

3. BENJAMIN² LEONARD (*John*¹), born at Springfield, Mass., 5 Sept. 1654, died there 21 Dec. 1724 in 71st year (gravestone); married at Springfield, 9 Feb. 1679/80, SARAH SCOTT [Scott Family, No. 1, i], born at Springfield, 19 Oct. 1663, died there 2 Dec. 1751, daughter of John and Sarah (Bliss) Scott.

He was Constable of Springfield, 1700; assessor, 1704, 1705, and 1707, Selectman, 1696, 1704, and 1707; fence viewer, 1693; tithing man, 1694, 1710; and Trustee, 1707.^a

He owned a bull of repute, for whose use the Town paid in 1718 and 1719; and on 28 Jan. 1724/5, it was voted to grant "the Heires of Benjamin Leonard Deceased the Sum of ffifteen Shillins for the Service of s^d Lenords Bull."^b

The will of Benjamin Leonard, Sr., of Springfield, dated 18 Dec. 1724, proved 6 Apr. 1725, named his beloved wife Sarah, sons John, Nathaniel, Ebenezer, Abel and Benjamin; daughters Keziah and Rachel; daughters Sarah Ball, Margaret Ely, and Martha Ferry. Wife and son John, executors. Witnesses: Josiah Leonard, Moses Ingersoll, Nathaniel Downing.^c

Children of Benjamin and Sarah (Scott) Leonard, born at Springfield:

- i. JOHN,³ b. 12 July 1681; d. at Springfield, 28 Nov. 1744 in 64th yr. (g. s.); Doctor; m. 15 Feb. 1708/9, SARAH DICKINSON, b. at Hatfield, 15 Apr. 1689, d. at Springfield, 29 Mar. 1768 in 79th yr. (g. s.), dau. of John and Sarah (——) Dickinson.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. 23 Oct. 1683; d. young.
- iii. NATHANIEL, b. 6 Nov. 1685; d. at Springfield, 16 July 1734 in 49th yr. (g. s.); m. 14 Apr. 1726, SARAH ELY [Ely Family, No. 3, vi], b. 8 Jan. 1703/4, d. 28 June 1787 ae. 85 (g. s.), dau. of Joseph and Mary (Riley) Ely. She m. (2) (int. 31 July 1736), William McIntyre. Children:
 1. *Preserved*,⁴ b. 13 Mar. 1727/8; d. 18 May 1801 ae. 73; Captain; m. (1) 22 May 1751, Sarah Keep, b. at Westford, 10 Apr. 1731, d. 18 Jan. 1761, dau. of Jabez and Sarah (Leonard) Keep; m. (2) 23 Sept. 1761, Mary (Miller) Morley, b. 7 Mar. 1729/30, d. 3 Mar. 1786 ae. 56, dau. of Obadiah and Mary (Perkins) Miller, and widow of Abel Morley, Jr.; m. (3) Mary (——) Harwood.
 2. *Nathaniel*, b. 21 Feb. 1729/30; m. 1 Sept. 1757, Sarah Flowers, b. 26 Nov. 1728, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Wright) Flowers.
 3. *Ezekiel*, bapt. at West Springfield, 27 Aug. 1732; made his will at Sheffield, 1755.
- 7 iv. EBENEZER, b. 20 Jan. 1687/8; d. 22 Feb. 1762.
- v. SARAH, b. 28 Mar. 1691; d. at West Springfield, 11 Mar. 1777 ae. 85; m. 28 Jan. 1713/14, FRANCIS BALL, b. at Springfield, 9 Mar. 1686/7, d. at West Springfield, 21 Oct. 1757 (g. s.), son of Jonathan and Susannah (——) (Worthington) Ball.
- vi. MARTHA, b. 23 Oct. 1695; m. (1) 18 Feb. 1715/16, JOSEPH ASHLEY, b. at West Springfield, 27 July 1686, d. there 12 May 1720, son of Joseph and Mary (Parsons) Ashley. Adm'n on Joseph's estate granted 4 June 1720 to his widow Martha, Benjamin Leonard, Sr., and Ebenezer Ashley; she is called Martha Ferry, described as only surviving administrator, in a citation dated 10 Jan. 1745.^d She m. (2) at West Springfield, 13 July 1722, CHARLES FERRY, b. at Springfield, 30 Apr. 1694, d. 19 May 1727, son of Charles and Abigail (Warner) Ferry.

