

Samuel Ham Family

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*Note: John Ham (1649-1727) of the **Daniel Ham Family** is noted in some early publications of New Hampshire's history as "a family member of the Pioneer William Ham", but was likely a nephew or cousin as he was not mentioned in William Ham's Will as a direct heir. John is often noted on family trees on Ancestry.com and other research sites as a son of William & Honor Ham, however the alleged connection remains to be confirmed with supported documentation and is not included in this document.*

William Ham I

b. 1597 Scotland (Living in Plymouth, Devon County, England when he immigrated)

d. 26 Jan 1672 Portsmouth, New Hampshire at 72yrs

m. 22 Nov 1622 St Andrews, Plymouth County, England

Honor Stephens

d/o William Stephens & Mary Woode

b. 4 Feb 1601 Plymouth, England

d. 11 Nov 1667 Portsmouth, New Hampshire

He was granted 50 acres of land and settled at Ham's Point in Portsmouth (later known as Freeman's Point). The property would eventually become part of the home of the White Mountain Paper Company.

"William Ham, the first immigrant ancestor, was, according to family tradition, of Scotch ancestry, but he came to New England from Plymouth, England in June 1635, in a company sent out by Robert Trelawny, a merchant of that city, who was granted land and rights in Maine by (Sir Fernando) Gorges. This grant included Richmond's Island and several thousand acres of the main land between Sperwick River and Cape Elizabeth, just below Portland. Trelawny belonged to an ancient family whose seat was at Ham or Hame in Devonshire. It is surmised that the Ham family took its name from this place but no records are found to substantiate this assumption. Trelawny sent the first company to Maine in 1632 in charge of John Winter, to hunt, fish and trade with the Indians.

Ham came with Nares Hawkins and others in June 1635, working for Trelawny on shares and wages. Hawkins was the chief colonist in charge in the absence of Winter, and in a letter dated June 29, 1636, he names six men who came with him, Lander, Ham, Bellen, Clark, Frethye and Symons. These men were dissatisfied, claiming that Winter and Hawkins had cheated them. In June, 1636, they left Falmouth and went westward to Portsmouth. Winter wrote reporting their leaving June 28, 1636. These names were William Ham, Oliver Clark, John Bellin, William Frethye and John Symons (Simonds).

William Ham was in Exeter as early as 1646. In 1652 he had a grant of fifty acres of land in the adjacent town of Portsmouth, where he probably lived most of his life after 1636. His homestead was at Freeman's Point, called Ham's Point until 1833, when the widow of Benjamin Ham sold the remainder of the homestead to Peyton R. Freeman. This point is just above the Portsmouth Bridge, on the road to Kittery, Maine, a place of beautiful scenery.

Ham built a house which is now or lately was standing on the point. He owned Noble's Island, also called after him, Ham's Island, until recently. He had in his home lot sixteen and three-quarters acres of land, and he was assigned to the first squadron in the division of the inhabitants into garrisons in 1633. From 1658 to 1666 he was a subscriber to the fund for maintaining the minister."

It appears, albeit undocumented, only 1 of William's 5 known children, Elizabeth, was still alive when he wrote his Will in 1672, however there may have been unknown circumstances which circumvented some of the other children's inclusion in his Will. His eldest child, Mathew Ham, died in 1664 as noted below.

In his Will, as seen below, William bequeathed most of his estate including his house and a large portion of his land to his grandson William Ham II, eldest son of William's eldest son, Mathew Ham, as well as making him Executor of his Will. He left other smaller portions of his land to two of his other grandsons, Thomas & John, also sons of Mathew. To his daughter Elizabeth (Ham) Cotton, wife of William Cotton, he left an allowance for her and her children and a red cow.

For reasons unknown, William made no mention in his Will of his 4th grandson Matthew Ham, a brother of the 3 grandchildren mentioned above, even specifically noting his "other two grandchildren" in his Will instead of 3 other grandchildren. Matthew however would be deeded a portion of the family land owned by his father by his older brother William in 1677 as noted below.

