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AT the anniversary meeting of the Coffin family at Nantucket in 1881 a committee on genealogy was appointed. Nothing has yet been heard from the committee, and probably nothing ever will be heard from it. Meanwhile I have made such extensive gatherings concerning the branch of the family which remained at Newbury, that I have determined to print them for preservation, and as a help to him who shall ever undertake a complete genealogy of the family. I will not assert that this record is free from mistakes, but they certainly are very few indeed. I have had the benefit of an examination of the papers of the late Joshua Coffin, which helped me much. From the papers of the late Thomas Coffin Amory I have also learned some facts relating to the Boston branch, but not so many as I had hoped.

FIVE GENERATIONS

OF DESCENDANTS OF

TRISTRAM COFFIN

OF NEWBURY AND NANTUCKET

IN THE LINE OF HIS SON

TRISTRAM COFFIN

OF NEWBURY.

THE COFFINS OF NEWBURY are traced back to

NICHOLAS COFFIN of Brixton, Devonshire, England, who died in 1613; his son

PETER COFFIN of Brixton married Joan Thumber or Thumber, and died in 1627-8; she came to New England with her son, and died at Boston 30 May 1661; their son

TRISTRAM COFFIN was probably born at Brixton about 1605, married Dionis, daughter of Robert Stevens of Brixton, came to New England in 1642, was successively of Haverhill, Newbury, Salisbury and Nantucket, where he died 2 October 1681; his son, the second of five who left families,

I. TRISTRAM COFFIN was probably born at Brixton about 1632; married at Newbury 2 March 1653, Judith, daughter of Edmund Greenleaf, widow of Henry Somerby; was Deacon and Representative from Newbury; died at Newbury 4 February 1704; she died 15 December 1705; their children, born at Newbury, were

- i. Judith, b. 4 December, 1653; m. 19 November, 1674, John Sanborn of Hampton, who d. 10 November, 1723.
- ii. Deborah, b. 10 November, 1655; m. 31 October, 1677, Joseph Knight of Newbury, who d. 29 January, 1723.
- iii. Mary, b. 12 November, 1657; m. 31 October, 1677, Joseph Little of Newbury; d. 28 November, 1725; he d. 27 January, 1737.
- iv. James, b. 22 April, 1659. 2
- v. John, b. 8 September, 1660; d. 13 May, 1677.
- vi. Lydia, b. 22 April, 1662; m. Moses Little of Newbury, who d. 8 March, 1691, and she m. 18 March, 1695, John Pike of Newbury, who d. 13 August, 1714.
- vii. Enoch, b. 21 January, 1664; d. 12 November 1675.
- viii. Stephen, b. 18 August, 1665. 3
- ix. Peter, b. 27 July, 1667. 4
- x. Nathaniel, b. 26 March, 1669. 5

SECOND GENERATION.

2. II. JAMES COFFIN, b. at Newbury 22 April, 1659; m. 16 November 1685, Florence, daughter of Horace Hook of Newbury; d. 4 March 1736; she d. 6 June, 1712. Children, b. at Newbury:

- i. Judith, b. 7 October, 1686; m. 11 December, 1707, Parker Noyes of Newbury, who d. soon, and she m. 11 February, 1710, Eliphail Coffin of Exeter, N. H., who d. 16 August, 1736, and she m. 11 March, 1742, Nathaniel Gilman of Exeter.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. 29 August, 1721, Joseph Rowell.
- iii. Sarah, b. 20 August, 1689; m. in 1713 James Noyes of Newbury.
- iv. Mary, b. 18 January, 1691; m. 24 January, 1712, Henry Jaques of Newbury.
- v. Lydia, b. in 1692; m. 28 March, 1717, Samuel Todd of Rowley; d. 7 February, 1720; he d. in 1741.
- vi. Tristram, b. 14 October, 1694; m. 17 November, 1715, Martha Cheney; was Deacon; d. 19 May, 1775.
- vii. Daniel, b. 10 May, 1696. 6
- viii. Eleanor, b. 16 May, 1698; m. 19 July, 1722, Timothy Tappan of Newbury; d. 25 July, 1749; he d. 2 September? 1796.
- ix. Joanna, b. 2 May, 1701; m. 3 March, 1725, Makepeace Horton, (James? b. and d. 1 January, 1706,
(Florence? b. and d. 1 January, 1706.

