

## THE BRIGGS FAMILY

1. **JOHN<sup>1</sup> BRIGGS**, born in 1609 in England, died 1690 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, married SARAH CORNELL, sister of Thomas. He was admitted to the Island of Aquidneck in 1638; Freeman in 1641.

His will, made 3 Oct. 1690 and proved 16 Nov. 1690: "Executor son Enoch Briggs. To son Enoch Briggs all and every part of land and personal estate goods, chattels, debts and money he paying all legacies. To eldest son John Briggs, son Thomas, son William and daughter Susanna Northway one shilling each. These children long since received their portions."

## Children:

2. i. John, b. in 1642.
- ii. Thomas, d. 12 June 1720; m. Mary Fisher.
3. iii. **William, b. in 1650.**
- iv. Susanna, b. in 1642; d. 7 Nov. 1704 ae 63 years; m. (--) Northway.
4. v. Job.
- vi. Enoch, d. in 1734; m. Hannah Wilcox, widow of Daniel and daughter of John and Mary (Borden) Cook.

2. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS** (John<sup>1</sup>), born in 1642 in Portsmouth, died there 2 July 1713. Residence: Portsmouth and Tiverton.

He married HANNAH FISHER, daughter of Edward and Judith Fisher, died after 1727.

He bought 14 Feb. 1687 from John and Sutton Bailey of Newport 100 acres of land in Punkatest and one eighth of a share in LC of undivided lands with dwelling house. In 1692 he lived in Tiverton. In 1703 he gave to son William land in or near LC. He had a farm near Packet Brook in Punkatest, bounded south by LC line, west by Packet Brook and highway, north by Major Poldings pond, 50 poles wide and a mile in length.

## Children:

- i. Edward, m. Sarah; Res: Tiverton.
- ii. John, m. Hannah; Res: Tiverton.
- iii. Job.
5. iv. William.
- v. Susannah, m. 19 April 1692 Joseph Cook, son of John and Mary (Borden) Cook.

3. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS** (John<sup>1</sup>), born in 1650 in Portsmouth, died 12 May 1716 in LC ae 66 years.

He married in 1680 **ELIZABETH COOK**, daughter of John and Mary (Borden) Cook, born in 1653, died in August 1716 in LC. They lived on the Briggs place, now the Coombs place on Shaw Road, and a part of this place is now Briggs beach.

They are buried in the cemetery on this place, district no. ten. From his stone the following: "Here lyeth the body of William Briggs Sr. who dyed May 1716 in the 66th year of his age. Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth, wife of William Briggs who dyed in August 1716 in ye 63rd year of her age."



His will, made 3 April 1716, and proved July 1716: "That a line be run from the end of wall that runs to ye marsh and to son William, all land north side of line. To son Job all land south of line, all of which is bordered by the sea. To son Job my now dwelling house, all out-housing and farm I now live on; to son William the house where he now dwells with orchard; to daughter Susannah Dennis house and land now held by Thomas Waite; to Deborah Head all land east side of Cole Brook; to daughter Elizabeth Woodman 100 pounds; to daughter Deborah Head 20 pounds; to son William 60 pounds. That my two mulatto girls, Hope and Mercy be with my wife or daughters, Woodman and Head, until age of 25 and then freed. That my servant lad Jeremiah Springer live with my wife till aged 21. Robert Dennis, John Woodman and Benjamin Head be over seers . . ." Inventory of William Briggs taken 17 May 1716: His sword, homestead farm, and housing in LC, 600 pounds; Land and housing in Tiverton, 100 pounds; Total of inventory, 3043 - 5 Shillings.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Susanna, b. 9 April 1681; m. 22 Jan. 1700 Robert Dennis.
- ii. John, b. 13 Nov. 1685; d. 21 Jan. 1711/12.
6. iii. William, b. 11 Jan. 1688.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. 27 Dec. 1689; d. in March 1763; m.(1) Richard Sisson; m.(2) 21 Oct. 1708 John Woodman.
- v. Thomas, b. 5 Sept. 1693; d. 23 March 1716.
- vi. Deborah, b. 6 Sept. 1693; d. in November 1773; m. 7 Jan. 1714 Benjamin Head.
7. vii. Job, b. 3 Aug. 1696.

4. JOB<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS (John<sup>1</sup>), born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, died in 1733 in LC. Residence: LC. He married ELEANOR (--). She married second 9 May 1734 in LC Thomas Stoddard.

