

Support in her old age . . ." and appointed her the sole executrix. Her two sisters, Desire Bacon and Mary Bacon were to share residual benefits. Witnesses Adino Hinckley, Jabez Hinckley, Edward Bacon.¹²

- viii. **Simeon**, born Monday, 26 July 1736, died Friday, 21 March 1739/40, (gravestone = died 19th), age 4, buried Cobb Hill East Cemetery.¹³
- ix. **Desire**, born Saturday, 20 May 1738, died unmarried, 2 (*sic*) March 1811, age 73, buried Cobb Hill, West Cemetery. The will of Desire Bacon of Barnstable, spinster, dated 18 March 1811 and proved 9 April 1811, gave her brother Isaac Bacon \$1.00; sister, Elizabeth Dimock, widow of Thomas, one of my poorest beds without any covering; sister, Mary Davis, widow of Joseph, received all the real estate and freehold estate. The executors were John Davis, Jr., and Abner Davis. Witnesses: John Gorham, Nathaniel Gorham & Hannah Davis.¹⁴
- x. **Mary**, born Saturday, 23 August 1740.

REFERENCES

1. MD 31:151; will (ref.#7). 2. Will (ref.#11). 3. Harwich VR 38; Barnstable VR 2:346; MD 8:217-218; 31:151. 4. MD 2:215; Barnstable VR 1:343; MD 31:151. 5. Harwich VR 37,38; *Records of the Church of Christ in the East Precinct of Barnstable*, also called The East Parish (1717-1835). Indexed by Hazel A. Young (Manuscript), 1958. (Hereafter *Barnstable East Parish Records*) 2; Paul J. Bunnell, *Cemetery Inscriptions of the Town of Barnstable, Mass. and Its Villages, 1600-1900*. (Hereafter: *Cemetery Inscriptions, Barnstable*) 19. 6. MD 2:215; Barnstable VR 1:343. 7. MD 3:180; 13:70; 33:108-113 (John Freeman). 8. *Barnstable East Precinct Records* 2. 9. Plymouth Co LR 22:12; MD 33:106 (John Bacon). 10. Barnstable Co PR 6:403-404 administration + inventory), 8:404-405 (account + dower), 406 (second account - John Bacon). 11. MD 31:151; 33:117; *Barnstable VR* 2:346; MQ 50:138-140. 12. Barnstable Co PR #13:523 (Mercy Bacon); *Cemetery Inscriptions, Barnstable* 19. 13. *Ibid* 21. 14. *Ibid* 17; Barnstable Co PR 32:282; 35:313 (Desire Bacon).

The *Freeman Genealogy* published several errors relating to this family. On page 35, it stated that John Freeman had no children. The land record from John and Elizabeth (Freeman) Bacon proved that Elizabeth was the daughter of Elkanah Watson's widow, Mercy (Hedge) (Watson) Freeman, by her second husband, John Freeman (MD 33:102,106). A second error was noted on page 102, which stated that Elizabeth Freeman, who married John Bacon, was a daughter of John Freeman and his wife, Mercy Watson, daughter of Elkanah and Mercy Watson. John Bacon's wife was a half-sister of the John Freeman, who married Elkanah Watson's daughter, Mercy (MD 33:102). A third error claimed that Nathan Bacon, who married Mary Taylor, was a son of John and Elizabeth (Freeman) Bacon.

284. **Mercy⁵ Freeman** (*Thomas Freeman⁴, Mercy Prence³, Patience² Brewster, William¹*) was born in Eastham or Satucket, Mass. (now Harwich, incorporated in 1694), the "last week" of October 1674,¹ the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman. Mercy died in Yarmouth, Mass., Sunday, "last"/30 August 1747, aged 74 years and was buried in West Brewster Cemetery.²

Mercy married, place and date undetermined, about 1693 (based on birth of first child), ***Paul Sears**,³ who was born, place and date undocumented, probably in Yarmouth on or before 15 June 1669, the unnamed child who was "3 years old 15 June 1672,"⁴ the son of Paul and Deborah (Willard) Sears.⁵ Paul died in Yarmouth, Thursday, 14 or Sun-

day, 17 February 1739/40, in his 71st year and was buried in West Brewster Cemetery. (The later date may be the day of burial.)⁶

No marriage record has been found for Mercy Freeman and Paul Sears. The marriage has been ascertained from and proven by the will of Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman, dated 13 June 1729 and proved 18 March 1740, which named her daughter Mercy Sears, and appointed her son-in-law Paul Sears as one of her executors.⁷ The will of Thomas Freeman, Sr. of Harwich, yeoman, dated 4 February 1715/6 and proved 20 April 1716, mentioned a bequest of £30 to his daughter Mercy, but he did not state her surname.⁸

Thomas and Mercy Sears resided on Quivet Neck on land given to him in his father's will. Mercy (Freeman) Sears became a member of the church in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, on 6 August 1727. Paul Sears was admitted there on 23 June 1728, having served on the following Committees: to inform Mr. Taylor of call to ministry, 4 August 1724; committee to lay out the meeting-house floor for pews on 5 October 1725; to receive Mr. Dennis answer on 24 June 1726; and on 16 March 1727, the committee at the ordination of Mr. Dennis. There were several women with the name of Mercy Sears living in Yarmouth at the same time. Reputedly, Mercy (Freeman) Sears was called "Mercy Paul" to distinguish her from the other women in town.⁹

No probate records were found for Paul Sears, but the inventory of Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman (mother of Mercy Freeman of this sketch), dated 29 September 1741, showed that her son-in-law, Paul Sears, had died and Edmund Freeman was the surviving executor.¹⁰

