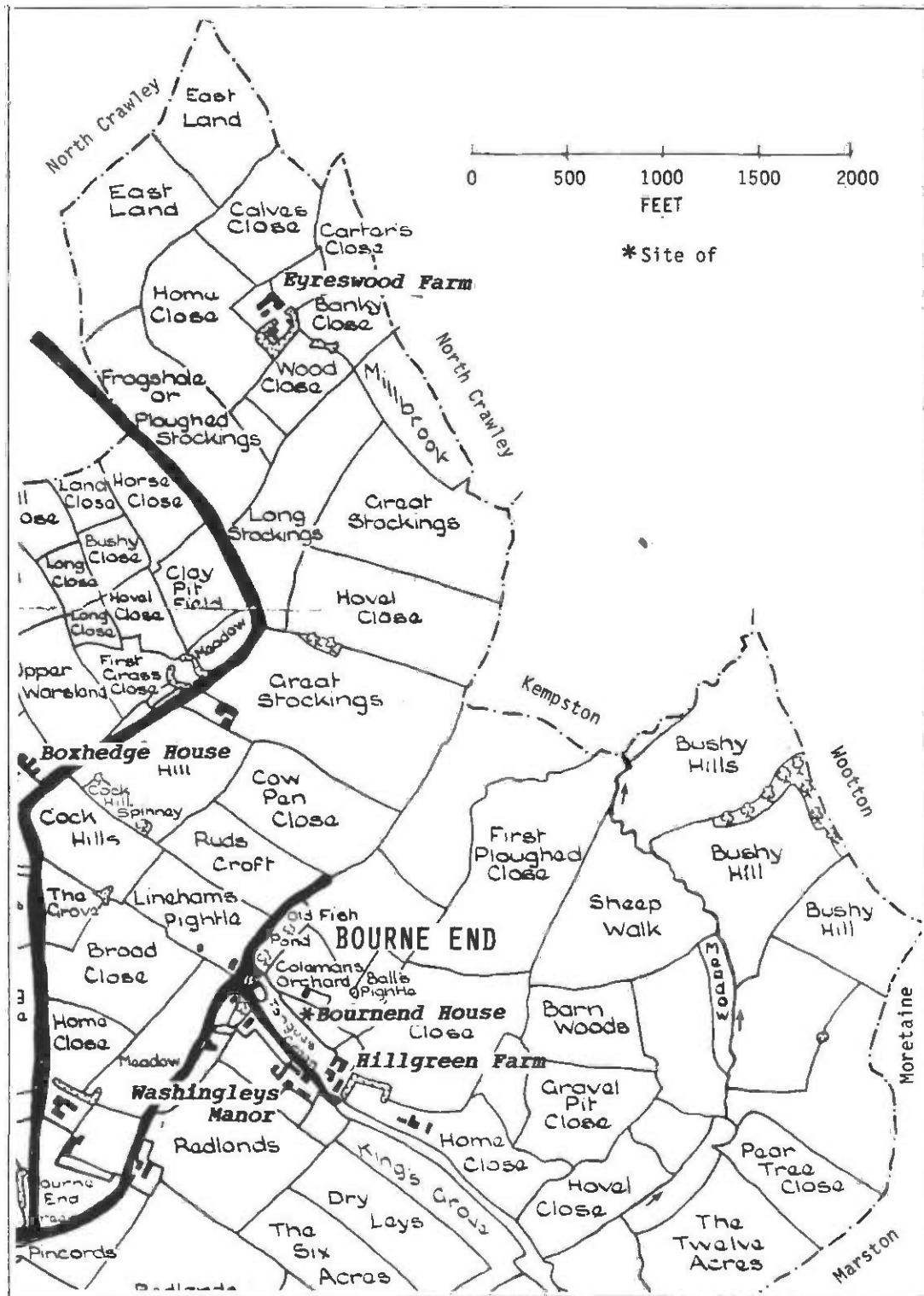
The following are included in this Appendix

1. Map of Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Parishes About Cranfield.
2. Map of Wharley End, Cranfield, Beds.
3. Map of Bourne End, Cranfield, Beds.
4. Picture of Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Cranfield, Beds.
5. Map, Early Wheeler Family Homes, Colonial Concord, Mass.
6. Picture of a George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler Home, Concord, Mass.
7. Picture of John<sup>3</sup> Wheeler Home, Virginia Road, Concord, Mass.
8. Photo of Timothy<sup>3</sup> Wheeler Home, Virginia Road, Concord, Mass.
9. Map of Waitsfield, Vt.
10. Photo, William<sup>6</sup> Wheeler's land, Palmer Hill Road, Waitsfield, Vt.
11. Photo, William<sup>7</sup> Wheeler's land, Bragg Hill Road, Fayston, Vt.
12. Photo, William<sup>7</sup> Wheeler's home, Lower State St., Montpelier, Vt.
13. Photo, Joseph<sup>8</sup> Wheeler's land, Loomis Hill, Waterbury, Vt.
14. Photo, Stedman<sup>9</sup> Wheeler's 1st home, Guptil Rd., Waterbury Ctr., Vt.