His will, made 7 Jan. 1732 and proved 17 April 1733 in LC, from wills in Taunton Book 8, page 516: "To wife Eleanor the east end of my dwelling house and improvement of all lands where house now stands and half of moveable estate. Also Negro woman called Rose. To eldest son Jeremiah 5 shillings; to Mary Borden, wife of Thomas Borden, 5 pounds; to daughter Elizabeth Malum, wife of Mark, 5 pounds; to daughter Amey Briggs one feather bed that was her mothers and 10 pounds; to daughter Wait Briggs one feather bed and 5 pounds; to son Job the west end of house and one third of homestead; to son John east end of house after his mother's decease and one third of homestead; to son Enoch one third of homestead. He to pay my debts. The executor to sell certain land in Tiverton. Wife Eleanor, executrix." Inventory of land: homestead, 12 acres and 37 acres of wild land. This homestead was on the east side of LC, next to the Dartmouth line, now Westport, probably near Adamsville.

Children:

- i. Jeremiah.
- ii. Job, perhaps married 24 Sept. 1731 in Portsmouth Mary Coggeshale. He was a hatter.
8. iii. John.
- iv. Enoch.

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- v. Mary, m. 4 Oct. 1727 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island Thomas Borden.
- vi. Sarah, m. 15 June 1729 in Portsmouth Thomas Durfee.
- vii. Elizabeth, m. Mark Mallum.
- viii. Amey.
- ix. Wait, probably m. in LC Thomas Wilcox.

5. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born in Portsmouth, died 23 Nov. 1751 in LC. He married 10 June 1708 in LC ELIZABETH FOBES, daughter of William and Martha (Pabodie) Fobes, born in 1683. He lived on a farm, probably both in LC and Tiverton. He did live on the LC and Tiverton line.

His will, made in LC, 2 Nov. 1750: "To daughter Mary and son William all my homestead where I now dwell equally; to daughter Mary all part of farm which lyeth in Tiverton at a place called Packet Brook where my honored father John Briggs formally lived, which lyeth to west of cross wall which runs across farm about 30 rods west of dwelling house which my son Lovett lives in, which was the former homestead of my father, John Briggs; to son Lovett that part of my farm which lyeth in Tiverton, which lyeth to the east of cross wall with buildings near the seventh and eighth lotts near the Dartmouth line; to daughter Judah Wilcox 50 pounds on the note she owes me and 350 pounds due from Fobes Briggs; to daughter Sarah Shaw 10 pounds; to daughter Phebe Almy 100 pounds; to son Lovett 20 sheep; to son William Briggs a featherbed etc.; to son Fobes 5 shillings; to wife Elizabeth a maintenance to be done by daughter Mary and to said Mary the rest and residue."

Children, first four recorded in LC:

- i. Judith, b. 26 May 1710; m. in LC (1) (intention 18 June 1731); m.(2) in LC (intention 11 Feb. 1738) Jeremiah Wilcox.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. 11 April 1715; m. (--) Shippee.
- iii. Lovett, b. 1 Feb. 1712; d. 3 Feb 1713.
- iv. William, b. 17 March 1717.
- v. Catharine, b. in 1719; m. in LC (intention 10 Dec. 1737) Barney Sisson.
- vi. Sarah, b. in 1721; m. in January 1742 Lemuel Shaw.
- vii. Phebe, b. in 1723; m. 7 Sept. 1750 William Almy of Tiverton.
- viii. Mary, b. in 1723.
- ix. Lovett, m. 5 Oct. 1735 Frelove Dring of Tiverton, went to Tiverton.
- x. Fobes, b. in 1725.

6. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 11 Jan. 1688 in LC, died there in November 1763. He married 13 Sept. 1713 in LC DEBORAH CHURCH, daughter of Joseph and Grace (Shaw) Church, born in January 1697 in LC.

His will, made in LC 16 Aug. 1759 and proved 6 Dec. 1763: "To wife Deborah use of great room in my dwelling house, etc.; to three granddaughters, Betty, Phebe and Deborah, daughters of my son Job, 5 shillings each; to son Enoch Homestead farm with buildings and my new saddle; to son Nathaniel piece of land called long pasture, my gun, old bridle and saddle; to grandchildren, children of daughter Elizabeth Pabodie



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40 pounds; to daughter Mary Records 50 pounds; to daughter Sarah Crandall bed and bedding; to daughter Priscilla bed bedding and 30 pounds; to daughter Judith Woodworth one cow and 40 pounds. Rest and residue of real estate to son Enoch and Nathaniel . . . "

They lived in the east part of the town near the Dartmouth line. His estate administered by Ruth Briggs, his daughter-in-law.

## Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Elizabeth, b. 10 Oct. 1714; m. 23 Dec. 1733 Joseph Pabodie.
- ii. John, b. 27 May 1716; died young.
- iii. Thomas, b. 12 Sept. 1717; died young.
- iv. Mary, b. 12 Aug. 1719; m. 11 Aug. 1741 Jonathan Records.
- v. Sarah, b. 5 June 1721; m.(1) in Jan. 1742 Lemuel Shaw; m.(2) (--) Crandall.
- vi. Job, b. 4 Feb. 1725; died young.
- vii. Job, b. 24 July 1727; d. in Jan. 1757; m. Ruth Shaw.
- viii. Susannah, b. 23 Aug. 1729; died young.
9. ix. Enoch, b. 10 March 1732.
- x. Judith, b. in 1735; m. 12 Sept. 1755 Thomas Woodworth.
- xi. Nathaniel, b. 30 March 1737; m. (?) Alice Shaw in 1767.
- xii. Priscilla, b. in 1739.

