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### SHAW

Abraham Shaw m Bridget Best  
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John Shaw m Alice Phillips  
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Benjamin Shaw m Hannah Bicknell  
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Deacon Jonathan Shaw m Mercy Mason  
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Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall  
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Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams  
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Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—ABRAHAM SHAW was married June 24, 1616 in Halifax, Yorkshire, England to Bridget the daughter of Henry Best of Ovenden who was baptized there April 9, 1592. Abraham resided in the village of Northowram in Halifax. The baptisms of his children are given in the church records there as follows:— Joseph, Mch. 14, 1618; Grace, Aug. 15, 1621; Martha, Dec. 1, 1623; Maria, June 18, 1626; John, Feb. 16, 1628; John, May 23, 1630; Martha, Jan. 6, 1632. The burials of his dau. Martha on Mch. 31, 1625 and his son John born 1628, on April 12, 1630 are also recorded in the same church records and while "Shawe" baptisms appear there as early as 1585 his does not seem to be among them.

He is first mentioned in America in the records of Watertown, Mass., where on March 9, 1636/7 he is listed among the freemen but he soon settled in Dedham where he was among the first to subscribe to the Covenant there at the time of incorporation. His home and all its contents were burned in Watertown in October 1636 and he probably removed to Dedham at once for on August 18 of that year he was granted twelve acres of land there between Second River and a lot already owned by him; also in that same year he was appointed one of the men to govern the town, and given liberty to erect a corn mill and sixty acres of land to belong to said mill providing it always remained a water mill. In 1637 he was again appointed to govern the town.

About this time he was granted a hill of ground on the east side of the little river in consideration of his care and pains taken concerning the town's business. He was also granted four acres of swamp land, which on October 10, 1638 he sold to Michael Metcalfe and John Frary. On Sept. 6, 1638 he with Wm. Kingsbury was appointed to inform the Court of Assistants of newcomers admitted to Dedham without a license. The town records mention on 25 of 1 mo. 1639 that he was deceased.

The exact date of his death is not known but he left an undated memorandum of his last wishes which is filed in Suffolk County Wills and which was proven late in 1638.

He spelled his name with a final "e" as the family did in England. His will is as follows:—"Memorandum that if it please Almyghte God to take me to his mercye by death. That it is my minde and will that my estate shall be disposed of as followeth (that is to say) I bequeathe to my soune John, and Martha Shawe, beinge infants ten pounds betweene them, also betweene the aforesaid Martha and Marye I leave as much quicke goods as shal be balance to eight pounds, also to Joseph in some goods twelve pounds as may be thought fitt; further, that Joseph and John shall have my lott att Dedham equally divided between them. Also that all the rest of my estate whatsoever, be divided, proportionate, betweene all my children. Witnessed by Nicolas Biram and Joseph Shawe."

The witnesses were ordered to inventory the estate and it was dated 1638. As no wife was mentioned she without doubt predeceased him.

On Nov. 29, 1639 Joseph and John Shaw sold the lot left them in their father's will to Robert Mason, the court giving the latter permission to purchase.

2—JOHN SHAW son of Abraham and Bridget (Best) Shaw was baptized in Halifax, England May 23, 1630 and died in Weymouth, Mass. September 16, 1704. He married Alice the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Phillips of Weymouth and they were the parents of ten children all born in Weymouth, namely:—Elizabeth 1655, Abraham 1657, Mary 1660, Nicholas 1662, Joseph 1664, Alice 1666, Hannah 1668, Benjamin 1670, Abigail 1672 and Ebenezer 1674.

Very little can be found concerning him and he probably lived a quiet farmer's life.

3—BENJAMIN SHAW son of John and Alice (Phillips) Shaw was born in Weymouth, Mass. June 16, 1670 and died in Taunton now Raynham June 16, 1723. He married Hannah Bicknell born 1675 died May 26, 1724. His will is as follows and is filed in Taunton, Mass:—