Adm'n on Charles Ferry's estate was granted 26 June 1727 to the widow Martha and Ebenezer Leonard, Sr.^e Did she not m. (3) 6 June 1754, NATHANIEL⁴ ELY [Ely Family, No. 3, iv], b. 21 Oct. 1694, d. 29 Dec. 1787 ae. 93? If so, she d. 21 Dec. 1786 ae. 92.^f

- vii. MARGARET, b. [perhaps 1693]; d. at West Springfield, 3 Oct. 1760; m. 24 Dec. 1713, JOSEPH ELY [Ely Family, No. 4], b. at West Springfield, 9 Apr. 1686, d. there 6 Jan. 1770, son of Joseph and Mary (Riley) Ely.
- viii. KEZIAH, b. 25 Nov. 1697; d. 22 Mar. 1742/3; m. 25 Dec. 1734, DR. LAMBERTON COOPER [Cooper Family, No. 4, ii], b. at Springfield, 26 Sept. 1702, d. there 22 Dec. 1755, son of Dr. Samuel and Mary (Rogers) Cooper.
- ix. ABEL, b. 27 July 1700; d. 2 Feb. 1779 in 79th yr. (g. s., Feeding Hills Centre Cem.); m. (1) (int. 11 Dec. 1730), ESTHER AUSTIN, b. at Suffield, Conn., 5 May 1709, d. 31 May 1756 in 47th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Anthony and Esther (——) Austin; ten children; m. (2) 26 Jan. 1758, EXPERIENCE MILLER [see Miller Family, No. 2, ii, 6], b. 10 Mar. 1732/3, d. 12 Oct. 1760 in 28th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Obadiah and Mary (Perkins) Miller; one child; m. (3) (int. 6 Mar. 1762), HANNAH (——) WOOSTER, who d. 23 Apr. 1767 [Suffield Record], widow of Nathaniel Wooster.
- x. BENJAMIN, b. 17 Aug. 1702; d. at Springfield, 25 Feb. 1785 ae. 83 (g. s.); Lieutenant; m. 3 Aug. 1727, THANKFUL MERRICK, b. at Springfield, 8 Oct. 1701, d. there 31 Dec. 1779 in 79th yr. (g. s.), dau. of James and Sarah (Hitchcock) Merrick.
- xi. RACHEL, b. 19 Jan. 1705/6.

a. Henry M. Burt, *History of Springfield* (1899), 2:353, 366, 367, 374, 341, 211, 332, 384, 376.

b. *Ibid.*, 2:408, 410, 428.

c. Old Hampshire Probate, 4:121.

d. *Ibid.*, 4:37.

e. *Ibid.*, 4:172.

f. The age at death fits this Martha fairly well, but most sources suppose Ely's wife to be the maiden Martha Ferry, b. 15 Sept. 1703, who would have been 83 at the stated date of death, while Martha (Leonard) would have been in her 92d year.

4. ABEL² LEONARD (*John*¹), born at Springfield, Mass., 22 July 1656, died there 10 Mar. 1689/90; married at Springfield, 4 Mar. 1686/7, MARY REMINGTON, born _____, died at Springfield, 27 Dec. 1747, daughter of Thomas and Mehitabel (Walker) Remington. She married second, 30 July 1691, Samuel Bedortha, born 1 Dec. 1651, died 14 Sept. 1728, son of Reice and Blanch (Lewis) Bedortha.

A deed in 1721, after the death of Thomas Remington, Sr., of Suffield, shows Mary (Remington) Leonard, then wife of Samuel Bedortha, to be sister of Joseph Remington and Thomas Remington, Jr., of Suffield.^a

Children of Abel and Mary (Remington) Leonard, born at Springfield:

- i. MARY,³ b. 16 Dec. 1687; d. 19 Mar. 1689/90.
- ii. SARAH, b. 8 Oct. 1689; d. _____ Dec. 1689.

a. Old Hampshire Deeds, L:41. She is omitted in the amateurish account of the Remington Family in *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, 63:178.

5. JOSIAH² LEONARD (*John*¹), born at Springfield, Mass., 28 Mar. 1658, died there 15 Feb. 1688/9; married at Springfield, 19 Dec. 1678, SARAH²