Last Will and Testament of Willyam Ham of Portsmouth in The River of Piscatque

Presented as Written in Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire 1635-1771, Volume 31
WILLYAM HAM ~ PORTSMOUTH ~ 1672

I. I Give To my Grandchild Willyam Ham all That My now dwelling House & houseing with all The Lands Thereto belonging fensed and unfensced Soe far as The Spring That wee use To fetch water att In The Som'er Time Commonly Called The Furthe Spring and Soe to the Northweste ward as my bounds doth Runn with all my whole estate both of household Goods of w' kind Soever with all my Cattell of whatever sorte soever excepting one red Cow.

II. I Give To my other too Grand Children Thomas Ham and John Ham To be divided equally betweene Them All The Reste of my Lands to me belonging beginning at The further spring where my Grand Child Willyam Ham endeth and so To Take itt as itt is Laid out and Recorded In The Towns Records In Portsmouth with all The priviledges theire unto belonging.

III. I Give to my daughter Elizabeth Cotten my Red Cow and all her Children Liveing, twelve pence apeese In The Name of a Legacy. (? unreadable)

And further I doe hereby Make my said Grand Child Willyam Ham my full and whole Executor and To see This my Will performed and doe appointe John Hunking and Richard Jackson to be my overseers of This my Will according to The true intente Thereof In wittness hereof I have here unto sett my hand and Seal this twenty one day of December Annoe Dominy 1672.

Sealed, Signed and Delivered,
William Ham [his seal]

In The presense of us; Richard Cutt, (The X mark of) Willyam King & John Stanley
Inventory of the estate of William Ham, who died Jan. 26, 1672/3; taken Jan. 27, 1672/3: amount, £122, 17s; signed by John Hunking and Richard Jackson. Will Proved June 27, 1672/3.

Ch. HAM: (Known)

- 1. Mathew Ham;** b. 1626 England, d. 1664 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
2. Joanne Ham; b. 1625 England, d. probably before 1672, (Not named in her father's Will)
3. Elizabeth Ham; b. 1628 England, d. 1678, married William Cotton (Named in her father's Will)
4. William Ham; b. unknown, d. probably before 1672 (Not named in his father's Will)
5. Alice Ham; b. 1630 England, d. probably before 1672 (Not named in her father's Will)

1. Mathew Ham

b. 1626 Isle of Man, England
d. 1664 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
m. 1644 Dover, New Hampshire
_____ (Unknown Wife)

b. 1625 England
d.

"Mathew Ham was born, we are told, in the Isle of Man, England in 1626, and died in 1664, and probably came to New England some years after his father. In 1654 he had a lot of land granted adjoining his father's homestead, at Portsmouth; in 1660 he had twenty-five acres granted between the Point farm and the present main road, "to be laid out at the next convenient time".

In 1656 he with others filed his cattle mark (brand) at Portsmouth - a capital "H". He subscribed to the ministerial fund from 1658 to 1664. In accordance with his father's will, the property was entailed to William Ham, the eldest son of Mathew, through four or five generations. Mathew's widow survived him.

Ch. HAM: (Known)

1. **William Ham II**; b. 1651, d. 1693 (Named in his grandfather's Will as Executor)
2. Thomas Ham; b. 1653, d. 1694 (Named in his grandfather's Will)
3. Matthew Ham; b. 1657, d. 1684 (Not named in his grandfather's Will)
4. John Ham; b. 1660, d. 1731 (Named in his grandfather's Will); m1. _____ Lisson, m2. Judith Pitman 8 Jan 1715

1. William Ham II

b. 1651 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. 1694 Portsmouth, New Hampshire at 42yrs
m.
Sarah Dennett

d/o Alexander Dennett & Mehitable Tetherly of Hurst Pierpoint, Sussex County, England

b. 1662 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. 9 Dec 1731 Portsmouth, New Hampshire at 69yrs

"William Ham was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 1651, died there 1693. He resided on a portion of the farm at Ham's Point inherited from his grandfather, whose estate he administered in 1672. At his death, his widow Sarah was executrix. On August 5, 1677, he deeded to his brother Matthew, land formerly owned by their father, between land of their grandfather and of Richard Jackson."

