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BOWDOIN.

PIERRE BAUDOUIN.

Died: Boston, September 1706.

Will:¹ June 16th 1704; proved July 6th 1719. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

Married: in France, Elizabeth —; born 1643; died Boston, August 18th 1720; will² September 5th 1717, proved September 17th 1720. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

Issue.

1. **James I Bowdoin**, of whom later.
2. **John Bowdoin**, born in France; moved to Northampton Co. Va.; died prior to 1717; left issue male.
3. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born in France; married Thomas Robins; alive in 1747; left issue.
4. **Mary Bowdoin**, born in France; married, August 22d 1708, Stephen Beantineau; alive in 1747; left issue.

Account of Pierre Baudouin.

Pierre Baudouin, accompanied by his wife and four children, fled from France to Ireland, on account of religious

¹ See page 9.

² See page 10.

persecution. In 1686 he came to Casco (now Portland), Maine; 1687, in the summer, petitioned¹ Governor Andros for a grant of 100 acres on Barbary Creek, Casco Bay; 1687 December, petition granted; 1690 May 16th, moved to Boston.

JAMES I BOWDOIN.

Born: la Rochelle, 1676.

Died: Boston, September 8th 1747; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

Will:² September 7th 1747; proved September 14th 1747. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

Married: 1st. July 18th 1706, Sarah Campbell;³ died December 21st 1713.

—— 2dly. September 15th or 16th 1714, Hannah, daughter of George Pordage;⁴ born February 13th 1687; died August 23d 1734.

—— 3dly. April 24th 1735, Mehetable Lillie, widow.

Issue.

1. **James Bowdoin**, born May 5th 1707; died September 29th 1707.

2. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born, Boston, June 27 1708; died July 12th 1708.

3. **Mary Bowdoin**, twin sister of Elizabeth; married, February 12th 1729, Balthazar Bayard; died June 21st 1780; left issue.

4. **John Bowdoin**, born August 22d 1709; died November 21st 1711.

5. **Pierre Bowdoin**, born May 19th 1711; died July 30th 1712.

¹ See page 8.

² See page 11.

³ Possibly a daughter of John Campbell, postmaster.

⁴ See page 30.

6. **William Bowdoin**, born Boston, June 14th 1713; graduated Harv. Coll. 1735; a merchant; member of the Provincial Council; chosen by Roxbury to act on several committees during the troubles before the Revolution; married July 3d 1739 Phoebe Murdoch; she died December 13th 1772; had three daughters, two of whom died unmarried; Sarah Bowdoin, the third one, married 1st her cousin James III Bowdoin, 2dly General Dearborn.

William Bowdoin died at Roxbury February 24th 1773; buried March 2d; the inventory of his estate shows £16,252 18s. 2d.

7. **Samuel Bowdoin**, born July 25th 1715; died September 18th 1716.

8. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born April 25th 1717; married, October 26th 1732, James Pitts; died October 20th 1771.

9. **Judith Bowdoin**, born March 5th 1719; married, June 12th 1744, Thomas Flucker; she was alive in 1747.

10. **James II Bowdoin**, of whom later.

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Account of James I Bowdoin.

Commenced life as a mariner, and rose to the first rank among the merchants of Boston; for many years member of the Colonial Council; left the greatest estate that had ever been possessed by any one person in Massachusetts, estimated at from 50 to 100 thousand pounds sterling.

JAMES II BOWDOIN.

Born : August 7th 1726.

Died :¹ Boston, November 6th 1790; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

¹ Judge Lowell in his Eulogy, etc., says :

"Great and respectable was the concourse which attended his funeral; every species of occupation was suspended; all ranks and orders of men, the clergy and the laity, the magistrate and the citizen, men

Will:¹ March 23d 1789; proved November 16th 1790.
(Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

Married: September 15th 1748, Elizabeth, daughter of John Erving; ² died May 5th 1803, age 72; buried with her husband.

Issue.

1. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born ——— 1750; married, January 20th 1767, Mr. (later Sir John) Temple; died, Boston, October 23d 1809; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

2. **James III Bowdoin**, of whom later.

