

Our Wright Ancestors

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Wright Context

1. Samuel Wright b.1606? England m. Margaret Stratton d. 17 Oct 1665

1. Samuel Wright 1606 - 1665 Margaret Stratton 1604 - 25 Jul 1681

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wright-286>

Deacon Samuel Wright, son of Nathaniel and Lydia Wright was born 1606, christened 21 Feb 1614 at St. Helens Bishopgate. He married Margaret Stratton in 1632 in England. They emigrated to USA. He settled first in Springfield at least by 1638 when he first appears in the town records as a juryman. "He was a deacon of the first Congregational Church at Springfield and used to exhort the people and conduct the meetings on the sabbaths when there was no minister." 1850 NEHGR 355-358. In 1656 he moved as one of the first settlers to Northampton. He and Margaret were admitted to the church upon its organization in 1656. He was a deacon there, an active member of the community. He was chosen along with others as commissioner to the General Court in 1656. He died on October 17 1665 at Northampton.

2. i.Hannah Wright b. 16 Aug 1626 Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, m. Thomas Stebbins 16 Nov.1645 Springfield, d. 16 Oct 1660 Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts
ii Benjamin Wright b. 1627 Springfield, m. Jane Meigs d. 24 Oct 1704 Springfield

2. Hannah Wright 1626-1660 Thomas Stebbins 1620 – 1683

Thomas Stebbins was born in 1620 Bocking, England. He married Hannah Wright November 16, 1645, Springfield. He married Abigail Burt December 14, 1676. He died September 15 1683 Enfield, Massachusetts
By Hannah Wright he had the following children,

3. i. Samuel Wright Stebbins b. 19 Sep 1646 m. Joanna Lamb 22 Jul 1679 Springfield, d. 13 Jul 1708 Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, British Colonial America
ii Thomas Stebbins b. 31 Jul 1648 Springfield, m. Abigail Munn
iii Joseph Stebbins b. 18 May 1650. Springfield, Massachusetts, d. 29 Nov 1651 Springfield, Massachusetts
iv Joseph Stebbins b. 24 Oct 1652 Springfield, Massachusetts, m. Sarah Dorchester 27 Nov 1673 Springfield, d. 15 Oct 1728 Springfield,
v. Sarah Stebbins b. 18 Aug. 1654 Springfield, m. Samuel Bliss 02 Jan 1672 Springfield, d. 6 Nov 1721 Springfield,
vi. Edward Stebbins b. 14 Feb 1656 Springfield, m. Sarah Graves, 12 Apr 1679 Springfield, d. 31 Oct. 1712 Springfield,
vii. Benjamin Stebbins b. 11 Apr 1658 Springfield, m. Mary Graves 11 Apr 1690 (first of three husbands) d. 12 Oct 1698 Springfield
viii. Rowland Stebbins b. 01 Oct 1660 Springfield, d. 24 Apr 1661 Springfield
ix. Hannah Stebbins b. 01 Oct 1660 Springfield, m. John Sheldon 1679, d. 10 Jan 1680

Appendices

Abbreviation

Abt. About aft after b. born bpt Baptised m. married d. died.

Calendar Old Style-New Style, Julian & Georgian¹

The old calendar used up to about 1752 in Protestant countries was the Julian Calendar based on 365.25 days. In 1582 Great Britain and empire switched to the Julian Calendar and since the actual year is 365.2422 days long the switch over caused a 11 day out of synch problem. To solve this problem, it was proclaimed that September 2 would be followed by September 14. As well the old style calendar the calendar year began on Lady Day 25th of March i.e. the year ran from 25 March to 24 March. Hence January 24, 1712 old style would be January 24, 1713 new style. The correct way to describe a date in the “overlap” period from January 1 to March 24 is to state the Old/New Style as 1712 /1713 which means

“January 24, 1712 old style is what we call January 24, 1713”

Also, since the calendar began in March the months if numbered are as follows

March 1
April 2
May 3
June 4
July 5
August 6
September 7
October 8
November 9
December 10
January 11
February 12

List of Freeman¹

The status of freeman was primarily of political importance, for it gave one the right to vote for colony officers. In some colonies, though, freeman was tied to church membership, and so the meaning was somewhat different. Massachusetts Bay and New Haven, the most Puritan of the Puritan colonies, made church membership a prerequisite for foremanship, while the rest of the New England colonies did not.

List of freemen may be used for a number of purposes beyond proving biographical information about an immigrant. Like tax lists later, a list of freeman provides basic information about the presence or absence of a person on a given date. And, as noted above, freemanship in Massachusetts Bay and New Haven supplies information about church membership, from which we can learn not just whether this individual was a church member at a given time; we can also reconstruct some of the history of churches whose records have been lost by studying the lists over a period of years.

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<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wright-302> Hannah Stebbins (1626 - 1660)

9th great grandfather



Samuel Wright

b: 29 Jun 1606

Wrightsbridge, London, England

d: 17 Oct 1665

Northampton, Hampshire, Massac

8th great grandmother



Hannah Wright

b: 16 Aug 1626

Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA

d: 16 Oct 1660

Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA

7th great grandfather



Samuel Wright Stebbins

b: 19 Sep 1646

Springfield, Massachussetts

d: 13 Jul 1708

Springfield, Massachussetts

6th great grandmother



Abigail Stebbins

b: 30 Nov 1695

Springfield, Hampden County, MA

d: 19 Nov 1783

Springfield, Hampden County, MA

5th great grandmother



Abigail Hitchcock

b: 01 Jun 1718

Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA

d: 19 Nov 1793

Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,

4th great grandfather



Solomon Hoar

b: 24 Sep 1748

Brimfield, Hampden, Massachuse

d: 09 Apr 1828

Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,

3rd great grandfather



David Hoar

b: 28 Sep 1783

Onslow Township, Colchester Co

d: 1861

East Mountain, Colchester Count

2nd great grandmother



Agnes Hoar

b: 27 Jul 1812

Onslow Township, Colchester Co

d: 13 Feb 1896

East Mountain, Colchester Count

Great grandmother



Rebecca Nelson

b: 04 Apr 1841

Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

d: 18 Mar 1924

Salmon River, Colchester County,

Paternal grandmother



Beatrice Mary Clifford

b: 16 Feb 1887

Brookside, Colchester County, N.

d: 16 Sep 1958

Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

Father



George Clifford Retson

b: 19 Dec 1912

Bible Hill, Colchester, Nova Scoti

d: 18 Feb 1997

Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

Self



James Clifford Retson

b: 28 Jul 1948

Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

d:

ⁱ Anderson, Robert Charles, *The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*, Boston, MA: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 2011