He was a Cooper by trade and lived on his grandfather William Ham's homestead in Portsmouth he inherited. His Will was made 28 Dec 1693 and inventoried 17 Mar 1694. His wife Sarah was named Executor. Their 5 daughters and 1 son Samuel were underage at the time of his death but he named his son Samuel to take over his estate following Sarah's death. Sarah remarried to John Gilden after 1699.

Ch. HAM: (6 Known Total)

1. **Samuel Ham, Sr**; b. 1675, d. 1731
2. Sarah Ham; b. 1677
3. Elizabeth Ham; b. 1680
4. Hannah Ham; b. 1682
5. Abigail Ham; b. 1685
6. Mary Ham; b. 1688

1. Samuel Ham, Sr

b. 1675 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. December 1731 Portsmouth, New Hampshire at 56yrs
m. 1710

Elizabeth Sloper (She remarried to ____ Gilder)

b. 26 June 1671 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. 1745 Portsmouth, New Hampshire at 74yrs

*“Samuel Ham (Sr) was born in 1675 in Portsmouth, died 1731, aged fifty-six: married Elizabeth (Sloper) Gilder. He was a minor when his father died in 1693. He was a farmer and weaver by trade. He resided on a portion of the original homestead of (his grandfather) William Ham, the pioneer, inherited from his father. His will was dated September 11, 1731, and proved December 9 following. His estate was valued at 1301 pounds. His widow Elizabeth retained an interest in the homestead, and lived there after his death until she died in 1745. Children, born in Portsmouth and baptized there: 1. Abigail, baptized July 8, 1711; married, November 7, 1728, John Leighton. 2. Elizabeth, baptized July 8, 1711; married, February 17, 1734, George Meserve. 3. Sarah, baptized June 2, 1713. 4. **Samuel (Jr)**, baptized June 19, 1715; died 1787, in the South Parish. 5. Mary, baptized June 9, 1717. 6. William, born about 1720. 7. Catherine, baptized April 14, 1723. 8. Hannah. 9. Ephraim, born 1729; died November 12, 1798.”*

Ch. HAM: (9 children born, 8 survived)

1. Abigail Ham; b. 1710, d. 1756, m. John Leighton
2. Elizabeth Ham; b. 1711, d. unknown, m. George Meserve
3. Sarah Ham; b. 1713
4. **Samuel Ham, Jr**; b. 1715, d. 1787
5. Mary Ham; b. 1717
6. William Ham; b. 1720, d. 1799, m. Elizabeth Waterhouse
7. Catherine Ham; b. 1723
8. Hannah Ham; b. c1725
9. Ephraim Ham; b. 1729, d. 1798

4. Samuel Ham, Jr

b. c1715 Portsmouth, New Hampshire (baptized 19 June 1715)
d. Sep 1787 Portsmouth, New Hampshire (buried in Wakefield, New Hampshire)
m.

Unknown Wife

He was listed in a 1776 New Hampshire Census living in Portsmouth. Death dates matches New Hampshire vital records and references above.

Ch. HAM: (unknown if there are more)

1. Joseph Ham

b. 2 June 1745 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. 3 June 1800 Arundel (Kennebunkport)
m. 13 Feb 1777 Barrington, New Hampshire

Margaret Hayes

d/o Hezekiah Hayes & Margaret Kate

b. 8 Jan 1760

d. 1840 Arundel (Kennebunkport)

He received a land grant by 1780 following his service in the war. The grant did not name a location but it is likely it was in Arundel and would explain why he moved there. He was a Private in the war and was 'hired by the town' and had received 100 acres of land according to Kennebunkport Vital Records. He was listed in the 1st Federal Census of 1790 living in Arundel. Margaret applied for Veteran's Widow Compensation shortly after his death. She later remarried to Andrew Staples.

Revolutionary War

Arundel was originally part of the greater Kennebunkport region first known as Cape Porpoise from 1614 to 1719. It was renamed as Arundel from 1719-1821 then as Kennebunkport from 1821-1915. Portions of it were incorporated as North Kennebunkport from 1915-1957 then renamed as Arundel.