7. **JOB<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS** (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 3 Aug. 1696 in LC, died there 4 March 1727. He married **MARY TALLMAN**, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Tallman of Dartmouth, Mass., born 3 May 1695 in Dartmouth, died in LC 23 June 1769. They are buried in Briggs Cemetery on Shaw Road where they lived.

## Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Oliver, b. 27 Dec. 1716; died young.
10. ii. **William, b. 24 April 1718.**
11. iii. Joseph, b. 4 Jan. 1720.
12. iv. Jeremiah, b. in 1721.
- v. Deborah, b. in 1723; m. (--) Sherman.
- vi. Bathsheba, b. in 1724; m. 6 Feb. 1752 in LC Job Hunt.
- vii. Abigail, b. in 1726; m. 24 Jan. 1768 Peleg Cornell of Westport.
- viii. Walter, b. in 1728.
- ix. Lovett, b. in 1730.

8. **JOHN<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS** (Job<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), died in 1763 when his estate was administered by his wife Margaret. He was an Innkeeper. Residence: LC. He lived in the east part of the town on the place which was his father's. He married (intention 22 Feb. 1746) in LC **MARGARET PECKHAM**, daughter of John (?) and Mary (Hart) Peckham.

The following, from book of Deeds number one LC, explains his parentage. His mother Eleanor, who had married second, Thomas Stoddard, signed the deed in 1757 with Thomas.

In Book one, page 78, 17 March 1746/7, the statement is made by John Briggs that he had bought of his brother, Enoch Briggs of LC, hatter, two small pieces of land, but lost the deed. This was sworn to by two witnesses, John Gifford and Ichabod Kirby.

Book one, November 1750: "Enoch Briggs, now resident in LC, hatter, for 80 pounds to John Briggs, tailor, one third part of one

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certain part of land in LC, the homestead farm which my father, Job Briggs, deceased, seized, said third given to me by my said father in his last will and testament." Signed, Enoch Briggs. Witnesses: Content, Sanford and Rescomb.

Book one, 25 April 1757, John Briggs of LC, innholder, for 1450 pounds sold to Samuel Snell of Tiverton, 6 acres bounded South on the big highway by land of John Gifford and Benjamin Brownell, west on land of Elizabeth Briggs, north by land of John Gifford and east on the old Dartmouth line, half the well and half of the house.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Nancy, b. 17 Sept. 1747.
- ii. William, b. 15 Jan. 1751.
- iii. Hannah, b. 17 June 1752; m. Sanford Ross.
- iv. Mary, b. 8 Sept. 1753.
- v. Thomas, b. 10 Sept. 1754.
- vi. John, b. 19 May 1763.

9. ENOCH<sup>4</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 10 March 1732 in LC, died there 30 Sept. 1815.

He married 11 March 1756 in LC JUDITH WILBORE, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Records) Wilbore, born in LC 25 June 1733.

Children, born and recorded in LC:

- i. Owen (?), b. 24 Nov. 1758.
- ii. Rhoda, b. 17 March 1760.
- iii. Joseph, b. 21 March 1762; d. 24 Jan. 1824 in LC.
- iv. William, b. 16 March 1764.
- v. Mary, b. 9 June 1766; d. 28 Feb. 1842; m. 6 Nov. 1794 Capt. Jabez Dennison.
- vi. Abigail, b. 22 April 1768.
- vii. Jeremiah, b. 7 July 1770.
- viii. Phebe, b. 7 April 1773; m.(1) 1 Nov. 1807 George Dennison; m.(2) 16 Feb. 1814 Peleg Babcock, son of Peleg and Ruth (Maxon) Babcock.

10. CAPT. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> BRIGGS (Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 24 April 1718 in LC, died there in August 1802. He was a captain in the Revolution.

He married 16 July 1739 in LC ABISHAG RECORDS, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Wilbore) Records, born 16 Feb. 1716, died 17 May 1790 in LC. They are buried in the Briggs cemetery on Shaw Road.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. John, b. 16 Oct. 1739; d. 28 March 1810.
13. ii. Cornelius, b. 9 Jan. 1742.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 30 March 1744; m. 24 Jan 1797 in LC; m. in 1762 William Davenport.
- iv. Ruth, b. 2 June 1746; m. 23 Oct. 1763 in LC Samuel Brownell, son of George and Sarah.
- v. Walter, b. 9 Nov. 1748.
14. vi. Richard, b. 14 April 1751.
- vii. Judith, b. 19 April 1753; m. 24 Feb. 1774 in LC Clarke Wilbor.
- viii. Betsey, b. 23 March 1755; m. (?) in 1774 Ezra Chase.