The will of Mercy Sears of Yarmouth, widow (signed by a mark) was dated 13 December 1746 and proved 9 September 1747, and gave her daughters, viz: Rebecca Hall, Deborah Howes, Mercy Blackmore, and Ann Bangs, all her "wearing cloaths and apparell & my gold necklaces, my plate and pewter and brass kettle and my pillion . . . to be equally divided." Son Ebenezer was to receive £10 old tenor. Son Daniel was given her warming pan and biggest iron kettle. Her moveable estate withindoors and without, was left to all "my children, viz: Ebenezer, Paul, Thomas, Joshua, Daniel (executor), and Edmund (executor) Sears, and her daughters abovenamed and her two grandchildren, viz: Moses Crosby and Sarah Howes, who were to split one share between them out of eleven shares. Witnesses: Phillip Howes, Betty Howes, Joseph Staples. The warrant for appraisal of the estate was issued 9 September 1747, to Isaac Chapman, Zachary Sears and Phillip Howes, Yarmouth, Freeholders and the inventory dated 8 October 1747, showed a total estate of £562-04-02. This was presented to the court with an account of her estate on 18 November 1747, by Daniel Sears and Edmund Sears, executors. The account mentioned "tendance on her sickness from 1 December 1746 to the last of Aug 1747."¹¹

Children (Sears) born in Yarmouth and baptized in the First Parish in Brewster, formerly the First Parish in Harwich, Mass.:¹²

- i. **Ebenezer**⁶, born 15 August 1694.
- ii. **Paul**, born 21 December 1695.
- iii. **Elizabeth**, born 27 August 1697.
- iv. **Thomas**, born 6 June 1699.
- v. **Rebecca**, born Wednesday, 2 April 1701.
- vi. **Marcy**, born Sunday, 7 February 1702[3].

- vii. **Deborah**, born Sunday 11 March 170[4/5], bapt. "by virtue of comunion of Ch[urc]hs," 6 May 1705.
- viii. **Ann**, born Friday, 27 December 1706, bapt. "by comunion of ch[urc]hs," 16 February 1707.
- ix. **Joshua**, born "about" 20 November 1708.
- x. **Daniel**, born Sunday, 16 July 1710.
- xi. **Edmund**, born Wednesday, 6 August 1712.
- xii. **Hannah**, born Sunday, 6 March 1714/5, not in mother's will.

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1. *Harwich VR* 1; *MD* 3:174; 8:93. 2. Account (ref.#11); Samuel Paul May, *Descendants of Richard Sares (Sears) of Yarmouth, Mass., 1638-1888*. Albany, N.Y. 1880. (Hereafter *Sears Gen*) 55 (no primary source support). 3. Will of Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman (ref.#7). 4. *Yarmouth VR* 1:1; *MD* 3:36. 5. _____; *Sears Gen* 55. 6. *Yarmouth VR* 1:156, 157. 7. Barnstable Co PR 6:45 (will-Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman). 8. *Ibid* 3:411-413 (Thomas Freeman); *MD* 13:20-22. 9. *Sears Gen* 56. 10. Mother's inventory (ref.#7). 11. Barnstable Co PR 8:101-103 (will, inventory and account - Mercy Sears). 12. *Yarmouth VR* 1:18-19; *MD* 4:246; 7:249-250.

*NOTE: *Gen of MF* 1:108 mistakenly identified Silas Sears as the husband of Mercy Freeman. This is an error proven by the will of Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman, which named her son-in-law Paul Sears as an executor.

285. **Thomas⁵ Freeman** (*Thomas Freeman⁴, Mercy Prence³, Patience² Brewster, William¹*) was born in Eastham or Satucket, Mass. (now incorporated as the Town of Harwich), 11 October 1676,¹ the son of Thomas and Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman. Thomas died in Harwich, Friday, 22 March 1716/7, aged 41, buried in the Old Burying Ground in Brewster, Mass., (incorporated from the Town of Harwich in 1803).²

Thomas married first, in Eastham, by Captain (Jonathan) Sparrow, Thursday, 22 August 1706, **Bathsheba Mayo**, his second cousin,³ who was born in Eastham, 23 September 1683,⁴ the daughter of Nathaniel Mayo⁴ (*Hannah Prence³, Patience² Brewster, William¹*) and his first wife, Elizabeth Wixam [Families #68 and #351]. Bathsheba was a second cousin to her husband, Thomas Freeman of this sketch, and she was also a descendant of Pilgrim Elder William Brewster, a passenger on the *Mayflower*. Bathsheba died in Eastham, Thursday, 9 January 1706/7, four and one-half months after her marriage.⁵

Thomas married second, in Eastham, by Joseph Doane, Esquire, Friday, 17 October 1707 (Monday, 13 November 1707 in family record), **Mary Smith**, he called "Jr." of Harwich, she of Eastham,⁶ who was reputedly born, place undetermined, 24 May 1685,⁷ parentage undetermined. Mary died, place and date undetermined, after 16 September 1742, when her second husband posted bond on the estate of their son, James Freeman, and she is mentioned.⁸ Mary (Smith) Freeman married second, place and date undocumented, probably shortly after 30 July 1718, when she was called a widow in the settlement of the estate of her first husband, Thomas Freeman, and before the birth of her son, Joseph Doane, who was baptized 3 August 1719, **Hezekiah Doane**,⁹ who was born in Eastham, in August 1672,¹⁰ the son of Ephraim and Mary (Knowles) Doane. Hezekiah died, place and date undocumented, probably in that part of Eastham, which became Wellfleet, Mass., before 23 June 1752, the date when an administrator was appointed for his estate.¹¹ Hezekiah and Mary (Smith) (Freeman) Doane had two children, probably born