Ch. HAM: (unknown if there were more)

1. Samuel Ham, Sr

b. 17 Apr 1782 Arundel (Kennebunkport)

d. 8 July 1865 Cambridge (Village Cemetery, Cambridge) at 83yrs

m. 21 Jan 1802 Arundel

Shuah Staples

b. 22 Sep 1783 Biddeford

d. 17 Apr 1862 Cambridge (Village Cemetery) at 78yrs

They were living in Harmony by 1808 then moved to Cambridge soon after C/1820.

“Samuel Ham (Sr), the first of the name to come to the town, came from Kennebunkport to Harmony nearly 100 years ago, and soon afterward to Cambridge, where he settled on Ham Hill. He married Shuah Staples and they had 14 children, only the last three of whom were born in Cambridge.

The old place is now occupied by Sumner Ham. The house is situated on the old county road from Skowhegan to Moosehead Lake. It is now the home of the fourth generation of the family. During his life Mr. Ham worked to a considerable extent at the blacksmith's trade, making chains, axes, and all kinds of farming implements for the farmers in the vicinity. An interesting event to members of the family is the annual reunion, which is to be held on the last Wednesday in August. In 1910 the gathering was held at the home of Samuel Ham and 48 members of the family were present. In 1911 the place of meeting was the home of Ivan Ham in Cambridge.” - Excerpts from the article “History of Cambridge” from The East Somerset County Register 1911-12.

Samuel Ham, Sr (1782-1865)



Ch. HAM: (14 Total)

1. Sarah Ann Ham; b. 1802 Arundel, d. 1869 Pilot Mound, Minnesota, m. Wentworth J. Littlefield; 7 children
2. Joseph Ham; b. 1803 Arundel, d. 1832 Ripley, m. Abigail Hatch; 2 children
3. Eliza Ham; b. 1805 Arundel, d. 1880 Lewiston, m. Noah Hatch; 14 children
4. Timothy Ham; b. 1807 Arundel, d. 1873 Cambridge, m. Salome Ring; 6 children
- 5. Andrew Ham;** b. 1809 Harmony, d. 1899 Cambridge
6. Horace Ham; b. 1810 Harmony, d. 1813 Harmony at 3yrs old
7. Samuel Ham, Jr; b. 1812 Harmony, d. 1894 Mapleton, Minnesota, m. Naomi Davis; 5 children
8. Horace Ham; b. 1814 Harmony, d. 1846 Cambridge, m. Abigail Hatch Ham (Joseph's widow); 3 children
9. Mary Ham; b. 1815 Harmony, d. 1909 Wisconsin, m. Arthur B. Blackburn; no children
10. Clarissa Ham; b. 1817 Harmony, d. unknown
11. Shuah Ham; b. 1820 Harmony, d. unknown
12. Lucinda Ham; b. 1823 Cambridge, d. unknown
13. David Ham; b. 1825 Cambridge, d. unknown, Omro, Wisconsin, m. Betsey Pettengill; 2 children
14. Dorcas Ham; b. 1827 Cambridge, d. 1857 Cambridge, m. Gustavus J. Bailey; 3 children

5. Andrew Ham

- b. 25 Jan 1809 Harmony
d. 14 Apr 1899 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Cambridge) at 90yrs
m. c1838
Lucy Hatch
d/o Elias Hatch & Lucy Chadborne
b. 22 Mar 1813 Harmony
d. 30 June 1881 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Cambridge)

Ch. HAM: (All born in Cambridge)

- 1. Andrew Warren Ham;** b. 1839, d. 1910 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
2. Llewellyn S. Ham; b. 1841, d. 1931 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
3. Horace Ham; b. 1850, d. 1935 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
4. Seth C. Ham; b. 1856, d. 1931 Cambridge, m. Harriet Morrill (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)

1. Andrew Warren Ham

- b. 3 Jan 1839 Cambridge
d. 24 Jan 1910 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Cambridge) at 71yrs
m. 1863 Cambridge
Lucy Ann Horne
b. Mar 1840
d. 1916 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Cambridge)
He lived in Cambridge his entire life.