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15. ix. Job, b. 27 Feb. 1757.  
 x. Martha, b. 29 Dec. 1759; d. 11 Sept. 1842; m. 28 June 1783 in LC Jonathan Taylor, son of William and Deborah (Gray) Taylor.

11. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> BRIGGS (Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 4 Jan. 1720 in LC, died there 10 Feb. 1758.

He married in November 1745 in LC RUTH COE, daughter of Hannah Coe, born in 1723, died 1 April 1798 in LC. Both are buried in the Briggs Cemetery on Shaw Road, near Briggs Beach.

His estate administered by his widow Ruth Briggs 18 April 1761.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Hannah, b. 28 Nov. 1746; d. 4 March 1835; m. in 1767 in LC Joseph Palmer.
- ii. Deborah, b. 23 Sept. 1748; d. 23 Sept. 1840 in LC; m. in LC 11 Feb. 1766 Joseph Brownell.
- iii. Lydia, b. 8 Feb. 1753; d. 16 March 1842 in LC; m. 28 Oct. 1770 Peter Shaw.
- iv. Eunice, b. 15 July 1754; d. 5 Nov. 1847; m. 26 Nov. 1772 in LC Benjamin Hicks, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Hicks.
- v. Ruth, b. 6 June 1756.

12. JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup> BRIGGS (Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born in 1721 in LC, died there in September (October) 1764.

He married 5 Aug. 1745 in LC ANNA TAYLOR, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Wood) Taylor, born 13 Feb. 1726 in LC, died there 11 Jan. 1777.

They are buried in the Briggs Cemetery on the Leslie Coombs Place on Shaw Road, district number ten. They lived here and Briggs Beach is part of this place today.

His estate administered by widow Anna Briggs 25 Oct. 1764.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Mary, b. 29 Sept. 1746; m. 1 Jan. 1768 in LC Ephraim Bailey.
  - ii. Sarah, b. 14 March 1749; m. 4 March 1770 in LC William Bailey.
  - iii. Kezia, b. 13 Oct. 1751; m. 20 June 1771 in LC Constant Church.
  - iv. Betsey, b. 24 Aug. 1754; d. in November 1821; m. 22 Sept. 1774 in LC Ezra Chase.
16. v. Major Thomas, b. 18 July 1757.

13. CAPTAIN CORNELIUS<sup>5</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 9 Jan. 1742 in LC, died there 2 May 1803.

He married first in 1765 in LC MARY BROWNELL, born 3 March 1747 in LC, died there 9 June 1770. He married second 9 Dec. 1792 FALLEE BROWNELL, daughter of Paul and Deborah (Dennis) Brownell of Westport, born 7 Jan. 1756, died 2 Nov. 1832 in LC.

He was a captain in the Revolutionary War. He lived on the road south of the Commons on the place owned in 1890 by Mark A. Brownell. He is buried there.

His will, made 10 Sept. 1802 and proved 6 July 1803: "To wife Fal-lee Briggs, improvement of all real and personal estate until youngest

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child is 12 years old (the twelfth of April 1812). I then give my wife and my two daughters, Fallee and Deborah, the use of one half the estate, both real and personal; to daughter Susannah Simmons 100 dollars; to daughter Abishag Simmons 100 dollars; to daughter Mary Brownell 100 dollars; to daughter Fallee 20 silver dollars; to daughter Deborah one silver porringer marked D.D.; to son Cornelius my watch, desk and wearing apparel; my wife to be sole executrix . . . " His estate administered by widow Fallee Briggs 7 Aug. 1805, and proved 13 Dec. 1819.

Children, by first wife, recorded in LC:

- i. Susannah, b. 22 March 1766; m. 1 May 1783 in LC Benjamin Simmons.
- ii. Abishag, b. 16 March 1768; m. 25 May 1788 in LC Isaac Simmons.
- iii. Mary, b. 9 April 1770; d. 15 Nov. 1819; m. 25 Dec. 1791 in LC Jonathan Brownell.

Children, by second wife:

- iv. Fallee, b. 24 March 1794; d. 2 March 1890; m. 1 Oct. 1820 in LC Colonel Wilbor Brownell, son of James and Hannah (Manchester) Brownell.
- v. Cornelius, b. 12 Nov. 1795; d. 26 Oct. 1819.
- vi. Deborah, b. 12 April 1798; d. 19 Jan. 1884; m. 10 July 1817 in LC Alexander R. Brownell, son of James and Hannah (Manchester) Brownell.

14. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 14 April 1751 in LC, died there 28 Oct. 1784.

He married 13 Jan. 1774 in LC ANNA WARE, daughter of Dr. George and Mary Ware. They are buried in Briggs Cemetery number eight.