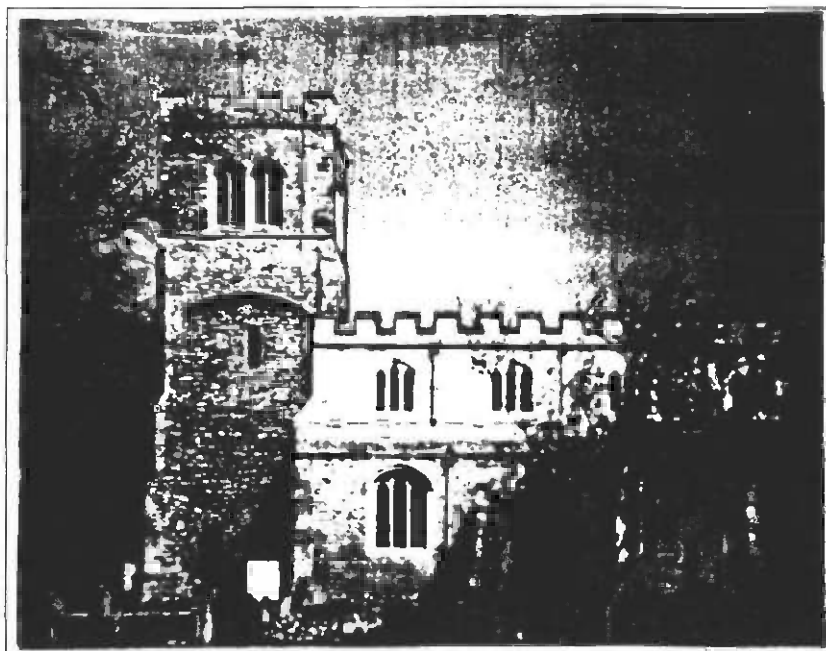




2. Wharley End, Cranfield, Bedfordshire



3. Bourne End, Cranfield, Bedfordshire



4. Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church, Cranfield, Beds.

The Parish Church on Court Street in Cranfield, has its origins in the 12th century, with portions added through the 15th century. During the 1860's, it was restored by T. C. Hines.

The Wheelers attended this church before coming to America in 1638 and 1639. One of the family, who remained at Cranfield, Rev. William Wheeler, was the rector here before leaving it to found the Cranfield Baptist Church in 1662. Rev. Wheeler was a friend of John Bunyan, who most likely preached at Cranfield.

General George Washington's niece, Lydia Hallworth, is buried here in the churchyard; she died 4 November 1863, aged 83.

