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EXPLANATION OF SYSTEM OF NOTATION.

John Mansur, page 8, is number 1; Elizabeth, his eldest child, is 1-1; John, the younger child, is 1-2, i. e. the second child of the eldest child. Thus, William the second child of John (1-2) has in addition to his father's number a figure "2," indicating that he is the second child of the second child of the eldest child of the founder of the family.

This system is maintained throughout, and permits the addition of new families without change in the system of notation, a matter of some moment when a family record is not complete.

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For a part of the history of the family of Mansur contained in the following pages, I am indebted to the late Hon. Charles H. Mansur, of Chillicothe, Mo., who at his own expense in 1889, prepared and printed a pamphlet, containing what I believe to be the first attempt to compile a history of our family and preserve some of the traditions relating to early days of the colonies, in which they took part.

Some of it I have gathered by correspondence with various branches of the family, but no one who has not tried it, can have any idea of the difficulty there is in getting even the simplest facts. Many who could supply this information are dead, and many others take no interest whatever in the matter, and thus, much that would be of interest to us of the younger branches, has been lost beyond recovery. It is much to be regretted that so little attention was paid to these things by our ancestors. If the family records had been carefully kept, it would have made very interesting reading at the present time, especially when so many are endeavoring to trace their descent from pre-Revolutionary sires.

I have attempted, before it is entirely too late, to gather some of this information yet remaining, and put it into permanent form, in the hope that some other pen will take up and continue the work, until we shall have a complete registry of those who bear the honored name of Mansur.

The connection of the scattered representatives of the name with Robert Mansur of Charlestown was accomplished by Mr. Eben Putnam of Salem. Mr. Putnam undertook the task, at my request, of investigating the traditions in our family regarding

our origin with the result shown hereafter. While contemporary proofs are wanting that Robert Mansur was our common ancestor, such evidences as remain, hidden among scattered and voluminous records, point to that fact with such directness as to cause doubt to be almost superfluous.

There is a tradition that the first one to bear the name of Mansur in this country, was a French Huguenot who bore the name of Monsieur. He was said to have come from the Isle of Jersey and settled in the neighborhood of Boston about the year 1660. He was so eccentric in his ways that he was known among his neighbors as the "crazy Frenchman." The same tradition asserts that he was a person of some means, as he dressed well and engaged in no occupation, but is silent as to his family, the date of his death, and everything else.

The earliest authentic record brought to light so far, is to be found in "Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass." by Thomas Bellew Wyman, where it is recorded a certain Robert Mansir or Mansur, married Elizabeth Brooks, a widow, June 6, 1670. She is recorded as residing at Thomas Barber's, October 21, 1689. She died January 3, 1694.

In Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary," Robert Mansur is recorded as a householder in 1678, in Charlestown, Mass.*

Whether this Robert Mansur is identical with the "crazy Frenchman" spoken of above, I have no means of knowing. Like most traditions this may have had some basis but what grain of truth is present is unrecognizable amid the mass of error.

The following letter is of interest in this connection:—

DANVERS, MASS., Feb. 26, 1899.

JOHN H. MANSUR, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—With this I enclose a preliminary study of the earlier generations of the Mansur family; also a pedigree which I advance in a tentative way.

It would be very hard to disprove this pedigree, as all the information gathered seems to fall in with it. However, it is open to correction.

If you will take a map of Massachusetts you will see that Malden and Medford join. Both practically adjoin Charlestown. Charlestown formerly extended to Woburn and bounded Cambridge.

Roxbury joined Dedham, and Needham was set off from Dedham. Needham

*Pamphlet of C. H. Mansur.

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was almost a neighbor to Cambridge before her limits were curtailed. In passing from Boston to Cambridge one had to pass through Roxbury. Andover is not far from Medford.

The early Mansur families all revolve around Charlestown.

The lack of probate settlements makes this a difficult family to trace. Then, too, during those years they appear to have enjoyed little landed property another obstacle.

The early death of Robert would have caused his sons to be put out as apprentices. Here we have a clew as to the probable scattering of the family.

I have pretty well exhausted the available records and I fear that little more can be obtained. I am in hope that an exhaustive search of Andover records, also Lovejoy probate and deeds will yield some more information.

This is to report progress.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EBEN PUTNAM.