His estate was administered by his widow, Anna Briggs, 7 Dec. 1784.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Mary, b. 19 Sept. 1775; d. 8 March 1811; m. 6 Oct. 1799  
Isaac Palmer, son of Thomas and Phebe (Shaw) Palmer.
17. ii. William, b. 20 Sept. 1782.

15. JOB<sup>5</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 27 Feb. 1757 in LC, died there 15 Feb. 1834.

He married 26 Sept. 1784 in LC SARAH CHURCH, daughter of William and Parnell (Southworth) Church, born 1 May 1763 in LC, died there 24 Sept. 1840.

Both are buried in the Briggs Cemetery on Shaw Road. They lived on Shaw Road.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

His will, made 7 Feb. 1826, and proved 14 April 1834: "To wife Sarah Briggs use of household goods except what I shall give in the following, and my executor to provide for her. To four daughters, Priscilla Brownell, wife of Mr. Edmund Brownell, Parnell Briggs, wife of Tillinghast Briggs, Almey Gray, wife of Mr. Edward Gray, and Deborah Richmond, the wife of Mr. Barton Richmond, 100 dollars each; to son William Briggs 100 dollars and my fire arms, watch and portrait; to son Job Briggs my desk, clock, largest brass kettle, etc., and all real estate and personal, he to be executor; to son Cyrus Briggs 100 dollars."



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Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Priscilla, b. 10 Jan. 1785; d. 1 Dec. 1869; m. 18 Oct. 1801 in LC Edmund Brownell.
- ii. Richard, b. 1 Oct. 1786.
- iii. Parnell, b. 2 April, 1788; m. 19 Dec. 1813 in LC Tillinghast Briggs.
- iv. Almey, b. 18 Jan. 1790; m. 27 Dec. 1820 in LC Edward Gray of Newport.
- v. William, b. 14 Dec. 1791.
- vi. Deborah, b. 31 Oct. 1793; d. 26 Nov. 1802; m. Barton Richmond, son of Benjamin.
- vii. Jethro, b. 23 Feb. 1796; d. 26 Sept. 1822.
18. viii. Job, b. 27 Feb. 1798.
19. ix. Cyrus, b. 9 March 1800.
- x. Sarah, b. 26 Nov. 1802; d. 12 Dec. 1825.

16. MAJOR THOMAS<sup>5</sup> BRIGGS (Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 18 July 1757 in LC, died 29 April 1822 in his 65th year in LC.

He married first 10 May 1778 in LC LUCY SHAW, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth. She is named in her father's will of 1784. He married second HANNAH (--), died 24 March 1830 (?) and is buried in the Old Commons Cemetery.

Children, recorded in LC:

20. i. Jeremiah, b. 2 Oct. 1778.
- ii. Anna, b. 28 Jan. 1782; m. 13 Jan. 1805 in LC Tillinghast Bailey, son of Isaac and Sarah Bailey.
21. iii. Tillinghast, b. 21 June 1788.
22. iv. Taylor, b. 20 Dec. 1793.

17. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS (Richard<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 20 Sept. 1782.

He was married by Rev. Mase Shepherd 1 June 1806 in LC to SALLY PALMER, daughter of Job and Lydia Palmer, born 27 Nov. 1786.

Children:

23. i. George Ware, b. 8 April 1810.
- ii. Fanny Cook, bapt. 11 Sept. 1814.
- iii. Alexander, bapt. 14 Sept. 1814.

18. JOB<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS (Job<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 27 Feb. 1798 in LC, died there 1 Aug. 1872 ae 74-5-2.

He married first BETSEY BAILEY, daughter of Deacon Abraham and Anna (Chace) Bailey, born 4 Nov. 1798 in LC, died there 22 Feb. 1858 ae 59. He married second 2 May 1861 in LC MARY NYE (HOWARD) BAILEY of Easton, Mass., widow of James H. Bailey, and daughter of Thomas and Delia (Nye) Howard, born 4 Nov. 1824, died 24 May 1918 in LC ae 93-6-20. They are buried in the the Old Commons Cemetery number one.

His will, made 17 Sept. 1866 and proved 9 Sept. 1872, from Book 11, page 648: "That 35 dollars deposited in the Fall River Savings bank the interest to be applied to the care of my cemetery on my farm. To daughter Mary Louise Briggs, all real estate, my old guns, cabinet



organ, great bible, brass clock, old silver watch marked W. Briggs; to wife Mary N. Briggs, sole executrix, she to have all household goods and all personal, excepting what I have otherwise given away . . ."

Codicil 19 Aug. 1871: "That my daughter Mary L. Briggs, if she deceases before the age of 21, then my wife Mary N. Briggs to have the real estate."

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Mary Louise, b. 2 Feb. 1862 in LC; d. 1 May 1941 in Fall River ae 79-2-5; m. James Webster Coombs, b. in 1855 in Rockland, Maine, d. 1 Jan. 1938 in Fall River.