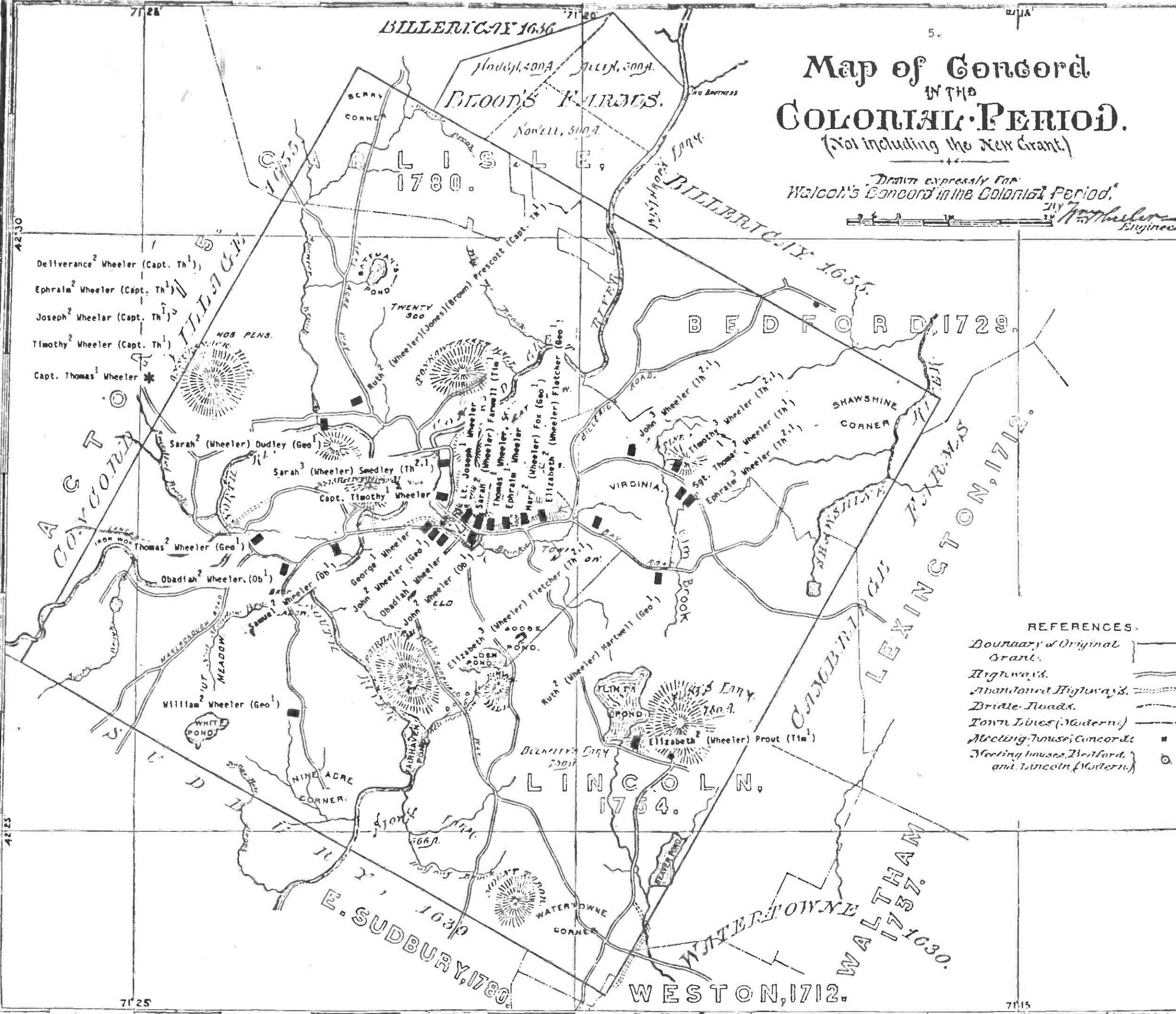
In 1938, William White of Philadelphia, to remember his ancestors from Cranfield, replaced the original baptismal font in the church.



# Map of Concord IN THE COLONIAL PERIOD. (Not including the New Grant.)

Drawn expressly for  
Walcott's Concord in the Colonial Period.

July 7, 1895  
H. H. Walcott  
Engineer.



## REFERENCES.

- Boundary of Original Grant. [Symbol: Dashed line]
- Highways. [Symbol: Solid line]
- Abandoned Highways. [Symbol: Dotted line]
- Bridle Roads. [Symbol: Thin solid line]
- Town Lines (Modern). [Symbol: Thick solid line]
- Meeting House, Concord. [Symbol: Square with cross]
- Meeting houses, Bedford and Lincoln (Modern). [Symbol: Circle with cross]





6. A Home of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler at Concord, Mass.

George Wheeler bequeathed his "mansion dwelling house" to his sons Thomas and John in his 1687 will. That would refer to a different house than the one depicted above, however. George Wheeler sold this one to Jonathan Prescott before 1680.

Jonathan Prescott's third wife, Lieut. Joseph<sup>1</sup> Wheeler's daughter, Rebecca (Wheeler) (Bulkeley) Prescott, lived here. After she died in 1717/8, Jonathan Prescott married his fourth wife, daughter of Capt. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Wheeler, Ruth (Wheeler) (Jones) (Browne) Prescott.

Originally this house was built for the Rev. John Jones, who removed to Fairfield, Conn., in 1644.

