

JOHN HOWLAND

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THE FIRST FIVE GENERATIONS

Documented Descendants Through

his first child **Desire² Howland**

and her husband **Captain John Gorham**

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he listed the heirs of his other sisters, Experience and Mehitable, and of his deceased brothers, James, John and Jabez Gorham, as well as his living brothers, Joseph and Ebenezer.¹² It is therefore concluded that Desire (Gorham) (Springer) Hamilton did not have any surviving children.

Possible children (Springer), born in Newport, R.I.:¹³

- i. James⁵, died before 4 November 1707; not mentioned in his grandfather's will.
- ii. Mary, died before 4 November 1707; not mentioned in her grandfather's will.

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35. James Gorham⁴ (James³, Desire² Howland, John¹) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 March 1676/7,¹ the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. He died in Barnstable after 10 September 1718,² the date he made his will, and before 5 November 1718, the date it was probated.

James Gorham married, as her first husband, in Barnstable 29 September 1709 Mary Joyce,³ who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 September 1680,⁴ the daughter of Hosea Joyce and his wife, Elizabeth Chipman³ (Hope² Howland, John¹), and also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary married second, in Barnstable 26 May 1720 Elisha Parker,⁵ the son of Robert and Patience (Cobb) Parker, by whom she had one more child, Hannah Parker. Mary married third, in Barnstable 16 September 1736 Thomas Lothrop, the widower of her husband's sister, Experience Gorham.⁶ Mary died before 1 March 1742/3, the date the final distribution was made of the estate of her brother, Samuel Joyce, in which one share was set off to "the heirs of Mary Lothrop, deceased."⁷ All of Mary's children, including Hannah Parker, were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through Mary's mother, Elizabeth Chipman.

James Gorham shared in his father's estate, probated 4 November 1707, and was named sole executor.⁸ He was very wealthy. In his own will dated 10 September 1717, proved 5 November 1718, James Gorham, Gentleman, mentioned his wife Mary, his daughter Thankful, and his three

sons, Isaac, Hezekiah and James. His younger daughter, Mary, was born posthumously. Executors were his wife, Mary Gorham, Thomas Joyce and Joseph Davis. The inventory was taken 20 October 1718, Witnesses were Shubael Gorham, James Dimock and James M. Sparrow.⁹

After James Gorham's death, his surviving children shared in the estate of his brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stratford, Connecticut, who died in 1747 without a wife or child.¹⁰

Children (Gorham), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the West Barnstable Church:¹¹

- +206 i. Thankful⁵⁻⁵, born 25 May 1711, baptized in May 1714.
- +207 ii. Isaac, bapt. 17 April 1715 (twin).
- +208 iii. Hezekiah, bapt. 17 April 1715 (twin).
- iv. James, bapt. 12 May 1717, died before 1742; his intentions of marriage to Mary Hallett were published in Yarmouth, 11 November 1738, but in his will dated 19 March 1738/9, he gave all of his possessions to his brother, Hezekiah.¹²
- +209 v. Mary, born posthumously, bapt. 19 July 1719, called "of James Gorham" in church records.

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36. Experience Gorham⁴ (James³, Desire² Howland, John¹) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 July 1678,¹ the daughter of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 23 December 1733.²

Experience Gorham married, as his first wife, in Barnstable 23 April 1697 Thomas Lothrop,³ who was born in Barnstable 6 January 1673/4,⁴ the son of the Rev. Joseph and Mary (Ansel) Lothrop. Thomas married second, as her third husband, in Barnstable 16 September 1736 Mary (Joyce) (Gorham) Parker, daughter of Hosea and Elizabeth (Chipman) Joyce and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through her mother. Mary was the widow of Experience Gorham's brother, James Gorham, and also of Elisha Parker.⁵ [See #35, pages 72-73.] Thomas Lothrop died in Barnstable 23 July 1757, in his 84th year.⁶

Experience Lothrop was mentioned in the will of her father, James Gorham, dated 4 November 1704, proved 7 January 1707/8.⁷ Her chil-