Account of James II Bowdoin.

Engaged in mercantile business; had close relations with Franklin; Fellow of the Royal Society; long connected with the government of Harv. Coll.

Itinerary.

1745, Graduated at Harv. Coll.

1753-55, Representative.

1757-1774, Member of the Council.³

1774, Elected as one of the five delegates from Massachusetts to the Continental Congress held at Philadelphia.⁴

1779, President of the Convention to frame a Constitution for Massachusetts.

1780, Among the founders of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and its President until his death.⁵

of leisure and men of business, testified their affection and respect by joining in the solemn procession; and crowds of spectators lined the streets through which it passed; whilst an uncommon silence and order everywhere marked the deepness of their sorrow."

¹ See page 15.

² See page 42.

³ 1774 he was vetoed by Governor Gage, by express order of the king.

⁴ Illness prevented him from accepting of the position.

⁵ He left his library to this Society.

1785 and 1786, Governor of Massachusetts.

1788, Member of the State Convention to ratify the Constitution of the U. S.

JAMES III BOWDOIN.

Born: Boston, September 22d 1752.

Died: Nashaun Island, Buzzard's Bay, Mass., October 11th 1811; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

Will:¹ June 4th 1811; proved October 21st 1811. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

Married: May 18th 1781 Sarah, daughter of William Bowdoin;² born October 17th 1761; her second husband was Gen. Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War under Jefferson, whom she married November 10th 1813; she died May 24th 1826.

Account of James III Bowdoin.

Graduated at Harv. Coll. before he was twenty; sailed for Europe and spent a year at Oxford; then travelled, and was on the Continent, when he heard of the battle of Lexington; returned immediately to America; March 17th 1776 was on the heights of Dorchester with Washington and crossed over with him in the same boat, at the time of the evacuation of Boston; his health gave out and he went to reside with his father and assisted him in his political labors.

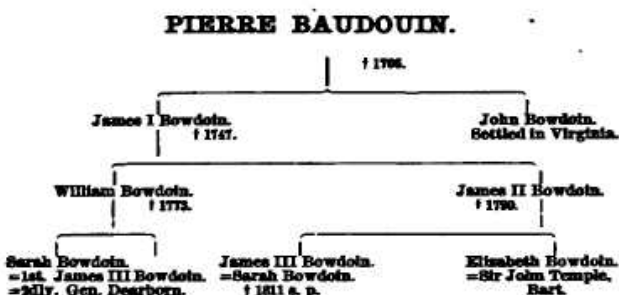
Many times member of the legislature; minister to Madrid under Jefferson; associate minister to France, with Gen. Armstrong; overseer of Harv. Coll.; liberal benefactor to Bowdoin Coll.; owned two country-seats, Mount Bowdoin, Dorchester, and Nashaun Island, New Bedford Harbor; after his mother's death, he had two residences in

¹ See page 21.

² His uncle.

Boston, namely his father's, corner of Beacon and Bowdoin Streets, and the William Bowdoin house on Milk Street.

The last male of his race in New England.¹



Appendix.

Petition of Pierre Baudouin to Governor Andros. (ADDRESS
AT BOWDOIN COLL. 1849, BY HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP.)
(THE ORIGINAL IN FRENCH.)

To His Excellency the Governor-in-chief of New England humbly prays Pierre Baudouin saying: that having been obliged by the rigors which were exercised towards the protestants in France, to depart thence with my family, and having sought refuge in the realm of Ireland, at the city of Dublin, to which place it pleased the Receiver of His Majesty's Customs to admit him, your petitioner was employed in one of the bureaux; but afterwards, there being a change of officers, he was left without any employment. This was what caused the petitioner and his family, to the number of six persons, to withdraw into this territory, in the town of Casco and province of Maine; and seeing that

¹ Among others who assumed the name of Bowdoin under his will and that of his wife, were the sons of his grand-niece, Mrs. Sullivan, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop; descendants of one of these sons are well-known residents of New York.