3. II. STEPHEN COFFIN, b. at Newbury 18 August, 1665; m. 8 October, 1685, Sarah, daughter of John Atkinson of Newbury; d. 31 August, 1725; she d. 20 January, 1725. Children:

- i. Sarah, b. at Haverhill 16 May, 1686; m. 4 February, 1707, Joshua Bailey; d. 20 November, 1768.
- ii. Tristram, b. at Haverhill 14 January, 1688; d. 9 March, 1688.
- iii. Tristram, b. at Haverhill 6 March, 1689; d. at Newbury 23 January, 1718.
- iv. Lydia, b. at Haverhill 21 July, 1691; m. 18 November, 1715, Richard Carr of Salisbury.
- v. Judith, b. at Haverhill 23 February, 1693; m. 7 June, 1714, Nathaniel Greenleaf of Newbury, who d. 19 December, 1775.
- vi. John, b. at Haverhill 20 January, 1695. 7
- vii. Abigail, b. at Newbury 25 September, 1696; m. Robert Morgan; d. in 1777.
- viii. Stephen, b. at Newbury in 1698. 8
- ix. Daniel, b. at Newbury 19 September, 1700. 9
- x. Abner, b. at Newbury 29 April, 1702. 10
- xi. Mary, b. at Newbury 26 September, 1704; d. 18 January, 1717.
- xii. Joseph, b. at Newbury 26 December, 1706. 11
- xiii. Benjamin, b. at Newbury 14 June, 1710. 12

4. II. PETER COFFIN, b. at Newbury 27 July, 1667; m. Apphia, daughter of Richard Dole of Newbury; d. at Newbury 19 January, 1747; she d. 14 April, 1725. Children:

- i. Hannah, b. at Gloucester 3 March, 1691; d. 26 February, 1749.
- ii. Judith, b. and d. at Gloucester 29 February, 1692.
- iii. Judith, b. at Newbury 9 October, 1693; m. 2 January, 1717, Samuel Bartlett of Newbury.
- iv. Tristram, b. at Newbury 10 August, 1696. 13
- v. Richard, b. ———; d. at Newbury 22 November, 1709.
- vi. Sarah, b. at Newbury 24 August, 1701; m. 1 January, 1730, William Rip, who d., and she m. 27 October, 1741, Francis Follansbee of Newbury, who d., and she m. 9 August, 1759, Ebenezer Knapp.
- vii. Apphia, b. at Newbury 4 September, 1704; d. 14 July, 1706.
- viii. Apphia, b. at Newbury 9 May, 1707; m. 20 May, 1725, Benjamin Jaques of Newbury.

5. II. NATHANIEL COFFIN, b. at Newbury 26 March, 1669; m. 29 March, 1693, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Brocklebank of Rowley, widow of Henry Dole of Newbury; was Town Clerk, Deacon, Representative, and Councillor 1730; d. 20 February, 1749; she d. 20 April, 1750. Children, b. at Newbury:

- i. John, b. 1 January, 1694. 14
- ii. Enoch, b. 7 February, 1696. 15
- iii. Apphia, b. 9 June, 1698; d. 8 October, 1715.
- iv. Brocklebank Samuel, b. 24 August, 1700; A.B., Harvard College, 1718; Rev., d. 14 June, 1727.
- v. Joseph, b. 30 December, 1702. 16
- vi. Jane, b. 5 August, 1705; m. 2 November, 1727, John Webster of Newbury; d. 10 May, 1783.
- vii. Edmund, b. 19 March, 1708. 17
- viii. Moses, b. 2 June, 1711. 18

THIRD GENERATION.

6. III. DANIEL COFFIN, b. at Newbury 10 May, 1696; m. 15 July, 1725, Rebecca Bartlett; was Deacon; d. 4 June, 1784. Children, b. at Newbury:

- i. James, b. 16 April, 1726; prob. d. y.
- ii. Daniel, b. 15 May, 1728; prob. d. y.
- iii. William, b. 15 May, 1730. 19
- iv. Mary, b. 19 February, 1732; m. 10 December, 1761, Jonathan Ropes of Salem; d. 11 November, 1774; he d. in January, 1799.
- v. Elizabeth, b. 16 December, 1733; m. 3 January, 1760, Isaac Johnson; d. 15 December, 1772.
- vi. Tristram, b. in 1735; prob. d. y.
- vii. Judith, b. ———; prob. d. y.
- viii. Rebecca, b. in 1741; prob. d. y.

7. III. JOHN COFFIN, b. at Haverhill 20 January, 1695; m. in 1718, Anna Ordway, who d. 1 November, 1725, and he m. 28 April, 1726, Hannah Cheney; d. at Newbury 19 November, 1764; she d. 22 September, 1775. Children, b. at Newbury:

- i. Mary, b. 4 February, 1721; d. 19 March, 1736.
- ii. Anna, b. 7 February, 1723; m. 22 January, 1741, Robert Sargent of Amesbury.
- iii. Sarah, b. 23 March, 1725; m. 27 October, 1742, Oliver Knight.
- iv. Duston, b. 4 August, 1727; d. 8 September, 1728.
- v. John, b. 6 August, 1729; d. 14 March, 1736.
- vi. Hezekiah, b. 7 May, 1733; d. 9 March, 1736.
- vii. Enoch, b. 7 January, 1736; d. 4 March, 1736.
- viii. Eliphalet, b. 8 September, 1738. 20