Their Children:

- i. Leslie Briggs, b. 28 July 1886 in LC; d. there 4 Aug. 1886.
- ii. Leslie Briggs (2), b. 1 Feb 1888 in Whitman, Mass.; m. 24 Sept. 1921 in Fall River Charlotte Cary Smith.
- iii. Delia Mary, b. 4 April 1897 in LC.

19. CYRUS<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS (Job<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 9 March 1800 in LC, died 24 June 1871 in Salem, Mass.

He married 7 May 1826/7 LOUISA FISKE; moved to Augusta, Maine.

Children, not recorded in LC:

- i. Sarah Louisa, b. 25 Feb. 1828; m. 1 Jan. 1851 Rev. Wheelock Craig, d. in November 1868 in Newchatel, Switzerland.
- ii. Nancy Adams, b. 25 Jan. 1831; m. George P. Denny of Boston.
- iii. Elizabeth Church, b. 18 Nov. 1833; m. William Dana of California (San Francisco), d. in September 1871 in New Bedford.
- iv. Anna Fiske, b. 24 July 1844; d. 2 May 1851.

20. JEREMIAH<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS ESQ. (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 2 Oct. 1778 in LC, died there 28 Dec. 1856 ae 78-8-4.

He married first 9 March 1806 SALLY ALMY, daughter of William and Betsey Almy, born in 1787, died 27 Feb. 1809 in LC ae 23. Her stone is at the F.W.C. Almy Place. He married second 6 June 1810 DIANNA COE, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Simmons) Coe, born 22 Sept. 1792 in LC, died there 12 May 1869.

His will, made 4 Sept. 1856 in LC, and proved 9 Feb. 1857: "To wife Dianna my house in New Bedford with all buildings, small and large; to son Alfred my lot of woodland; to my three daughters, Sally A. Burgess, wife of Sylvester H. Burgess, Susan C. Gardiner, wife of Jesse Gardiner, Betsey C. Hicks, wife of Joseph Hicks, all the land that belonged to my father's homestead farm, with the sea weed privilege and two lots I bought of Alexander Brownell bounded north and east by Orrin W. Simmons, west by the highway and Isaac C. Brownell; to each of my grandchildren, Francelia A. Burgess, Charles H. Briggs, Mary E. Briggs, Anna B. Gardiner, George Gardiner, Joseph J. Gardiner, James F. Gardiner and William H. Briggs 150 dollars each; to grandson Jeremiah Briggs, son of Alfred C. Briggs 300 dol-

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lars; to my son Thomas Briggs my desk and papers and my estate called Palmer Place with all the buildings and the salt meadow, he to be executor . . . "

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Sally Almy, b. 6 April 1811; d. 11 Oct. 1896 in LC; m. 4 Oct. 1832 Sylvester H. Burgess.
24. ii. Alfred C., b. 21 May 1813.
- iii. Susan Church, b. 22 May 1818; m. 5 Oct. 1839 Jesse Gardiner of Narragansett.
- iv. Betsey Coe, b. 10 Sept. 1820; m. 10 Aug. 1842 Joseph Hicks of Westport.
25. v. Thomas, b. 16 June 1822.

21. TILLINGHAST<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 21 June 1788 in LC.

He married 19 Dec. 1813 in LC PARNELL BRIGGS, daughter of Job and Sarah (Church) Briggs, born 2 April 1788 in LC.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Nancy Adams, b. 1 Oct. 1814; d. 18 Jan. 1815.
- ii. Nancy Adams, b. 25 Dec. 1815; d. 14 April 1833.
- iii. Caroline Louisa, b. 4 May 1820; m. Asa Dean of Somerset, Mass.
- iv. Sarah, b. 7 Aug. 1822; m. Allen Phillips of New Bedford.
- v. Jethro Tillinghast, b. 31 July 1825. He was a printer in Providence.

22. TAYLOR<sup>6</sup> BRIGGS (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 20 Dec. 1793 in LC.

He married 28 May 1816 PHILENA WILBOUR, daughter of Daniel and Deborah (Taylor) Wilbour, born 13 March 1795 in LC, died 16 June 1845.

His estate was administered 6 May 1822 by Isaiah and Sophia Johnson of Vernon, Vermont.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Sophia, b. 6 March 1821; d. 23 Aug. 1897; m. 1 Jan. 1839 Isaiah Johnson, d. 24 Oct. 1909; moved to Vernon, Vermont.
- ii. Mary Wilbour, b. 8 Feb. 1818; d. 10 Oct. 1880; m. Anson Carter Nobles, b. 24 Feb. 1817, d. 28 April 1901; moved to Enfield, New York.

23. **REV. GEORGE WARE**<sup>7</sup> BRIGGS (William<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 8 April 1810 in LC, died 10 Sept. 1895 in Plymouth, Mass. Residence: LC and Providence.