Ch. HAM: (Only known child)

- A) Ivan Warren Ham
b. 18 Sep 1873 Cambridge
d. 21 June 1950 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 76yrs
m. 22 Dec 1900 Cambridge
Nora Edith Adams
d/o James Adams & Alice Olive Staples
b. 30 Sep 1878 Wellington

d. 8 June 1970 Dexter (PG) at 91yrs

They moved from Cambridge to St Albans in 1936 and were living on the Ridge Road in C/1940 before moving to Hartland by 1950. Nora was living with her daughter Ruth Thomas in Dexter at the time of her death.

Ch. HAM:

I. Harold Frederick Ham

b. 17 Nov 1907 Cambridge (noted as the 1st child)

d. 19 Nov 1907 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery) at 2 days

Noted as the son of Ivan & Nora Ham on his gravestone in Cambridge. He is also noted in memorial on their gravestone at Pine Grove Cemetery.

II. Helen Marguerite Ham

b. 8 June 1909 Cambridge

d. 6 Feb 2001 Hartland (PG) at 91yrs

m. 4 Oct 1932 Hartland

Alton Maurice Littlefield **(See Littlefield & Hart Family)**

s/o Maurice Alton Littlefield & Gertrude Lillian Hart

b. 6 Apr 1902 Hartland

d. 17 Jan 1965 Hartland (PG)

Ch. LITTLEFIELD:

1. Edwin Maurice Littlefield

b. 7 May 1933 Hartland

m. Hazel Aileen Springer

2. Isabelle Helen Littlefield

b. 7 Nov 1934 Hartland

d. 17 Nov 1934 Hartland (PG) at 10 days

3. Elwin Warren Littlefield

b. 20 Feb 1936 Hartland

m. Christie Alyce Hayden

4. Eleanor Mae Littlefield

b. 25 July 1937 Hartland

d. 28 Sep 2011 Pittsfield (Black Stream Cemetery)

m. Clyde Victor Lawrence (divorced)

5. Ethelyn Amelia Littlefield

b. 14 Feb 1939 Hartland

m. Philip I. Bowman

6. Esther Marie Littlefield

b. 18 Jan 1942 Hartland

m. Darrell Butler

7. Elmer Henry Littlefield

b. 27 July 1946 Hartland

m. Beatrice Springer

III. Hazel Olive Ham

b. 29 Feb 1912 Cambridge (noted as the 3rd child)
d. 31 May 2010 Vienna (Franklin Cemetery, Vienna) at 98yrs
m1. 14 July 1934

Clarence Albert Bean

s/o Albert French Bean & Olivette Amanda Curtis

b. 14 July 1905 Vienna
d. 9 Jan 1987 Vienna (Franklin Cemetery)

“She was a teacher at the Seavey Corner School, North Vienna School and the West Mount Vernon School. A woman of great faith, she served as the organist at the Vienna Baptist Church since 1930 and the organist at the North Vienna Church since 1986.”

Ch. BEAN:

1. Harold Bean

b.

m. Marilyn _____

2. Louise Bean

b.

m. John Hinckley

3. Glennis Bean

b.

m. William McDonald

4. Florence Bean

b.

m. _____ Gould

5. Celia Bean

b.

m. Jerry Cyr

m2. 12 May 1994 Vienna

Chester Calvert Small

b.

d. 2 Aug 2000

IV. Ruth Arline Ham

b. 25 Oct 1913 Cambridge (noted as the 4th child)

d. 11 Jan 1986 Dexter (Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter w/Francis) at 72yrs

m. 20 Feb 1937

Francis M. Thomas **(See Wheeler Family)**

s/o Harrison M. Thomas & Amber G. Wheeler (PG)

b. 8 July 1914 Hartland

d. 4 Feb 1988 Dexter (Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter)

They resided in Dexter. Ruth was a school teacher and also played piano in her brother Wesley's band, “The Nitehawks”. They operated Thomas Taxi in Dexter for many years.

