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1 John Hood was the son of John and Anne Hood of Halsted, England, and was born about 1600. His father was a weaver and died at Halsted, and by will dated Nov. 6, 1622, proved Nov. 20, 1622, bequeathed to his son John, all his real estate, and to his daughters Anne, Jane, Avese, Catherine, Grace, Mary, and Rose, 40 shillings each, while his wife Anne was appointed executrix. She afterwards married Thomas Beard.* The daughter Mary married Richard Truesdale who emigrated from Lincolnshire, arriving in Boston in 1630, then being about 24 years old. He was a butcher by trade, a deacon in the First Church, Boston, and one of the founders of the Old South Church. He died apparently without issue, his will being proved, in January, 1671-2. His widow Mary in her will, proved Nov. 26, 1674, bequeathed £50, each to brother John Hood's children, Richard and Mary, not of age.

John Hood, junior, was a weaver, and settled at Cambridge, Mass., as early as Oct. 20, 1638. With his son Richard, he appeared in Lynn before 1650.† In 1652, John Hood of Lynn, yeoman, conveyed to William Crofts for £80, "three dwelling howses or tenements with all thereto belonging in Halsted in the County of Essex in old England with a covenant for further assurance. And the said Willm is to pay 40s. a peice to the sisters of the said John according to his father's will the wch apeth in the bargain and sale by deed dated the 10th day of December, 1652."‡

*Lechford's Note Book, pp. 10-12.

†John Hood was also in Kittery in 1652.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, Book I, leaf 56.

The following year he visited England, as appears from a deposition in old Norfolk County records, under date of Dec. 5, 1658, that John Hood, late of Lynn, sent a letter out of old England, to his wife Elizabeth, then living in Lynn.

In February, 1688, John Hude with two others bought from Roger Shaw of Hampton, N. H., an estate in Lynn, of house and two acres more or less, 8 acres lying near Sagamore hill, 4 acres salt marsh near Saugus river, 12 acres of planting ground on east side of town.

Children of John and Elizabeth:

2. RICHARD, b. abt. 1625, in England.

3. MARY.

2 Richard Hood, said to have been born at Lynn Regis, Norfolk Co., England, about 1625, came to America with his father and was living in Lynn before 1650. In 1681, he bought for £100, Mr. Humfries farm in Lynn on what is now Nahant street, which for several years previous he had leased of Humfries' widow, at an annual rental of £9, and "one good load of salt marsh hay." The house upon this farm was the one in which Lady Deborah Moody formerly lived. He was admitted a freeman in 1691. In 1692 he was allowed to sit in the pulpit with seven other old men, probably on account of defective hearing. He died September 12, 1695, and administration on the estate was granted to his son Richard, but he died before it was settled and his brother John was appointed September 7, 1696. The estate was divided as follows: "The children of the eldest son, he being dec'd," two shares, and John, Samuel, Nathaniel, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ruth, Rebeckah, Hannah and Anna Hood, each one share.

Richard Hood married Mary, daughter of Anthony Newhall whose will proved Mar. 31, 1656, mentions grandchildren Richard and Elizabeth Hood, and daughter Mary to whom he bequeaths the third part of the interest of his orchard for seven years, also a "pcell of ground that lyes one the other syde the brook at the north end of my hows lott uppon condittyon that her husband doe build a dwell-

ling bows oppon it." One half of the remainder of his estate also went to Mary.

July 7, 1682, Richard and Mary Hood sold a house and four acres of land.* This was the four acre lot next Hathorne's that Mr. Newhall bequeathed to his daughter, and here probably her husband built a house for their homestead, instead of on the small lot north of the brook, spoken of in the will. A Mary Hood died about Feb. 14, 1727-8.—Lynn Records.

Children of Richard and Mary, born in Lynn :