He married first **LUCRETIA ARCHIBALD BARTLETT**, daughter of Abner and Sarah (Burgess) Bartlett of Medford, Mass. He married second in 1849 **LUCIA JANE RUSSELL**, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha (Lebaron) Russell, born in 1821, died 1 Nov. 1881 in Cambridge, Mass.

He was a Unitarian minister, educated at Brown and Harvard. He was pastor during his lifetime in Plymouth, Salem and Cambridge, Mass.



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Children, by first wife:

- i. George, died young.
- ii. William.
- iii. Mary Ann Stephenson.
- iv. Anna Ware, m. George G. Barker of Plymouth.

Children, by second wife:

- v. George Russell, m. 8 June 1892 Helen Thornton Taber, daughter of William Congdon and Sarah Allen (Wood) Taber.
- vi. Le Barron Russell, b. 11 Dec. 1855 in Salem, Mass.; m. Mary Dequidville of Cambridge, Mass.

24. ALFRED C.<sup>7</sup> BRIGGS (Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 21 May 1813 in LC, died there 5 June 1886 ae 73. He is buried in Commons Cemetery.

He married first 1 Nov. 1837 in LC MARY V. HARLOW, born 11 Aug. 1813, died 14 Oct. 1839 in New Bedford. He married second 12 April 1843 ELVIRA M. CORNELL, born 16 May 1820 in Swansea, Mass., died 3 Nov. 1849 in LC. He married third 2 July 1854 in LC ELIZABETH F. BROWNELL, daughter of Henry Sherbourne and Jane E. (Gallison) Brownell, born 7 Nov. 1834 in LC, died there 12 Jan 1907.

Children, by first wife, born and recorded in LC:

- i. Ellen J., b. 31 July 1839 in New Bedford; d. 17 Sept. 1839.

Children, by second wife:

- ii. Charles Henry, b. 27 Feb. 1847; m. 30 April 1866 Fannie Russell.
- iii. Jeremiah, b. 3 Nov. 1847.
- iv. Mary Elvira, b. 26 March 1849; d. 14 Jan. 1924; m. 17 Jan. 1869 Nathaniel Church.

Children, by third wife:

- v. Jeremiah Henry, b. in March 1856; m. 2 March 1875 Phebe J. Williston of Tiverton.
- vi. George Alvin, b. 23 April 1858; d. 1 April 1864 ae 5-11-9.
- vii. Edgar T., b. 10 June 1860; d. 21 April 1864 ae 3-10-10.
- viii. Herbert Alfred, b. 2 Feb. 1863; m.(1) Lucy Hill; m.(2) Bertha G. Scammons.
- ix. George Alvin, b. 10 June 1865; d. 31 July 1867 ae 2-1-21.
- x. Carrie Jane, b. 8 Sept. 1868; m. 28 Nov. 1889 George A. Seabury, son of Andrew and Julia Seabury.
- xi. Annie Elizabeth, b. 2 Feb. 1870; m. James Durfee.
- xii. Jenny G., b. 21 Nov. 1874; m. Ernest Whitehead.

25. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> BRIGGS (Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Job<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 16 June 1822 in LC, died there 6 Jan 1905 ae 82-6-2.

He married first 2 April 1844 ARETHUSA HARLOW of Barre, Mass., born in 1821, died 24 Jan. 1886 in LC ae 64-10-12. She is buried in Old Commons Cemetery. He married second 14 July 1887 LYDIA GRAY, daughter of Amasa and Phebe Gray, born 18 Dec. 1840, died 25 Feb. 1923 in Cranston ae 83-2-7.

Children, by first wife, born in LC:

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- i. William H., b. 15 May 1846 in LC; d. there 4 Jan. 1925;  
m. 26 May 1869 Delia M. Howard, daughter of Thomas  
and Lucy (Hayward) Howard, b. in May 1851 in Easton,  
Mass., d. 1 Jan 1928 ae 76-7-27.

1. PERRY<sup>1</sup> BRIGGS, born about 1787, died 9 Feb. 1867 ae 80 in Westport, Mass., according to the New Bedford Paper. Residence: Westport, Mass.

He married 16 March 1817 in Dartmouth, Mass., DIANNA ALLEN, born in 1786, died 19 March 1874 ae 88 in Westport, Mass.

He sold his homestead to son John A. Briggs in 1856 which was formerly of the Isaac Sherman homestead, bounded north, south and east on Restcome Borden and west on heirs of Exekiel Brownell and highway. Taken from Book 32 page 273.

Children, born in Westport, Mass.:

2. i. Charles F., b. 18 May 1818.
- ii. John A., b. in 1835; m. Maria (Devoll) Simmons.
- iii. Peleg P., b. in 1833; m. (1) 27 March 1855 in Westport Lucy S. Hart; m. (2) Charity A. (Tripp) Snell.