Ch. THOMAS:

1. Donna Thomas

b.
m. Delmas Hodgkins
s/o Robert E. Hodgkins & Arline Iva Willey (See below)

V. Rachel Mavis Ham
b. 14 June 1917 Cambridge
d. 7 Sep 1993 Hartland (PG) at 76yrs
m. 19 Oct 1934
Clifton H. Sprague "Cliff"
s/o Harold Sprague & Hazel Towns
b. 15 Aug 1917 Winthrop
d. 28 Jan 2009 Hartland (PG) at 91yrs
He worked for 14 years each at H.C. Baxter Canning, Irving Tannery and Bowman-Littlefield Construction. He was a member of the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department and the Hartland-St Albans Ambulance as well as a Constable for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department.

Ch. SPRAGUE:

1. Earl D. Sprague
b.

2. Elin Sprague
b.
m. _____ Moss

3. Sharon Alicia Sprague
b.
m. 8 Dec 1967
Halsen Kent Heald **(See Stedman Family) U. S. Army & National Guard**
s/o Loton Clyde Heald & Arlene Eva Stedman
b. 21 May 1946 Dexter
d. 14 Oct 2019 Riverside, Texas (Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery)

VI. Everett Wesley Ham "Hammie" **WWII U. S. Army**
b. 9 July 1921 Cambridge
d. 1 Mar 1999 Hartland (PG) at 77yrs
m. 29 Oct 1952
Arline Iva Willey
d/o Frank Willey & Georgia York
b. 20 Jan 1921 Troy
d. 18 Dec 2007 Hartland (PG)
She married 1st to Robert E. Hodgkins on 10 Sep 1940. 4 Hodgkins children; Robert, Delmas, Harvey & Betty. Arline graduated from Unity High School in 1939 and he graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1940. "She was employed by Edward's Company, Irving Tanning and Sanfield Rehabilitation Center. She was very community minded and was known to help her neighbors. She kept busy caring for others and volunteered at Sanfield Rehabilitation Center. She loved to sew, crochet and play Scrabble. She was excellent at cards and played to win. She was a member of Grace Linn Memorial United Methodist Church, Rebekah No. 111 Lodge, Hartland Grange No. 452, Couples Club of Hartland and Hartland Senior Citizen's Club."

Ch. HAM:

1. Alice Ham
b. 1953 Hartland
m. Leroy Vanadestine (See Joseph Emery Family)
s/o Linwood Roy Vanadestine, Sr & Marion W. Ireland

2. Philip Ham
b. 1954 Hartland

3. Darlene Ham
b. 1957 Hartland
m. Wayne Charrier

4. Rochelle Ham
b. 20 June 1960 Hartland
m. Jay Oelrich

VII. Edith Arvene Ham

b. 17 June 1930 Cambridge
d. 21 Feb 2011 Granby, Connecticut (Simsbury Cemetery, Simsbury, CT) at 80yrs
m. 6 Aug 1951 Cambridge

Andrew Maynard Yakemore "Mike"

b. 11 Dec 1929 Bangor
d. 9 Aug 2011 West Simsbury, Connecticut (Simsbury Cemetery, Simsbury, CT)
He graduated from Hartland Academy with the Class of 1948. "He graduated from the University of Maine in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Prior to starting his own business of real estate development in 1975, he was employed in the aerospace industry and companies including Eastman Kodak and Raytheon. He was a resident of West Simsbury since 1966."

She also graduated from Hartland Academy with the Class of 1948 as Valedictorian. "She attended Farmington Teachers College, now the University of Maine at Farmington, and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the State University of New York, Brockport. She taught in elementary schools in Maine and New York before moving to West Simsbury."

Ch. YAKEMORE:

1. Michael L. Yakemore
b.

2. Jeffrey Clark Yakemore
b. 27 Sep 1957
d. 8 Aug 1974 West Simsbury, Connecticut (Simsbury Cemetery, Simsbury, CT)

3. Jeanine L. Yakemore
b.
m. Nord E. Christensen