4. MARY, m. Michel Derich. In 1692 she was accused of practising witchcraft, and was imprisoned in Boston for 7 months. She was a wid. in 1692.
5. RICHARD, b. Nov. 18, 1655.
6. SARAH, b. Aug. 2, 1657; m. Oct. 25, 1675, William Bassett, jr., husbandman. She was tried for witchcraft May 23, 1692, and imprisoned at Boston until Nov. 2. While in prison she had with her a child 22 months old, and another was born after her liberation whom she named "Deliverance." Her husband's sister Elizabeth, m. John Proctor of Danvers. She also was accused and sentenced to death, but afterward released through the brave and persistent efforts of her husband, Goodman Proctor, who afterwards suffered the death penalty. Had: (1) Sarah, b. Dec. 6, 1676; m. 1st Joseph Griffin; m. 2d. — Newbold; m. 3d. — Hawkes; (2) William, b. Nov., 1678; m. Jan. 14, 1703, Rebecca Berry; (3) Mary, b. June 13, 1680; m. Feb. 15, 1705-6, Andrew Jearns of Boston; (4) John, b. Sept. 8, 1682; m. Feb. 9, 1704-5, Abigail Berry of Chelsea; (5) Hannah, b. Feb. 2, 1685; m. John Estes of Salem; (6) Ruth, b. Mar. 16, 1689-90; m. Jan. 6, 1718, Abraham Allen of Marblehead, fisherman; (7) Joseph, b. Dec. 15, 1692; lost at sea before 1721; (8) Deliverance, b. Aug. 2, 1695; m. Jan. 25, 1710-20, Samuel Breed, jr.; (9) Abigail, m. Dec. 12, 1728, Samuel Alley.
7. ELIZABETH, b. Nov., 1658; m. Dec. 6, 1682, Thomas Farrar, jr.
8. RUTH, b. July, 1660.
9. REBECCA, b. Feb. 7, 1662; m. Dec. 9, 1681, Hugh Alley of Lynn, weaver. Had: (1) Solomon, b. Oct. 11, 1682; (2) Jacob, b. Jan. 28, 1683-4; (3) Eleazer, b. Nov. 1, 1686; (4) Hannah, b. Aug. 16, 1689; (5) Richard, b. July 31, 1691; (6) Joseph, b. June 22, 1693; (7) Benjamin, b. Feb. 24, 1694-5; (8) Samuel.

*Sometime in the possession of Anthony Newhall, to Matthew Farrington for 250.

10. JOHN, b. May 7, 1664.
11. HANNA, b. Oct. 21, 1665; m. Mar. 15, 1702-3, Edmond Needham; d. Sept. 28, 1740, "suddenly." Had: (1) Daniel, b. Dec. 5, 1706; (2) Bathsheba, b. Apr. 30, 1706.
12. SAMUEL, b. May 12, 1687; m. Deborah — He became a Quaker before 1690. Had: Sarah, m. July 29, 1731, John Presbrey of Boston. Samuel Hood, d. Mar. 9, 1749-50.—*Z. Collins Diary*.
13. NATHANIEL, b. June 9, 1689.
14. ANNE, b. Feb. 13, 1672; m. (as Anna) Feb. 5, 1691-2, Samuel Breed of Lynn, husbandman and weaver. Had: (1) Samuel, b. Nov. 11, 1692; (2) Amos, b. July 20, 1694; (3) Jabez, b. Jan. 26, 1695-6; (4) Abigail, b. Sept. 7, 1698; (5) Nathan, b. Jan. 8, 1702-3; (6) Keziah, b. Oct. 16, 1704; (7) Anna, b. July 28, 1706; (8) Ebenezer, b. May 1, 1710; (9) Ruth, b. Mar. 10, 1711-12; (10) Benjamin, b. July 4, 1715.
15. JOSEPH, b. July 8, 1674.
16. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 3, 1677; made freeman, 1691; d. 1696.

5 Richard Hood, born Nov. 18, 1655, united with the Quakers before 1690. He married about 1689, Hannah —, and died in 1696. (Adm. on his estate granted Dec. 14, 1696.)

Children of Richard and Hannah, born in Lynn:

17. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 18, 1690.
18. RICHARD, b. Mar. 30, 1692.
19. ZEBULON, b. Sept. 13, 1693; d. Dec. 2, 1698.
20. ZEBULON, b. Feb. 28, 1694; d. July 12, 1695.

10 John Hood, born May 7, 1664, married Sarah Breed of Lynn. He united with the Quakers before 1690 and from that year until 1720, with others, signed a yearly petition to the General Court for refunding the ministerial tax which was levied also upon Quakers. In 1696, he was imprisoned one month in Salem jail for refusing to pay a tax to support the Rev. Mr. Shepherd. According to the diary of his son-in-law Zaccheus Collins, of Lynn, he died Dec. 4, 1730 and his widow died May 6, 1747. His will dated Dec. 1, 1730; prob. Jan. 2, 1730-1, mentions wife Sarah.