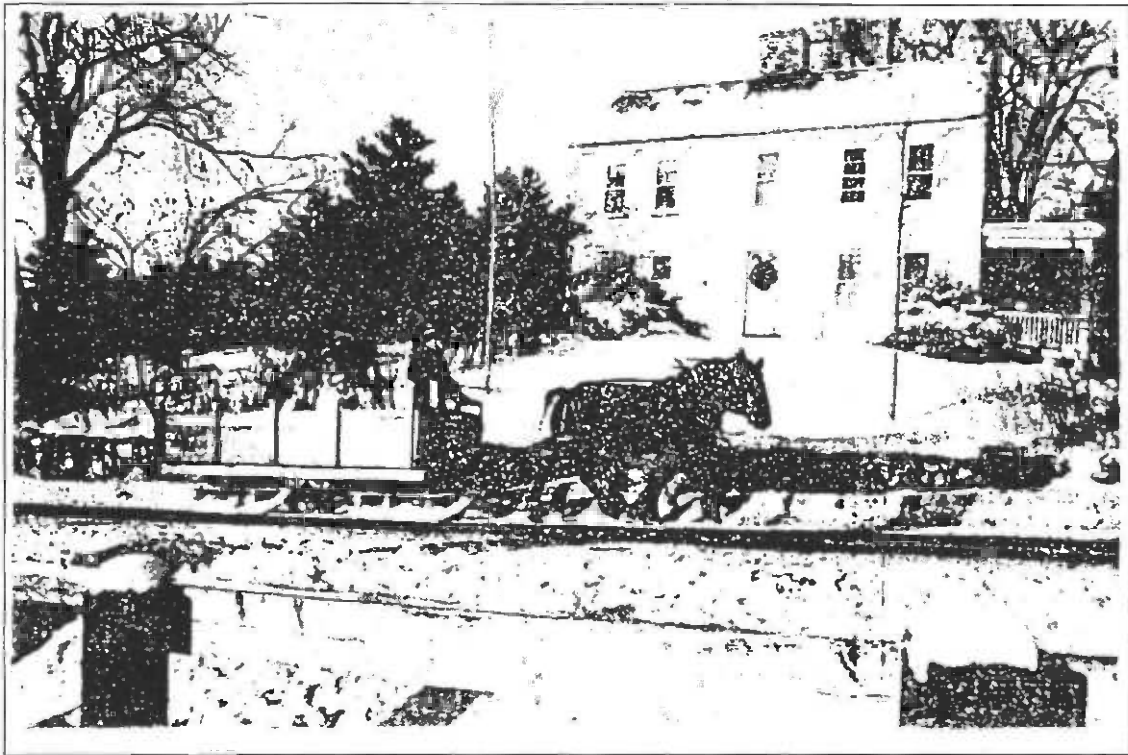
Henry Wilder made this drawing in 1801.



7. Home of John<sup>3</sup> Wheeler, Virginia Road, Concord, Mass.

Henry David Thoreau was born in this house which originally belonged to Sgt. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Wheeler's son John. It was the home of Thoreau's mother following her mother's second marriage to Capt. Jonas Minot. Jonas Minot was a grandson of Capt. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Wheeler's daughter Rebecca, and also of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler's granddaughter Thankful.

Thus, while Henry David Thoreau was not descended from the Wheeler's, his mother's stepfather descended from two of Concord's earliest Wheeler families, and grew up in the house of a third.



(News Photo by Rick Sennett, *The Middlesex News* [Wed., Dec. 24, 1990], 10A)

#### 8. Home of Timothy<sup>3</sup> Wheeler, Virginia Road, Concord, Mass.

Built as a wedding present by Timothy's father, Sgt. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Wheeler, this house stands at 477 Virginia Road. The house, Pine Hill behind it, the barn, and Elm Brook, have changed little since Timothy and his wife Lydia, granddaughter of George<sup>1</sup> Wheeler, were the first inhabitants, even surviving a fire that destroyed the east wing of the house. Over the years it has been the home of a number of Concord families, including the Merriams. Known as Pine Hill Farm for a time, it is more recently Elm Brook Farm.

The 1692 deed described the location as being across the street from Sgt. Thomas Wheeler's dwelling house, which was situated to the west.

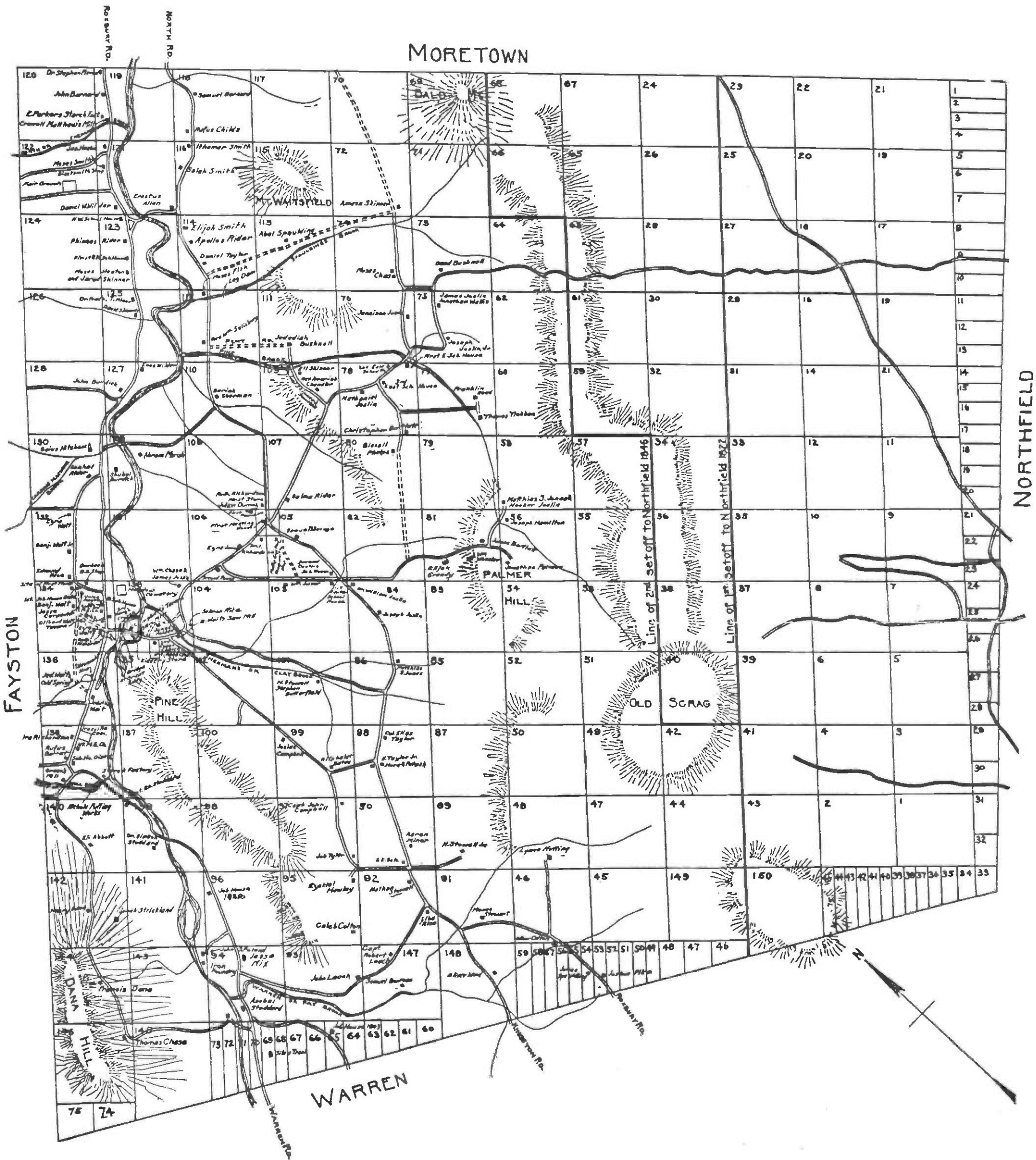


9. MAP OF WAITSFIELD, VT.

Showing lot lines, streams, roads,  
residences of early settlers and  
location of public buildings.

Roads shown 

Discontinued roads ==









10. Land of William<sup>6</sup> Wheeler, Waittsfield, Vt.  
This is the probable location of William Wheeler's cabin on Palmer Hill Road.





11. Land of William<sup>7</sup> Wheeler, Bragg Hill Rd. Fayston, Vt.  
View westward from cabin location; lived here just a few years.



12. Home of William<sup>7</sup> Wheeler, Lower State St., Montpelier, Vt.  
Joseph<sup>8</sup> Wheeler was born here.







13. Home Location of Joseph<sup>8</sup> Wheeler, Loomis Hill, Waterbury, Vt.  
Stedman<sup>9</sup> Wheeler born here; Mt. Mansfield to the northwest.



14. First Home of Stedman<sup>9</sup> Wheeler, Guptil Road, Waterbury Center, Vt.  
Alton<sup>10</sup> and Amy<sup>10</sup> Wheeler were born here.



- AINSLEE, Susan, 33  
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