

Samuel Ham Family

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William Ham

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

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

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

Honor Stephens

d/o William Stephens & Mary Woode

b. 4 Feb 1601 in Plymouth, England

d. 11 Nov 1667 in 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, Billen, Clark, William 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 Simmons (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.

He died January 26, 1672, aged seventy-two. His will was proved at Exeter. His oldest son **Mathew** died before the will was made, and in it he bequeathed to his daughter Elizabeth Cotton, wife of William Cotton and to grandsons, William, Thomas and John; children of his son, Mathew.”

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

From Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire 1635-1771, Volume 31

WILLIAM 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 unfensed 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 North weste 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 Legasy. (? 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, 1673.

Ch. HAM:

1. **Mathew Ham**, b. 1626 England, d. 1664
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.
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 1666. In accordance with his father's will the property was entailed to the eldest son through four or five generations. Mathew's widow survived him.

Ch. HAM:

1. **William Ham**, b. 1651, d. 1693
2. Thomas Ham, b. 1653, d. 1694
3. Matthew Ham, b. 1657, d. 1684
4. John Ham, b. 1660, d. 1731; married first, Lisson; second, Judith Pitman on 8 Jan 1715

1. William Ham

b. 1651 Portsmouth, NH
d. 1693 Portsmouth, NH at 42 yrs
m.

Sarah Dennett

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

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

He was a Cooper by trade and lived on his grandfather William Ham's homestead in Portsmouth. He deeded it to his brother, Matthew, in 1677. His will was made 28 Dec 1693 and inventoried 17 Mar 1694. His wife, Sarah, is named executor. Their 5 daughters and 1 son, Samuel, are underage at the time of his death. He names Samuel to take over his estate following Sarah's death. She remarried to John Gilder after 1699.

“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 1672. At his death his widow Sarah was executrix. He deeded August 5, 1677, to his brother Matthew, land formerly owned by their father, between land of their grandfather & of Richard Jackson.

Ch. HAM: (6 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, NH
d. December 1731 Portsmouth, NH at 56 yrs
m. 1710

Elizabeth Sloper (She remarried to ____ Gilder)

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

“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: (10 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. 1715 Portsmouth, NH (baptized 19 Jun 1715)
d. Sep 1787 Portsmouth, NH (Buried in Wakefield, New Hampshire)
m.

Unknown Wife

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. 1745, d. 1800

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Revolutionary War

b. 2 June 1745 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
d. 3 June 1800 Kennebunkport
m. 13 Feb 1777 Barrington, New Hampshire
Margaret Hayes
d/o Hezekiah Hayes & Margaret Kate
b. 8 Jan 1760
d. 1840 Kennebunkport

He received a land grant by 1780 following his service in the war. The grant does not name a location but it is likely it is in Arundel and why he removed 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 is listed in the First Federal Census of 1790 living in Arundel, Maine. Margaret applied for Veteran's widow compensation shortly following his death. She remarried to Andrew Staples.

Note: Arundel was originally known as Cape Porpoise from 1653-1719, Arundel from 1719-1821, Kennebunkport from 1821-1915, North Kennebunkport from 1915-1957 and again as Arundel since 1957.

Ch. HAM: (*unknown if there were more*)

1. Samuel Ham, Sr b. 1782 Arundel, d. 1865 Cambridge

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b. 17 Apr 1782 Arundel (Kennebunkport)

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

m. 21 Jan 1802 Arundel

Shuah Staples

b. 22 Sep 1783 Biddeford

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

Living in Harmony by 1808 and in Cambridge soon after C/1820.

Excerpts from the article “History of Cambridge” from The East Somerset County Register 1911-12:

“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.”

Samuel Ham, Sr



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 3 yrs 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)
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:

- 1. Andrew Warren Ham**, b. 1839 Cambridge, d. 1910 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
2. Llewellyn S. Ham, b. 1841 Cambridge, d. 1931 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
3. Horace Ham, b. 1850 Cambridge, d. 1935 Cambridge (Mt Pleasant Cemetery)
4. Seth C. Ham, b. 1856 Cambridge, 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 71 yrs
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)
m. 22 Dec 1900 Cambridge
Nora Edith Adams
d/o James Adams & Olive Jane Staples

b. 30 Sep 1878 Wellington
d. 8 June 1970 Hartland (PG)
They removed to St Albans around 1935

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

II. Helen Marguerite Ham

b. 8 June 1909 Cambridge
d. 6 Feb 2001 Hartland (PG)
m. 4 Oct 1932 Hartland

Alton Maurice Littlefield

(See Littlefield & Hart Family Bio)

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
married 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
married Christie Alyce Hayden

4. Eleanor Mae Littlefield

b. 25 July 1937 Hartland
d. 28 Sep 2011 Pittsfield (BSC)
married Clyde Victor Lawrence (divorced)

5. Ethelyn Amelia Littlefield

b. 14 Feb 1939 Hartland
married Philip I. Bowman

6. Esther Marie Littlefield

b. 18 Jan 1942 Hartland
married Darrell Butler

7. Elmer Henry Littlefield

b. 27 July 1946 Hartland
married 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 98 yrs
m1. 14 Jul 1934

Clarence Albert Bean

s/o Albert French Bean & Olivette Amanda Curtis

b. 14 Jul 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

m. 20 Feb 1937

Francis M. Thomas

s/o Harrison M. Thomas & Amber Wheeler

b. 8 July 1914

d. 4 Feb 1988 Dexter

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

Ch. THOMAS:

1. Donna Thomas
- b.
- m.
- Delmas Hodgkins

V. Rachel Mavis Ham

- b. 14 June 1917 Cambridge
- d. 7 Sep 1993 Hartland (PG)
- 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 91 yrs

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 Sprague

- b.
- m.

_____ Heald

VI. Everett Wesley Ham "Hammy"

WWII U. S. Army

- b 9 July 1921 Cambridge
- d. 1 Mar 1999 Hartland (PG)
- m.

Arline I. Willey (She married 1st to _____)

d/o Frank Willey & Georgia York

- b. 20 Jan 1921 Troy
- d. 18 Dec 2007 Hartland

Ch. HAM:

1. Alice Ham
- b.

2. Philip Ham

b.

3. Darlene Ham

b.

4. Rochelle Ham

b. 20 June 1960

m.

Jay Oelrich

VII. Edith Arvene Ham

b. 1931

d.

m. 6 Aug 1951 Cambridge

Andrew Maynard Yakemore

b.

d.

Ch. YAKEMORE:

1. Michael Yakemore

b.

2. Jeffrey Yakemore

b.

3. Jeanine Yakemore

b.