In the name of God amen I Benjamin Shaw the Eldest of that name in Taunton in the County of Bristol, in the province of the massachusetts Bay In new England, Being well sensible of my mortalityty;—But of Reasonable good health, and of sound mind and memory Through the goodness of the Blessed God I do make this my last will and Testament, which is as followeth; first I Give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it and Redeemed it with the Blood of his son our Lord Jesus Christ; Secondly I Give and bequeath my Body to the Grave to be Decently buried, By my Executors Herein After named, In hopes of A Joyfull Resurrection: And as for my outward or worldly estate which God of his Goodness hath Given me, I give and Bequeath and Dispose of as followeth; First I give and Bequeath to my Beloved wife hannah Shaw, (after my honest Debts are pay,d and funeral Charges Defrayed) the use and Benefit of the new End of my now Dwelling house, as also the use of my Barn which are now in my Improvement, and the northward End of



that Lott where Thomas Caswell formerly Dwelt, viz so farr southward as to the petition fence & the use of the orchard in said northward end; I Also Give and Bequeath to my said wife, the Improvement of one third part of Those Lands which I have herein after Given to my son,<sup>s</sup> Jonathan Shaw & Ebenezar Shaw as also one quarter part of my moveable estate, I also Give to my said Beloved wife Two Thirds of the Timber and wood that is on the Land as I have herein After Given to my son Samuel Shaw; A that those perticular which are Above Specified as Given to my Beloved wife is to be understood, to be to and for my Beloved wife she Continuing my widow (I also Give and bequeath to my beloved wife and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever all the Gold, and Silver, and paper mony, which shall be mine and in my house unspent att the time of my Decease) Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever viz, my wearing Apparrell, as also all my Land on the southward side of the Great River in said Taunton, and the house which I built for him, near Three mile River in said Taunton, I also Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever The southward End of that Lott where Thomas Caswell formerly Dwelt so farr northward as the petition fence; Also I give to my son Benjamin as Aforesaid, all my Right in the Commons or undivided Lands in said Taunton, as Also one quarter part of my Right in the sawmill which stands on the Iron works River, as Also one quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp as Also one quarter part of my out door moveable Estate, After my wife hath Taken out her share as is Above expressed, These I give to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, He (or such as shall Legally Represent him) paying to his sister my Daughter Susanna Shaw (or such as shall Legally Represent her) fifteen pounds att the Time she Arive to the age of Eighteen years, or If she marry sooner, then att the time of her marriage: Thirdly I give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, all my lands where his house is built, and A peice of Land that Lyes on the north side of the way that Goes over pale Brook to Rock plain, as also Another peice of Land that Lyes on the south side of said way, And They lye on the East side of neck plain plain (so called) Excepting Two Thirds of all the wood & Timber which is on the Lands as I give to my son Samuel Shaw as Afore said, for Two Thirds of said Timber and wood I give to my beloved wife she Continuing my widow, and After my wife, I give said Two Thirds of wood to my Two sons, Jonathan Shaw and Ebenezar Shaw as is hereinafter Expresed; I also Give to my son Samuel Shaw, one quarter part of my Right in the sawmill and one quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable estate, After my beloved wife hath Taken out her share as Afore said, These I give to my son Samuel Shaw and to his heirs and Assigns for ever (excepting the Timber & wood as before expressed) He (or such as shall Legally Represent him) paying to his sister my Daughter Sarah Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent her Thirty pounds when and so soon as she Arive to the