8. III. STEPHEN COFFIN, b. at Newbury in 1698; m. 16 August, 1722, Sarah, daughter of Offin Boardman of Salisbury; d. in 1734; she d. at Salisbury 23 July, 1739. Children, b. at Newbury:

- i. Amos, b. 26 June, 1723. 21
- ii. Sarah, b. 1 April, 1725; m. George Massey, who d., and she m. in January, 1765, James O. Driver? Divier.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 26 October, 1726; m. Joseph March; d. 28 November, 1760.
- iv. Mary, b. 7 July, 1728; d. at Salisbury 23 November, 1735.
- v. Stephen, b. 30 August, 1730. 22
- vi. Margaret, b. 11 July, 1732; d. 11 February, 1733.
- vii. John, b. 4 November, 1734; d. at Salisbury 15 January, 1754.

9. III. DANIEL COFFIN, b. at Newbury 19 September, 1700; m. 11 January, 1727, Lydia Moulton of Hampton, N. H. Children:

- i. Lydia, b. at Newbury 10 December, 1727; m. Sterling Sargent of Amesbury.
- ii. Stephen, b. at Newbury 6 August, 1729. 23
- iii. Simeon, b. at Newbury 17 October, 1731. 24
- iv. Mary, b. at Newbury 28 January, 1734; m. John Knight of Berwick.
- v. Daniel, b. at Newbury 17 August, 1737. 25
- vi. Isaac, b. at Newbury 26 February, 1739.
- vii. Peter, b. at? Haverhill.
- viii. Sarah, b. at? Haverhill ———; m. Valentine Shaw of Chester, N. H.

10. III. ABNER COFFIN, b. at Newbury 29 April, 1702; m. 10 December, 1725, Mary, daughter of Thomas Rawlings of Stratham, N. H. Children:

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| i. Abigail, b. at *——— 7 May, 1726; m. John Fernald of Portsmouth, N. H. | |
| ii. Lydia, b. at ——; d. y. | |
| iii. Lydia, b. at —— 25 January, 1729; m. Josiah Dergon of Durham, N. H. | |
| iv. Mary, b. at —— 18 October, 1730; m. Benjamin York of Newmarket, N. H. | |
| v. Rachel, b. at —— 9 October, 1732; m. at Newbury 30 September, 1756, Samuel Bartlett. | |
| vi. Phebe, b. at —— in July, 1734; m. at Newbury 7 April, 1757, Moses Merrill. | |
| vii. Dorcas, b. at —— 20 October, 1735; d. 7 February, 1760. | |
| viii. Abner, b. at —— 25 April, 1738; m. Keziah Cromwell of Dover, N. H. | |
| ix. Stephen, b. at ——; d. y. | |
| x. Sarah, b. at —— 7 May, 1740; m. John Dill of No. Yarmouth. | |
| xi. Catherine, b. at —— 25 November, 1742; m. Edmund Chapman of Newmarket, N. H., who d., and she m. —— Rogers. | |
| xii. Stephen, b. at —— 6 June, 1744. | 26 |
| xiii. Thomas, b. at ——; d. y. | |
| xiv. Thomas, b. at —— 17 August, 1748. | 27 |

11. III. JOSEPH COFFIN, b. at Newbury 26 December, 1706; m. in 1729, Elizabeth Collins of Salisbury, who d. 2 October, 1749, and he m. 13 February, 1750, Olive Fowler; d. 23 November, 1758; she m. 1 March, 1763, Joseph Rowell. Children, b. at Newbury:

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| i. Joseph, b. 25 March, 1730. | 28 |
| ii. Elizabeth, b. 20 November, 1731; m. 29 June, 1749, Joseph Smith. | |
| iii. Tristram, b. 5 September, 1733. | 29 |
| iv. John, b. 5 September, 1735; d. 5 September, 1756. | |
| v. Sarah, b. 26 January, 1737; d. 18 February, 1737. | |
| vi. Abel, b. 30 September, 1741. | 30 |
| vii. Mary, b. 16 September, 1743; d. 26 September, 1743. | |
| viii. Eunice, b. 23 August, 1744; m. 26 January, 1766, Joseph Pillsbury. | |
| ix. Michael, b. 10 May, 1746; d. in 1765. | |
| x. Enoch, b. 13 September, 1748. | 31 |
| xi. Samuel, b. 19 January, 1751. | 32 |
| xii. Olive, b. 28 June, 1752. | |
| xiii. Henry, b. 9 April, 1754. | |
| xiv. Lemuel, b. 20 November, 1755. | 33 |
| xv. John, b. 12 August, 1757. | 34 |

* Some or all of these children may have been born at Newmarket, N. H., of which the early records are lost.