2. CHARLES F.<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS (Perry<sup>1</sup>), born 18 May 1818 in LC, died there 2 Feb. 1892 ae 72-8-13. He was buried in the Adamsville Cemetery number 26.

He married 5 Dec. 1841 in LC ANN E. MANCHESTER, daughter of Ellery and Hannah Manchester, born 25 Jan. 1824 in Westport, died 6 May 1904 ae 80-2-2 in LC.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Eliza F., b. 19 Oct. 1845.
- ii. Dianna A., b. in 1846; d. 8 Aug. 1896 ae 50-9-20; m. Charles Pierce of Bradford.
- iii. Caroline A., b. 13 Jan. 1848; d. 17 July 1866 ae 18-6-4.
- iv. Alexander H., b. 14 Nov. 1829.
3. v. David L., b. 28 July 1851.
- vi. Sarah M., b. 20 March 1853.
- vii. Lillian Amelia, b. 19 Oct. 1860 in LC; d. 14 Dec. 1922 in East Providence; m. (1) 10 June 1874 in LC Conrad Seibel, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Seibel of Tiverton; m. (2) (--) Moore.
4. viii. Charles Ellery, b. 28 Oct. 1863.

3. DAVID L.<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS (Charles<sup>2</sup>, Perry<sup>1</sup>), born 28 July 1851 in LC, died there 20 Jan. 1845.

He married first 25 Feb. 1884 in LC CARRIE W. TEACHMAN, daughter of William L. and Mary Teachman, born in 1868, died 7 April 1891 ae 22 in LC. He married second 4 Sept. 1897 in LC MARY (WATTS) WHALEY, daughter of John and Mary (Brooks) Watts, born 12 Nov. 1861, died 6 June, 1932 ae 70-7-24.

Children, by first wife, born in LC:

- i. Mary Eliza, b. 10 May 1885; m. 14 Dec. 1904 in LC Edward Leander Grinnell, son of Thomas D. and Hannah W. (Simmons) Grinnell, b. in LC.



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4. CHARLES ELLERY<sup>3</sup> BRIGGS (Charles F.<sup>2</sup>, Perry<sup>1</sup>), born 28 Oct. 1863 in LC, died there 20 Jan 1945 ae 81-2-22.

He married 8 Nov. 1884 in LC JANE WHALLEY, daughter of William and Ann (Riding) Whalley, born 28 June 1868 in Barnafurnace, England, died 13 Jan. 1938 in LC ae 69-6-15.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Melissa Hannah, b. 17 Sept. 1898; m. William F. Hart (?).
- ii. Ruth Ellen, b. 6 April 1894 in LC; m. 4 June 1916 in LC William Le Roy Candage, son of William and Mary A. (Farrell) Candage, b. 17 Nov. 1885 in Franklin, Mass.
5. iii. Charles E., b. 13 May 1903.
- iv. Rozwell Manchester, b. 30 Aug. 1905.
- v. William Francis, b. 3 Jan. 1886; m. Henrietta Marsden, daughter of Thomas Marsden, b. 18 Jan. 1890 in Fall River, d. 28 Nov. 1952 in Cranston ae 60-10-10.
- vi. Ann E., d. 14 Sept. 1890 ae 1-2-8 in LC.
6. vii. Ray Thurston, b. 9 July 1909 in LC; m. Lillian R. Habib.
- viii. A daughter.

5. CHARLES E.<sup>9</sup> BRIGGS (Charles E.<sup>8</sup>, Charles F.<sup>7</sup>, ? ), born 13 May 1903 in LC.

He married 4 Sept. 1930 in Westport, Mass. DORIS C. WRAITH, daughter of Shelton J. and Mabel C. (Martin) Wraith.

6. RAY THURSTON<sup>9</sup> BRIGGS (Charles E.<sup>8</sup>, Charles F.<sup>7</sup>, ? ), born 9 July 1909 in LC. He married LILLIAN R. HABIB.

Children:

- i. Nancy Jane, b. 22 Dec. 1938 in Fall River, Mass.

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1. MARY<sup>1</sup> BRIGGS of LC.

Children, recorded in LC:

2. i. Samuel.
3. ii. Arnold, b. 27 Oct. 1757.

2. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS (Mary<sup>1</sup>), married 15 June 1777 in LC LYDIA BROWN, daughter of William and Judith Brown.

Children, born and recorded in LC:

- i. Elizabeth, b. 8 March 1779; d. 29 June 1860.

3. ARNOLD<sup>2</sup> BRIGGS (Mary<sup>1</sup>), born 27 Oct. 1751 in LC, died in 1812.

He married in 1776 in LC MARY PEARCE, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Rouse) Pearce, born 20 April 1754.

Children, born and recorded in LC:

- i. George, b. 2 Sept. 1777.

GEORGE A. BRIGGS, born in 1878, married ELIZABETH CARTER.

Children, born in LC:

- i. Ralph Edward, b. 11 March 1919.