Children of John and Sarah, born in Lynn:

21. BARBARA (Barberry, birth and marriage rd.), b. June 10, 1694; m. (int. Mar. 14, 1717-18) Benjamin Bowden of Marblehead.
22. HULDAH, b. Nov. 28, 1697 (Hildah Hood, m. Michael Bassett of Marblehead). Int. Dec. 5, 1719.
23. BENJAMIN, b. June 14, 1700.
24. CONTENT, b. July 25, 1703; m. (int. July 15, 1721), Zaccheus Collins of Lynn. She was not named in her father's will, in 1730.
25. BREED, b. July 23, 1706. Breed Hood, buried Nov. 23, 1763, at Marblehead—*Z. Collins Diary*. Shipwright and lived in Marblehead, where he m. Lydia ———. Will dated Oct. 14, 1768, probated Nov. 24, 1768.
26. SARAH, m. (int. Nov. 28, 1729), John Andrews of Marblehead.
27. LYDIA, b. Apr. 17, 1714; m. Nov. 30, 1736, Daniel Bassett, husbandman, of Lynn.

13 Nathaniel Hood, born June 9, 1669, in Lynn, married Oct. 16, 1706, Joanna Dwinell of Topsfield. They lived in Lynn for a few years and then removed to Topsfield and lived in the northwest part of the town adjoining Ipswich and Boxford on the farm owned in 1835 by Capt. Daniel Bixby. In 1746 Nathaniel Hood built a house by the pond which is now called "Hood's Pond." The house has always remained in the Hood family and in the Hood name and is now owned by Ralph D. Hood. Nathaniel Hood died Oct. 30, 1748, at Topsfield, and his wife Joanna died Mar. 1, 1781-2.

She was daughter of Michael Dwinell a French Huguenot who came to America after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, and settled in Topsfield.

Children of Nathaniel and Joanna:

28. NATHAN.
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30. JOSEPH, m.; d. Sept. 6, 1745 at Newport, R. I.
31. SUSANNAH, b. 1714; m. Nov. 7, 1738, Samuel Cummings; lived in Middleton and Stoughton. He was a soldier in the expedition against Louisburg and d. in Sharon, Mass., Dec. 11, 1804; she d. there Jan. 14, 1812, m. 98 y. Had 11 children.
32. AMOS, unm.; lived at Biddeford, Me., where he joined the church, June 27, 1742; tailor by trade.
33. RICHARD(?), m. Apr. 1, 1747, in Beverly, Elizabeth Coy. He was then of Salem. He was a mariner and lived in Beverly. He

d. in Bristol, of small pox, in 1751 (adm. granted on his estate June 17, 1751). She d. in Beverly, May 24, 1748, *æ. 37 y.*
Had: Elizabeth, bp. Jan. 17, 1747-8; m. Jan. 9, 1766, Andrew Gage of Beverly; d. (bur. Oct. 28, 1810.)

34. **MARCY** (dau. Nathaniel and Hannah. Beverly rds.), b. Dec. 12, 1722, Beverly; m. in Salem, June 8, 1742, James Smith.
35. **JOHN**, b. Jan. 10, 1724.

15 Joseph Hood, born July 8, 1674, married May 17, 1716, at Boston, Rebecca Cumbeys. She was born Dec. 8, 1683, daughter of Robert Cumbeys, and married, first, July 27, 1704, John More; married, second, Oct. 24, 1706, Thomas Mieres, and had one son Cumbeys Mieres. She married, third, Joseph Hood. He died Dec. 14, 1729 (*Z. Collins Diary*) and she may have married, fourth, in 1738, William Lee.

Child of Joseph and Rebecca :

36. **CUMBEYS**, b. Aug. 28, 1717, at Boston. Was the captain of a vessel, and was lost at sea.

In 1749, he sold the homestead on Salutation Lane, Boston, and in 1751 removed to New York.

He married, first, in 1739, Lettice Begood, at Boston, and had Rebecca, who died in infancy; married, second, Sarah Nolens, daughter of Robert Nolens, gentleman, of Wales. They had a daughter Sarah, born Mar. 8, 1749, who married, Oct. 7, 1773, at Portsmouth, N. H., Ezekiel Russell, and died Oct. 15, 1806.

17 Samuel Hood, born Oct. 18, 1690, married (int. Dec. 15, 1723) Agnes, daughter of Henry and Sarah Snow of Kittery, Me. He was a husbandman and lived in Lynn. His will dated Feb. 28, 1749, probated Apr. 2, 1750, names wife Agnes, and eight children. "In those early days, a young man who was inclined to indulge in the laudable custom of courting, went to visit a young lady named Agnes. As he was returning, late one evening, he was overheard saying to himself—'Well, so far proceeded towards courting Agnes.' This phrase became common and has been introduced into an English comedy."—Lewis and Newball's History of Lynn.