age of eighteen years, or before If she be married sooner, A farther Declaration of my will is that my son Samuel shall If he think fit may Improve the old orchard which was formerly John Caswels, as Also A strap of Lands Eight Rods wide Joyning To Land of Benjamin Halls near my house: viz Eight Rods wide att the Lane, and eight Rods wide att the Great River, said Samuel Shaw to maintain that eight Rods of fence next to the high way Joyning to Benjamin Halls Corner, And my son Samuel Shaw to Improve these Two pecis of Land until my son Ebenezar Shaw Arive to the age of Twenty, and one years If my son Ebenezar Live so long, (or to the Time as he would Arive to that age, If he should not) provided that my son Samuel Shaw shall not Turn Creatures into these pecis of Land Except he be att the Charge to fence them of from other Lands: Fourthly I give and bequath to my Two sons, Jonathan Shaw & Ebenezar Shaw all my other Lands as I have not Desposed off: to them and to their heirs and Assigns for ever After that they Arive to the age of Twenty and one years as and in such order as is herein Exspresed viz, After my son Jonathan Come to the age of Twenty and one years, he to have the Improvement of Two Thirds of his half (excepting Thomas Caswels old orchard so Called) he that is my son Jonathan to have his half of that After his mother my wife;—and his mother haveing the Improvemet of one Third of my son Jonathan's part During her Continuance my widow,: and also I give to my son Ebenezar Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, After he Come of the age of Twenty and one years, The Improvement of Two Thirds of the Rest of my Lands att home, (Except what I have given to my wife she Continuing my widow, viz Thomas Caswels old orchard so Called,) and After my wife my son Jonathan and my son Ebenezar Shaw, to have the whole of my lands att home, viz all Excepting what I have herein Given to my sons, Benjamin Shaw and Samuel Shaw as Afore said And After my wife, my will is that my sons, Jonathan Shaw and Ebenezar Shaw & their heirs and Assigns for Ever that they have The Two Thirds of The Timber and wood that is on the Lands that I have herein given to my son Samuel Shaw as is before Exspresed And that I give to my son Jonathan Shaw, one quarter of my Right in the sawmill Above mentioned, and A quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable Estate, these I give to my sons, Jonathan Shaw; and also to Ebenezar Shaw I give A quarter part of my Right in the Afore said Sawmil, and A quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable Estate viz After their mother hath taken out her share as is Above expressed viz my son Jonathan Shaw and such as shall Legally Represent him, paying to his Sister my Daughter Abigail Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent her, Thirty pounds when she Come to the age of Eighteen years, or If she marry sooner then att the time of her marriage,—And my son Ebenezar Shaw to have what I have willed to him as Aforesaid he or such as shall Legally Represent him paying to his sister my Daughter Susanna Shaw or to such as shall Represent her fifteen pounds when and so soon as shee Arive to the age of

Eighteen years, or when she shall marry, If she marry before she come to that age fifthly I give and bequeath, to my Daughter Hannah hathway and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever, one quarter part of my utentials or household goods, After the Decease of my wife, she viz my Daughter Hannah haveing Already Received her full shear, as to A equall part with her sisters; Sixthly I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Shaw and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever, or such as shall Legally Represent her, Thirty pounds which I have willed that my son Samuel Shaw or his Legall Representative should pay to her as is Above Exspresed as also one quarter part of my utentials After the Decease of her mother my wife; Seventhly I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Abigail Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent Her and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, Thirty pounds which I have willed that my son Jonathan Shaw, or such as shall Legally Represent him, should pay to her As Afore said, I Also Give to my Daughter Abigail Shaw one quarter part of my utentials After the Decease of her mother my wife or to her Legall Representatives; Eighthly I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Susanna Shaw, and her Legall Representatives Thirty pounds, fifteen pounds I have ordered that my son Benjamin Shaw or his Legall Representatives should pay her or such as shall Legally Represent her, as is before expressed, and the other fifteen pounds which I give to my Daughter Susanna Shaw I have ordered and will, that my son Ebenezar Shaw (or such as shall Legally Represent him) should pay her or to such as shall Legally Represent her att such Time as is before Exspresed; ninthly, I do by these presents Declare that my will is that In Case any of my sons should Dye or Decease, & Leave no Children as Heirs Honestly Begotton of their own Bodys, and Those Lands, which I have Herein Given to them not Disposed of by them in their Life Time; In Every such Case the surviving Brethren and such as shall Represent them, shall be equall shareors in those Lands, which I gave to them; or in Case any of my Daughters should Decease, and Leave no Children Born of them and also surviveing; in Every such Case the Liveing sisters my Daughters or such as shall Legally Represent them; (They in their live time not haveing otherways Disposed of that which I gave to them) In every such Case the Liveing of my Daughters and their Legal Representatives shall be Equall sharers in those goods and Legacies which I gave Amongst my Daughters, Tenthly and Lastly I do by these presents nominate and Appoint my True and Loveing wife Hannah Shaw and my Eldest son Benjamin Shaw to be my Joynt Executors of this my Last will and Testament, whom I order and Appoint to pay all my honest Debts, and whom I also Impower to Receive all that is honestly Due to me, and in Testemony that this is my Last will and Testament, I do Revoke and make void and null all other Conveyances whatsoever, And as A farther Testemony that this is my Last will and Testament, I Benjamin Shaw Do and hath hereunto sett my hand and seall This seventh day of march in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred and nineteen twenty and in the sixth year of The Reign of our sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain