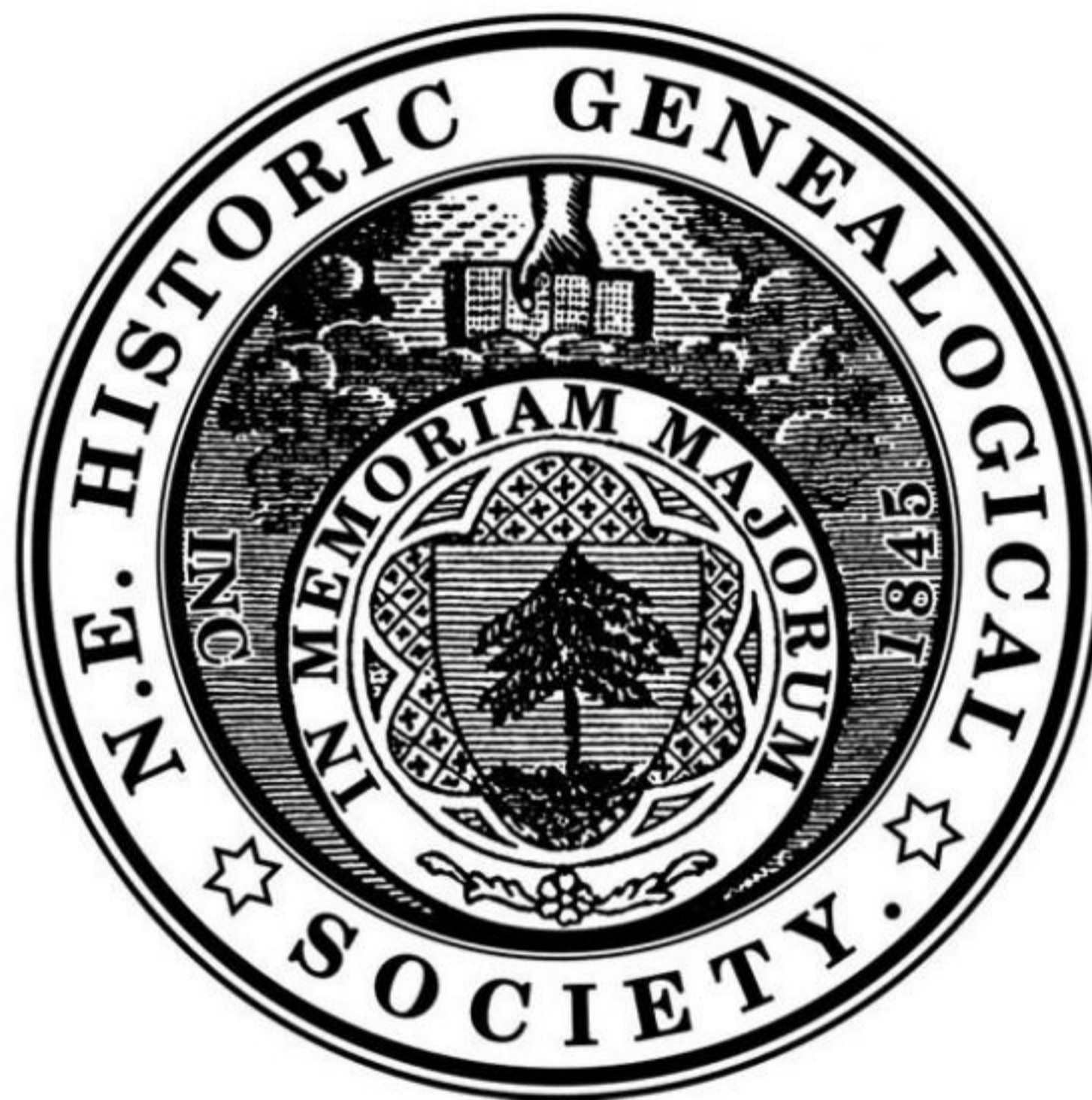


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PART 2: HENRY SHERMAN THE YOUNGER AND HIS WIFE

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*(continued from Register 166 [2012]:258)**

Henry Sherman the younger married Susan Lawrence in Moze, a parish in northeast Essex overlooking the Walton Backwaters, on 14 June 1568, a fact that has been known since it was reported in the *Register* in 1913.^[79] The Moze parish registers begin in 1548, but the only other Lawrence entries there, until at least 1678, are the baptisms of Ann Lawrence (21 May 1548), Jane Lawrence (26 August 1549), and Thomas Lawrence (21 May 1551), all described as children of “Jhon” Lawrence.^[80]

Mrs. Stratton tried to find further clues by consulting Morant’s *History of Essex*,^[81] but more relevant and rewarding sources are the Dedham manor court rolls:

Dedham Hall, Monday, 26 September 17. Eliz (1575). James Lawrence and Joan his wife, late wife of William Thorpe, surrendered seven acres of land called Skultons to the lord, who regranted the same to Joan for the term of her life, and after her death to William Thorpe.^[82]

Dedham Hall, Monday, in the last week of Quadragesima, 16 April 18 Eliz. (1576). Joan late wife of James Lawrence and previously wife of William Thorpe, who held one cottage and seven acres of land . . . died since the last court [12 October 1575]. Rose Havelocke the late wife of Thomas Havelocke was the only daughter and heir of William Thorpe. Rose Havelocke is the only daughter and heir of Rose and Thomas Havelocke, and is aged 8 years. Custody of the body and tenements of Rose was granted to Barbara Lawrence with her assent.^[83]

* *Editor’s note:* The current *Register* style is to cite the registers of a particular parish only the first time they are mentioned, e.g., the parish registers of Moze are cited in note 80 only. In Part 1 of this article the editor neglected to include citations to the parish registers of Dedham, Essex (at the Essex Record Office, Colchester; Sherman entries in *Register* 50 [1896]:414–17; 67 [1913]:155–57) after note 45 and of St. James, Colchester, Essex (at the Essex Record Office, Colchester) after note 47. There are various gaps in the Dedham registers between 1605 and 1641, and in the St. James, Colchester, registers between 1620 and 1653.

⁷⁹ Thomas Townsend Sherman, “Additional Facts about the English Shermans,” *Register* 67 (1913):154–58, at 154.

⁸⁰ Parish registers of Moze, Essex [now included in Beaumont cum Moze], at the Essex Record Office, Colchester.

⁸¹ Stratton, *New Light* [note 2], 52–53; Stratton, *Transatlantic Shermans* [note 3], 94–96.

⁸² Dedham Hall [note 16], DL30/60/739.

⁸³ *Ibid.*

Dedham Hall, Tuesday, 31 December 26 Eliz. (1583). William Lewes on the said 31 December 1583 contumaciously and outside the court surrendered by the hands of Thomas Lawrence instead of the bailiff . . . one piece of meadow called Greylands Meadow containing seven acres now in the tenure of Thomas Woodnutt or his assigns, to the use and behoof of Henry Sherman and his heirs, upon condition that if William do pay Henry Sherman £30 at Christmas Day 1589 then the surrender shall be void and of no effect.^[84]

Dedham Hall, First Court of William Glover, Monday the last (30) of April 35 Eliz. (1593). William Acton of Ipswich, Clothier, on 30 December [1592] surrendered, in the present of Henry Sherman and Thomas Glover, all his houses and lands held in this Manor and of the Manor of Overhall and Netherhall in Dedham to the use and behoof of James Lawrence son of John Lawrence of Fressingfield, Suffolk Gent and his heirs and assigns, upon condition that if James pay to William Acton £70 and £50 [on specified dates] at the Cornhill Cross in Ipswich, then the surrender shall be of full effect, whereupon James Lawrence prayed to be admitted to seven acres of land in the Hallfield, one cottage with half and acres of land called the Forge, one acre of land, two parcels of Chesehouse land and herbage, and one pond of the demesne called the Netherpond, one messuage upon Churchgate Row, one parcel of demesne, parcel of Chesehousefield, 22 acres of land in the Hallfield, one close called Longversland, one acres of meadow called Long Acre, taken 3 August 1592.^[85]

Dedham Hall, Thursday in Easter week, namely 4 April 36 Eliz. (1594). James Laurence since the last court surrendered, in the presence of Henry Sherman and Edmund Sherman, all his houses and lands and tenements held of this Manor to the use and behoof of Thomas Lawrence son of John Lawrence of Fressingfield, Suffolk, Gent, who came by Henry Sherman his attorney and prayed to be admitted [to all the lands described on 30 April 1593, as above].^[86]

Dedham Hall, Thursday after St Michael the Archangel, 2 October 37 Eliz. (1595). Thomas Laurence Gent on 4 November 1594 surrendered . . . all his lands [described on 30 April 1593, as above] to the use and behoof of Edmund Cotton esquire and his heirs . . . which Thomas had taken to himself and his heirs at a Court General held here on Thursday in Easter week 4 April 1594 by the surrender of James Lawrence.^[87]

The court rolls of the Manor of Overhall & Netherhall on 4 April 1594 and 2 October 1595 record similar transactions, but without describing the lands held of that manor.^[88] However, the second entry describes Edmund Cotton as of Barton Magna in Suffolk.

Thomas T. Sherman reported that in Easter term 1600 Joan Carter, widow and administratrix of the goods of John Carter deceased sued Thomas Lawrence of

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, DL30/60/740.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, DL30/61/745.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, DL30/60/742.

⁸⁸ Overhall & Netherhall [note 50], DL30/61/746.

Easthorpe [Essex] and Henry Sherman of Dedham clothier for £20 each.^[89] In his will dated 21 August 1610, proved 8 September 1610,^[90] Henry Sherman gave “unto my brother Lawrence of Easthorpe my best cloak.”^[91]

These facts lead us to the family of Lawrence of Fressingfield and South Elmham, Suffolk, the earliest part of which needs more original work than I have been able to do. However, I have been assisted by the three-box “Lawrence Collection” at the Society of Genealogists, which in several notebooks contains notes on families with that surname throughout England.^[92]

The first Lawrence to be associated with Fressingfield seems to have been John Lawrence of “Mendham alias Fressingfield,” “husbandman alias yeoman,” who on 6 November 1507 at Westminster *received a pardon for his outlawry in the counties of Suffolk and Norfolk for not appearing before the king when indicted with others of divers trespasses and rescues; he having surrendered to the Marshalsea before the king, as John Fyneux, knight, Chief Justice of Pleas before the king, has certified in the Chancery.*^[93]

Thomas Lawrence was one of many tenants in Ipswich of lands formerly held by the late Priory of Holy Trinity, Ipswich, that were granted on 21 March 1544/5 to Sir Thomas Pope.^[94] It is not known whether this man was related to the South Elmham family. However, there was an earlier Thomas Lawrence, whose will dated 17 July 1471, shows he had lands at Rumburgh, South Elmham, and elsewhere in Suffolk. This Thomas could have been the uncle of John of 1507, but not, I think, his father because Thomas’ own son John was of Rumburgh, leaving a will dated 10 July 1504. The father of Thomas Lawrence, the 1471 testator, was John Lawrence (died 1461), who heads the pedigree of Lawrence of Rumburgh, Suffolk.^[95]

⁸⁹ The National Archives, CP40/1642, membrane 2186 verso, abstracted in Sherman, *Sherman Genealogy* [note 66], 82.

⁹⁰ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 36/146; Episcopal Consistory Court of London, 33 Hamer, at the London Metropolitan Archives; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1168–69; photostatic copy published in Stratton, *Transatlantic Shermans* [note 3], between pages 94 and 95.

⁹¹ Henry Sherman also gave 10s. to Gilbert Hills, “my brother in law,” and Henry’s widow Susan, in her will dated 31 August 1610, proved 12 September 1610 (Episcopal Consistory Court of London, 13 Hamer, at the London Metropolitan Archives; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1169) gave 10s. to “my brother Gilber[t] Hilles,” which is why pre-1920 pedigrees show her maiden name as Hills.

⁹² Lawrence Collection, Special Manuscripts Collections, The Society of Genealogists, London. The whereabouts of the court rolls of the Manor of Fressingfield Hall before the seventeenth century were not known to the Historical Manuscripts Commission and have probably not survived. Those of South Elmham from 1278 onwards are at the East Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich, but how complete they are I do not know.

⁹³ *Calendar of Patent Rolls, Henry VII, 1494–1509*, p. 552.

⁹⁴ *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII*, 21 vols. (London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1862–1932), 20:1:219, no. 458.

⁹⁵ The claim that John¹ Lawrence of Watertown, Massachusetts, was descended from this family seems unlikely; see G. Andrews Moriarty, “The Lawrence Family of Groton and Boston, Massachusetts,” *The American Genealogist* 10 (1933-34):78–83.

We move on to firmer ground with the pedigree recorded by the antiquary Thomas Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph (1674–1735).^[96] He may have obtained the details from a member of the family. I myself have not seen the notebook in which he entered it,^[97] but the copies made independently by the Suffolk historian Joseph James Muskett^[98] and the compiler of the “Lawrence Collection” agree.^[99] The pedigree is headed by _____ *Lawrence, a famous preacher, a reverend grave minister who had been a preacher to those who fleeing from religion in Q. Marie’s day [1553–58] met together in woods & secret places, as they could. He was a gentleman of a great estate & exceeding liberality to the poor. In the time of Q. Elizabeth he preached at Fressingfield. He owned St James Park in South Elmham.*

The first name of this preacher was John. Tanner attributed to him five children, but when Muskett constructed the pedigree of this family, he gave the preacher just one child, his son John (died 1610/1), to whom Muskett attributed nine children. This number included the five children of the preacher as named by Tanner, but he [Muskett] bracketed Margaret, wife of Richard Elmye, to show doubt about her place, as she was not named in a charter dated 2 February 1604/5, recited in the inquisition post mortem dated 3 August 1613.^[100] Tanner and Muskett knew nothing about the Moze and Dedham records cited above, so, taking them and other records into account, I construct the pedigree as follows, which I have extended to show that some Fiske, Mason, and Peck settlers in New England were also Lawrence descendants.^[101]

1. _____ LAWRENCE had at least two sons, order of birth unknown, the postulated dates being conjectures:
2.
 - i. JOHN LAWRENCE, b. say 1500, the “reverend grave minister,” m. at least once.
 - ii. JAMES LAWRENCE, b. say 1505, of Dedham yeoman; m. (1) probably ca. 1545 JOAN (_____) THORPE, widow of William Thorpe of Dedham, who d. by 6 Nov. 1544. Joan was bur. Dedham 3 Jan. 1575/6, and James m. (2) BARBARA _____, who was appointed guardian of William Thorpe’s [only] granddaughter, Rose Havelocke, in 1576.

⁹⁶ H.C.G. Matthew and Brian Harrison, ed., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, 60 vols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004), 53:775–77.

⁹⁷ Tanner MS. 180, f. 48, at the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

⁹⁸ Muskett MS., vol. IV, British Library, Add. MS. 33859, f. 103.

⁹⁹ Lawrence Collection [note 92], Books II and VII, p. 2. The latter is a short extract from f. 128 of the Tanner MS. 180 [note 97].

¹⁰⁰ Inquisition post mortem of John Lawrence: Suffolk, at The National Archives, C142/335. no. 29; also WARD7/49 no. 165; see the Appendix below.

¹⁰¹ S. Allyn Peck had reached some of the same conclusions, based on the Tanner MS. and John Lawrence’s inquisition post mortem [notes 99 and 100] in his two articles, “More Light on Lawrence of St. James, Southelmham, co. Suffolk,” *The American Genealogist* 23 (1946–47):217–20, and “Pedigree Timber for Lawrence of St. James, Southelmham, co. Suffolk,” *The American Genealogist* 24 (1948):56–57.

2. JOHN LAWRENCE (1.i) was born say 1500. He was a preacher, the “grave reverend minister” described above. He may have married a relative of John Burward of Debach, Suffolk, who in his will dated 12 April 1572, left his lands in three parishes to the preacher’s son John. On 13 November 1587 at Westminster there was a *Pardon of Alienation for John Lawrence of Southelmham, to whom by will 12 July 1574 [sic] the late John Burward bequeathed his lands in Bredfield, Bouze, and Hacheston, co. Suffolk, for 6s. 8d. paid to the Queen’s farmer.*^[102] However, the records at the Society of Genealogists assembled by a modern researcher of Burwards and Burwoods^[103] do not show an obvious relationship or explain the bequest.

Unless there were several children who died in infancy, the long interval between the birth of John Lawrence’s son John and those of his other children is best explained by supposing the preacher had two wives. The postulated birth dates for the children are deduced from their marriages and/or the spans of their children’s baptisms.

Children of John Lawrence, order of birth uncertain:

3. i. JOHN LAWRENCE, of Fressingfield, b. say 1525; m. (1) ANNE SAMMES; (2) ALICE (VESEY) GUNVILE; (3) MARY (COKER) (GARRINGTON) (TURNER) PELLETT.
4. ii. ALICE LAWRENCE, b. say 1538; m. WILLIAM GARRARD.
- iii. JAMES LAWRENCE, b. say 1540; held lands in Dedham on 30 April 1593 (see above). In 1600 he alienated the rectory of Syleham, Suffolk, to his brother Thomas Lawrence, gent.^[104]
5. iv. MARGARET LAWRENCE, b. say 1543; m. RICHARD ELMYE.
6. v. THOMAS LAWRENCE, b. say 1545; m. (1) PRISCILLA ALABASTER; (2) MIRABLE
7. vi. SUSAN LAWRENCE, b. say 1548; m. HENRY SHERMAN the younger.
8. vii. (DAUGHTER) LAWRENCE, b. say 1552; probably m. GILBERT HILLS.

3. JOHN LAWRENCE (2.i), of Fressingfield, Suffolk, gent., was born say 1525. He died 2 January 8 James (1610/1), and was buried in Fressingfield 3 January 1610/1.^[105] He married first, say in 1547, ANNE SAMMES, born say 1530, buried at St. James, South Elmham, Suffolk, 24 August 1580.^[106] He married second ALICE (VESEY) GUNVILE, born say 1538, buried in Fressingfield 22 May 1590.

¹⁰² *Draft Calendar of Patent Rolls, 28–29 Elizabeth, 1585–1587, C66/1291–1303*, List & Index Society 243 (1991), Part XVIII, p. 185, abstracted from C66/1303 membrane 19. The volume is incorrectly described on the spine and title page to be C66/1271–1291.

¹⁰³ B. F. Burwood, “Burwood Families,” 5 parts bound as 2 vols. (1994), at the Society of Genealogists.

¹⁰⁴ “Lawrence Collection” [note 92], Books II and VII, both in Box 3.

¹⁰⁵ Parish registers of Fressingfield, Suffolk, at the East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich. Date of death is from the inquisition post mortem [note 100].

¹⁰⁶ Parish registers of St. James, South Elmham, Suffolk, at the East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich.

She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gardner) Vesey,^[107] and the widow of Henry Gunvile of Manor Barons in Gorleston, Suffolk, whom she had married in 1562.^[108] He married third in Dedham, Essex, 17 February 1591/2, as her fourth husband, **MARY (COKER) (GARRINGTON) (TURNER) PELLETT**, daughter of John Coker, and widow successively of _____ Garrington, Thomas Turner, and Richard Pellett. The evidence for her marriages will be set out fully in a future installment.

In 1556 Roger Wyncoll bought land in Rayleigh, Rawreth, and Great Hockley, Essex, from John Lawrence and his wife Anne, Gilbert Hylls and his wife Agnes, Richard Sammes, and William Sammes for £250.^[109] The two wives were clearly sisters of the Sammes brothers. They were named before marriage in the will of Alice Sammes of Great Totham, Essex, possibly their aunt, dated 15 October 1546.^[110]

John Lawrence acquired land in Fressingfield in 1582, and bought from Michael Wentworth the lordship of the manor of Fressingfield Hall in 1589, which in his lifetime John gave to his son James.^[111]

John Lawrence was *a plausible preacher, but not so good a man as his father. His father gave him St. James Parke in Elmham, after sold to Alderman Massam, who left it to Sir Wm Massam and he to his sonne, whose heire is now owner of it 1660.*^[112]

The surviving children of John Lawrence's first marriage are identified, with the surnames only of the married daughters, in a charter dated 2 February 2 James (1604/5) that is cited in the inquisition post mortem held on 3 August 11 & 46 James (1613),^[113] which is given in the Appendix below.

The will of John Lawrence of Fressingfield, gent., dated 18 September 1609, was proved 11 January 1610/1 in the Consistory Court of Norwich, mentioning only his youngest son Nathaniel, as follows:^[114]

Unto Nathaniel Lawrence my son all my lands and tenements in Fressingfield, being freehold, to him and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for want of such issue then to remain to all my children and their heirs forever. Unto the said Nathaniel Lawrence my son all my lease lands and tenements in Fressing-

¹⁰⁷ Joseph J. Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families*, 3 vols. (Exeter, England: W. Pollard, 1900–10): 1:197 (Vesey).

¹⁰⁸ Percival Boyd, "Boyd's Marriage Index: Suffolk," First Series, 2:89 [Norwich marriage license].

¹⁰⁹ The National Archives, CP25(2)/70/582, no. 30, Easter 2 & 3 Philip & Mary, 1556; Marc Fitch and F. G. Emmison, ed., *Feet of Fines for Essex, Volume V, 1547–1580* (London: Leopard's Head Press, 1991), 54.

¹¹⁰ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 33/80.

¹¹¹ W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, 7 vols. (London: T. F. Unwin, 1905–11), 4:39.

¹¹² Tanner MS. 180 [note 97], f. 48, quoted by Muskett MS. [note 98], f. 103, but Tanner applied this description to his son and namesake.

¹¹³ See note 100. James I became King of Scotland in 1567 and King of England in 1603, hence the two regnal years.

¹¹⁴ Consistory Court of Norwich, 156 Harman.

field and all my right title interest and term of years which I have of and in the same. All the rest and residue of my goods and chattels I bequeath to him Nathaniel my son, whom I ordain to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

The will was witnessed by Henry Barker, Willm Sandwyste, and Robert Gyrlinge.

Children of John and Anne (Sammes) Lawrence (including two surviving daughters named Anne, as shown by John's inquisition post mortem):^[115]

- i. ANNE LAWRENCE, bp. Moze, Essex, 21 May 1548; d. between 3 Nov. 1609 and 31 Jan. 1609/10 (dates of will and probate); m. ca. 1566 WILLIAM SALMON, b. say 1540; d. 1608, of Needham Market in Barking, Suffolk. In her will Anne left to her son Philip "my great book at Dedham which I lent to my aunt Sherman," probably the collected works of the theologian William Perkins.^[116]
- ii. JANE LAWRENCE, bp. Moze 26 Aug. 1549; bur. Fressingfield 6 Nov. 1558.
- iii. THOMAS LAWRENCE, bp. Moze 21 Sept. 1551; d. young, his brother John being their father's eldest son in 1610.
- iv. MARY LAWRENCE, b. say 1554; m. JOHN CHANDELER of Spexhall, Suffolk.^[117]
- v. GRACE LAWRENCE, b. say 1557; m. Fressingfield 29 April 1583 ROBERT GRINLINGE/GURLINGE.
9. vi. JOHN LAWRENCE, b. by 1560; m. ELIZABETH HERNE.
- vii. MARTHA LAWRENCE, b. say 1562; m. Fressingfield 3 Oct. 1585 JOHN DOWSING.
- viii. ANNE LAWRENCE, b. say 1564; m. Fressingfield 25 April 1587 CHRISTOPHER EACHARD.
- ix. THOMAS LAWRENCE, b. say 1567; m. Palgrave, Suffolk, in 1591 KATHERINE RAYE.^[118]
- x. SAMUEL LAWRENCE, b. say 1570; bur. St. James, South Elmham, 26 Dec. 1571.
- xi. JAMES LAWRENCE, of Horham, Suffolk, gent., b. say 1573; d. between 8 May 1628 and 25 July 1628 (dates of will and probate); m. MARY (BOSTWICK?).^[119] In his father's *inquisition post mortem*, James is said to have enfeoffed Fressingfield Hall to George Harrison in 1608.

Child of John and Alice (Vesey) (Gunvile) Lawrence

- xii. NATHANIEL LAWRENCE, the sole beneficiary of his father's will, b. say 1581; m. Great Dunham, Norfolk 12 March 1604/5 CATHERINE BARKER.^[120]

¹¹⁵ The list of children is based on John Lawrence's inquisition post mortem [note 100]. See also Peck, "Pedigree Timber" [note 101], *The American Genealogist* 24:56–57.

Other children of John and Anne may have been Robert and John Lawrence, buried in Fressingfield 17 October 1558 and 20 October 1558, respectively, and Alice Lawrence al[ia]s Bocher, buried in Fressingfield 19 September 1596.

¹¹⁶ Derek C. N. Salmon, *A Salmon Family History* (Sevenoaks, Kent: J. Salmon Ltd., 2007), 86, 87, 89.

¹¹⁷ Note Peck, "Pedigree Timber" [note 101], *The American Genealogist* 24:57.

¹¹⁸ Charles Partridge, untitled transcription of parish registers of Palgrave, Suffolk, 1559–1812 [FHL 0,991,986].

¹¹⁹ James and Mary had a son Bostwick Lawrence, baptized in Horham, Suffolk 28 September 1609, buried there 11 April 1610 (Charles Partridge, untitled transcription of parish registers of Horham, Suffolk, 1593–1812 [FHL 0,991,941]).

¹²⁰ *Norfolk Parish Registers: Marriages*, vol. 2 (London: Phillimore, 1900), 13.

4. **ALICE LAWRENCE** (2.ii) was born say 1538, and was buried in Dedham, Essex, 7 April 1613. She married about 1561 **WILLIAM GARRARD**, born say 1530, died after 16 February 1600/1 (date of will), son of Robert and Agnes (Merchant) Garrard of Dedham.^[121] The will of William Garrard the elder, of Lawford, Essex, was dated 16 February 1600/1 (no date of probate),^[122] naming wife Alice; brothers-in-law Thomas Lawrence and Henry Sherman; and his four children shown below as his youngest.

Children of William and Alice (Lawrence) Garrard:

- i. **ROBERT GARRARD**, bp. Dedham 12 Sept. 1562; d. probably before this father, unmarried.
- ii. **MARGARET GARRARD**, bp. Dedham 2 Feb. 1564/5; mother of Barbara, base child, bp. Dedham 9 May 1596.
- iii. **WILLIAM GARRARD**.
- iv. **RICHARD GARRARD**.
- v. **ANNE GARRARD**, unmarried on 16 Feb. 1600/1.
- vi. **ALICE GARRARD**, unmarried on 16 Feb. 1600/1.

5. **MARGARET LAWRENCE** (2.iv) was born say 1543, and was buried in Palgrave, Suffolk, 6 April 1625. She married **RICHARD ELMYE** of South Elmham, Suffolk, who was buried in Palgrave 10 September 1622.

Children of Richard and Margaret (Lawrence) Elmye:^[123]

- i. **RICHARD ELMYE**, b. say 1576; of Palgrave; m. a wife whose name has not been found.
- ii. **WILLIAM ELMYE**, b. say 1578; of Palgrave; m. **ELIZABETH ELLISTON**, daughter of Matthew Elliston of Castle Hedingham, Essex.
- iii. **MARY ELMYE**, b. say 1580; m. Palgrave in 1603 **HENRY HUBBARD**.
10. iv. **SARAH ELMYE**, b. say 1582; m. **HENRY GIBBS**.
- v. **PHOEBE ELMYE**, b. say 1584; m. Palgrave 20 June 1611 **EDWARD IRELAND**.
- vi. **THOMAS ELMYE**, b. say 1586; m. **CHRISTIAN COPPIN**.

6. **THOMAS LAWRENCE** (2.v) was born say 1545, perhaps in South Elmham, Suffolk. He married first **PRISCILLA ALABASTER**, born say 1560, probably in Hadleigh, Suffolk, buried at St. James, South Elmham, 10 June 1590, daughter of

¹²¹ Dedham Hall [note 16], DL30/60/737 (William Garrard was of full age when his father died in 1555); will of Agnes "Garrat" dated 3 July 1566, proved 17 December 1566 (Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, CR6/11; F. G. Emmison, ed., *Essex Wills (England) [Vol. 2]* [Boston: NEHGS, 1983], 150).

¹²² Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACW 4/47; F. G. Emmison, ed., *Essex Wills: The Archdeaconry Courts [Vol. 7, 1597-1603]* (Chelmsford, Essex: Essex Record Office, 1990), 123. He described his wife Alice as the "only sister" of his two brothers-in-law, although that statement appears to be impossible as the two brothers-in-law were not full, half, or step brothers.

¹²³ Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families* [note 107], 1:197 (Elmye, from the Tanner MS. 180 [note 97] and the Candler MSS). Postulated years of birth added.

Thomas and Christian (Warren) Alabaster.^[124] Thomas Lawrence married second **MIRABLE** _____.

Thomas Alabaster's will, dated 16 June 1591, mentions unnamed children of daughter Priscilla Lawrence, deceased (late wife of Thomas Lawrence) to receive £10 each at age 21.^[125] The will also mentions daughter Anne Still, wife of Dr. Still, and her six children (named) were each to receive £10 each at age 21. Dr. Still was Rt. Rev. John Still, Bishop of Bath and Wells (ca. 1544–1607/8),^[126] and he and Anne Alabaster were the maternal grandparents of Catherine Eyre, wife of Rev. Charles¹ Chauncey, second president of Harvard College.^[127] Thomas Alabaster's mother-in-law, Dorothy (Forth) Warren, was the great-great aunt of Mary Forth, the first wife of Governor John¹ Winthrop.^[128]

Thomas Lawrence was of South Elmham in 1594 and 1595, when mentioned in the Dedham Hall court records given above, and of Easthorpe, Essex, in 1610 when named in the will of his brother-in-law, Henry Sherman.

The children of Thomas and Priscilla (Alabaster) Lawrence have not been identified. The children of Thomas and Mirable (_____) Lawrence, all baptized at St. James, South Elmham, were:

- i. MARY LAWRENCE, bp. 18 Sept. 1594.
- ii. MIRABLE LAWRENCE, bp. 6 March 1596/7.
- iii. BENJAMIN LAWRENCE (twin), bp. 28 Jan. 1599/1600.
- iv. GRACE LAWRENCE (twin), bp. 28 Jan. 1599/1600.
- v. MARTHA LAWRENCE, bp. 2 Nov. 1603.
- vi. THOMAS LAWRENCE, bp. 8 May 1606.

7. **SUSAN LAWRENCE** (2.vi) was born say 1548, perhaps in South Elmham, Suffolk. She was buried in Dedham, Essex, 13 September 1610. She married in Moze, Essex, 14 June 1568, **HENRY SHERMAN** the younger, born say 1545, probably in Dedham, died between 21 August and 31 August 1610 (dates of his will and his widow's will), son of Henry Sherman the elder and his first wife. In his will dated 21 August 1610, proved 8 September 1610,^[129] Henry Sherman, clothier, of Dedham named wife Susan; sons Henry, Nathaniel, Daniel, John, Ezekiel, and Edmund; son Samuel Sherman;^[130] cousin Edmund Gallaway;^[131]

¹²⁴ Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families* [note 107], 1:55 (Alabaster).

¹²⁵ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1660–61.

¹²⁶ *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* [note 96], 52:784–86.

¹²⁷ Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families* [note 107], 1:55 (Alabaster); 1:74 (Still); William Chauncey Fowler, *Memorials of the Chaunceys* (Boston: Henry Dutton & Son, 1858), 30–31.

¹²⁸ Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families* [note 107], 1:119 (Forth). Cf. William H. Whitmore, "Notes on the Winthrop Family and Its English Connections," *Register* 18 (1864):1832–96, at 184.

¹²⁹ See note 90.

¹³⁰ Son Samuel Sherman is not mentioned in Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1168–69.

¹³¹ Edmund Gallaway may have been a nephew of Susan (Lawrence) Sherman's unidentified mother. He matriculated from St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1582, and was rector of Stanton

Mr. Rogers, preacher of Dedham; the poor of Dedham; daughter Phebe Fenn [widow of "son-in-law Simon Fenn deceased," and mother of "Henry Fenn, son of Simon Fenn"]; daughters-in-law, "each of them"; Anna Petfield, daughter of William Petfield; "Anne Sherman, my brother Dr. Sherman's daughter" [he evidently deceased]; brother-in-law Gilbert Hills; brother Lawrence of Easthorpe. Wife Susan was to be sole executrix, and cousin Edmund Galloway, clerk, was to be supervisor.

Susan Sherman, widow, made a will dated 31 August 1610, proved 12 September 1610,^[132] naming sons Harry, Samuel, Daniel, Nathaniel, John, Ezekiel, and Edmund; daughters Phebe Fenne and Anne Whighting; son Daniel's wife; son Nathaniel's wife; Robert Salmon's son "my great grandchild"; Mary and Susan Sherman, daughters of son Samuel; brother "Gilber Hilles"; Mr. Rogers; Susan Galloway, daughter of cousin Edmund Galloway. Son Henry was to be sole executor.

Children of Henry and Susan (Lawrence) Sherman, all baptisms in Dedham:

- i. PHEBE SHERMAN, bp. 1 May 1570; d. after 31 Aug. 1610 (date of mother's will); m. SIMON FENN of Dedham, clothier. He left a will dated 16 Jan. 1609, proved 11 May 1610,^[133] mentioning (among others) wife Phebe; children (by name, including daughter Susan Salmon); son Robert Salmon; "brethren in law" Daniel, Nathaniel, Ezekiel, John, and Edmund Sherman; brothers Henry and Samuel Sherman; father-in-law Henry Sherman.
- ii. HENRY SHERMAN, bp. 26 Aug. 1571, bur. Dedham 7 Feb. 1642/3; m. MARY _____, bur. Dedham 30 Aug. 1642. He left a will dated 3 Feb. 1642[3], proved 12 April 1645,^[134] naming sons Edward and Henry.
11. iii. SAMUEL SHERMAN, bp. 11 Jan. 1572/3; m. PHILLIPP WARD.
12. iv. ANNE SHERMAN, bp. 7 Aug. 1575; m. (1) ANTHONY WHITING; (2) THOMAS WILSON.
13. v. DANIEL SHERMAN, b. say 1578; m. (1) CHRISTIAN CHAPMAN; (2) SARAH MITCHELL.
- vi. NATHANIEL SHERMAN, bp. 19 June 1580; bur. Dedham 21 June 1580.
- vii. NATHANIEL SHERMAN, bp. 11 July 1582; m. (1) ca. 1609 PHEBE ANGER/ANGIER, bp. Dedham 12 Feb. 1582/3, bur. there 23 April 1611, daughter of William and Ann (Rye) Anger, and sister of Judith Anger/Angier, who m. Edmund Sherman (see below).^[135] Nathaniel m. (2) PRISCILLA _____. He left a

All Saints, Suffolk, from 1613 to his death on 5 November 1621; he was buried in Westhorpe, Suffolk, 7 November 1621 (Venn and Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses* [note 75], 1:189; parish registers of Westhorpe, Suffolk, transcript at The Society of Genealogists, London).

¹³² See note 91. It appears her will was proved between her death and burial.

¹³³ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1168.

¹³⁴ *Ibid.*, 2:1180.

¹³⁵ Walter Goodwin Davis, *Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis (1885–1966)*, 3 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996), 1:17–18 (Angier, often spelled Anger). William Anger and his children are mentioned in the will of John "Rey" of Dedham, dated 19 February 1590/1, proved 9 March 1590/1 (Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 32/18; F. G. Emmison, ed., *Essex Wills: The Bishop of London's*

will dated 13 Jan. 1615[/6] (date of probate not given),^[136] mentioning wife Priscilla; children Nathaniel, Joseph, and Elizabeth; brother-in-law (also called “brother”) John “Ainger”; brothers Henry and Samuel Sherman.

14.viii. JOHN SHERMAN, bp. 17 Aug. 1585; m. GRACE RAVENS.

ix. EZEKIEL SHERMAN, bp. 25 July 1587; bur. Dedham 21 Jan. 1653/4; m. (1) RACHEL ALEFOUNDER, d. after 3 Sept. 1638, daughter of Robert and Mary (____) Alefounder.^[137] He m. (2) ANNE (STEPHENS?).^[138] Ezekiel left a will dated 26 Aug. 1653, proved 14 Aug. 1654,^[139] mentioning wife Anne; children (by name); brother “Alfoveer”; brother Stephens.

15. x. EDMUND SHERMAN, b. say 1589; m. JUDITH ANGER/ANGIER.

xi. MARY SHERMAN, bp. 25 July 1592; d. evidently before her parents as she was not mentioned in either’s will.

8. (DAUGHTER) LAWRENCE (2.vii) was born say 1552, and married say 1580 **GILBERT HILLS** of Moze, Essex, baptized there 21 October 1554. He was living in August 1610 when he was called brother-in-law and brother, respectively, in the wills of Henry Sherman and his widow Susan (see above). He was the son of Gilbert and Agnes (Sammes) Hills (see John Lawrence [No. 3], who married Anne Sammes, sister of Agnes).

Although the children of Gilbert and _____ (Lawrence) Hills have not been identified, a son was probably Gilbert Hills of Dedham, who had five children baptized there between 1610 and 1616, and who in 1628 was a tenant of Anthony Whiting (see No. 12).

9. JOHN LAWRENCE (3.vi) of St. James Park, South Elmham, Suffolk, was born by 1560, as he was aged 50 and more at his father’s death in 1610, according to his father’s *inquisition post mortem*. He married **ELIZABETH HERNE**, daughter of William Herne of Tibbenham Long Row, Norfolk, by his third wife Elizabeth

Commissary Court, 1587–1599 [Vol. 11] [Chelmsford, Essex: Essex Record Office, 1998], 206), and William Anger’s children are mentioned in the will of his widow, Alice “Rie,” of Langham, Essex, dated 20 April 1596, proved 15 October 1597 (Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 32/81; F. G. Emmison, ed., *Essex Wills: The Bishop of London’s Commissary Court, 1596–1603 [Vol. 12]* [Chelmsford, Essex: Essex Record Office, 2000], 152).

¹³⁶ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 36/264; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1170. Nathaniel Sherman did not have a sister who married John (or any other) Anger, this John Anger’s wife being Nathaniel’s first cousin. John Anger did not have a sister Priscilla, the name of Nathaniel’s second wife, but did have a sister Phebe, otherwise unaccounted for — and Phebe was the name of Nathaniel’s first wife (known from her burial record). In his will Nathaniel entrusted his son Nathaniel’s legacy to John “Ainger,” who thus was the son’s own uncle.

¹³⁷ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1145–46, 1147–48. The will of Thomas Branston, dated 3 September 1638 (*ibid.*, 2:1148–49), mentions “sister Sherman,” and from the context of the will, she was Rachel (Alefounder) Sherman.

¹³⁸ The possibility that Anne’s maiden name might have been Stephens is based on her husband’s legacy to “brother Stephens.”

¹³⁹ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1180–81.

Whipple.^[140] He probably married second **AGNES** _____, who was buried at St. James, South Elmham, 6 June 1608 as “Agnes, w. of Jn Lawrence.” John Lawrence apparently spent his estate.^[141]

Children of John and Elizabeth (Herne) Lawrence:^[142]

16. i. ANNE LAWRENCE, b. say 1582; m. Rev. ROBERT¹ PECK.
- ii. SARAH LAWRENCE, b. say 1585.
- iii. SAMUEL LAWRENCE, of Syleham, Suffolk, gent.; m. Syleham 5 May 1630 LYDIA FULLER.^[143] Samuel left a will dated 7 Feb. 1664[5] (no date of probate),^[144] mentioning wife Lydia; sister Martha Smyth; brother James Lawrence; cousin Thomas Pecke and his first five children; cousin Samuel Pecke and his three children; children of cousin Mason; children of Nathaniel Lawrence, “my late uncle”; and six children of brother Benjamin Fuller “that are now living.” Thomas and Samuel Peck[e] and “cousin Mason” [née Peck] were nephews and niece of the testator. In addition, the will mentions many more unplaced kinsmen and kinswomen with surnames Smyth [presumably descendants of sister Martha Smyth], Coocke, Godard, Huett, Trotter, and Woodes. Executors were to be [kinsmen] Samuel Smyth and Thomas Coocke.
- iv. MARTHA LAWRENCE, m. _____ SMYTH.^[145]
- v. JAMES LAWRENCE, named in his brother Samuel’s will.

10. SARAH ELMYE (5.iv) was born say 1582, and died between 9 July 1643 and 20 February 1643/4 (dates of will and probate).^[146] She married in Palgave, Suffolk, in 1604 **HENRY GIBBS**. She was of Osmondiston alias Scole, Norfolk, when she made her will in 1643, naming all four children.

Children of Henry and Sarah (Elmye) Gibbs:

- i. JOHN GIBBS, elder son, clerk.
- ii. ANNE GIBBS, d. Chelmsford, Mass., 14 Feb. 1671; m. REV. JOHN¹ FISKE, bp. St. James, South Elmham, Suffolk, 20 March 1607/8, d. 14 Jan. 1676/7, probably in Chelmsford, son of John and Anne (Lawter) Fiske. Rev. John Fiske, with

¹⁴⁰ Muskett MS. [note 98], vol. XVII, British Library Add. MS. 33872, f. 68. William Herne, by his first wife, née Seaman, was apparently the father of Margaret, wife of Thomas Sherman, portman of Ipswich, son of John Sherman of Branford, Suffolk, and grandson of Thomas Sherman of Yaxley (Muskett MS., vol. IV, British Library Add. MS. 33589, f. 103, collated with Tanner MS. 180 [note 97], f. 44 [Herne, Lawrence, Sherman]; Muskett MS., vol. X, British Library Add., MS., 33865, ff. 257–58 [Sherman of Yaxley and Norfolk]). However, the family assigned to this John Sherman is quite different from that shown on the folding pedigree at the back of Stratton, *Transatlantic Shermans* [note 3]. Analysis of this problem is beyond the scope of this article.

¹⁴¹ Muskett MS. [note 98], vol. XVII, British Library Add. MS. 33872, f. 68.

¹⁴² List of children based on the Muskett MS. cited in notes 140 and 141. Cf. Peck, “More Light on Lawrence” [note 101], *The American Genealogist* 23:219–20.

¹⁴³ *Suffolk Parish Registers: Marriages*, vol. 3 (London: Phillimore, 1910), 58.

¹⁴⁴ Consistory Court of Norwich, 109 Stockdell; registered wills, vol. 136, pt. 2, folio 127.

¹⁴⁵ It is possible that “sister Martha Smyth” was Martha (Fuller) Smyth, however.

¹⁴⁶ Norwich Archdeaconry Wills, 1643, f. 146, abstracted in Henry Fiske, *The Fiske Family Papers* (Norwich, England: Fletcher and Son, 1902), 331.

wife and children, emigrated to New England about 1637, as did some of his siblings.^[147]

- iii. MARY GIBBS, m. _____ MAYHEW. Her son Lawrence Mayhew was named in her mother's will.
- iv. THOMAS GIBBS, sole executor of his mother's will.

11. SAMUEL SHERMAN (7.iii) was baptized in Dedham, Essex, 11 January 1572/3. He died between 20 January 1615/6 and 2 March 1615/6 (dates of will and probate).^[148] He married about 1598 **PHILLIPP WARD**,^[149] born say 1575, daughter of Lancelot and Joan (_____) Ward of Wethersfield, Essex.^[150] Phillipp died after 8 January 1616[/7], when she witnessed the will of her brother, Robert Ward.^[151]

John¹ Ward of Ipswich, Massachusetts, a great-nephew of Phillipp (Ward) Sherman,^[152] left a will dated 26 December 1652, proved 25 March 1656,^[153] mentioning the two youngest sons of cousin Samuel Sherman of Boston, deceased and cousin Philip Sherman of Rhode Island.^[154]

Samuel Sherman's 1615/6 will mentions wife Phillipp; sons (all under 22) Henry, Phillipp, and Samuel; daughters Mary and Martha (both under 21). Executors were to be wife and Mr. John "Upcheire" of Dedham, "my brother in law."

Children of Samuel and Phillipp (Ward) Sherman, all baptisms in Dedham:

¹⁴⁷ G. Andrews Moriarty, "The Fiske Family," *Register* 86 (1932):406–35 et seq., including 88 (1934):272–73.

¹⁴⁸ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACW 7/239; photostatic copy published in Stratton, *Transatlantic Shermans* [note 3], 102–03; copy in Roy V. Sherman, *Some of the Descendants of Philip Sherman, the First Secretary of Rhode Island* (Akron, Ohio: the author, 1968), 20–21.

¹⁴⁹ Though her first name is frequently shown as Phillippa, the final "a" does not appear in original documents. Phillipp (and variants) was a female name used in East Anglia, at least.

¹⁵⁰ Robert Ward of Lexden, Essex, left a will dated 8 January 1616[/7], proved 9 May 1617 (Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACW 4/47; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1144–45), mentioning (among others) father Lancelot Ward deceased, "my mother in law the late wife of my father Lancelot Ward," and brother John Ward. Among the witnesses was "Phellep Sherman," almost certainly the testator's sister. The first wife of Lancelot Ward was named Joan (*Feet of Fines for Essex, Volume V, 1547–1580* [note 109], citing The National Archives, CP25(2)127, 1631, no. 58, Michaelmas Term, 1567).

¹⁵¹ See preceding note.

¹⁵² Brother John Ward named in Robert Ward's will [see note 148] was evidently John Ward of Stratford [St. Mary], Suffolk, clothier, who left a will dated 19 October 1629, proved 18 May 1631 (Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1104), naming wife Anne (to be sole executrix); eldest son John Ward (under 23); and son Samuel Ward (under 24). His widow Anne left a will dated 16 October 1634, proved 7 November 1634 (*ibid.*, 1:587–88), naming sons John Ward (under 22) and Samuel Ward (under 22). The son John Ward, later of Ipswich, Massachusetts, was the 1652 testator mentioned in the text above, whose will named Sherman cousins.

¹⁵³ George Francis Dow, ed., *The Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1916–20), 1:234–35.

¹⁵⁴ These cousins are Samuel Sherman (No. 18) and Philip Sherman (No. 19).

- i. MARY SHERMAN, bp. 2 Oct. 1599; d. after 20 Jan. 1615/6, the date of her father's will.
- 17. ii. HENRY SHERMAN, bp. 20 Oct. 1601; m. MARY FISHER.
- iii. MARTHA SHERMAN, bp. 24 Jan. 1603/4; d. after 20 Jan. 1615/6, the date of her father's will.
- iv. SARAH SHERMAN, bp. 11 Feb. 1605/6; bur. Dedham 5 Dec. 1612.
- 18. v. SAMUEL SHERMAN, b. say 1607; m. GRACE _____.
- 19. vi. PHILIP SHERMAN, bp. 5 Feb. 1610/1; m. SARAH ODDING.

12. ANNE SHERMAN (7.iv) was baptized in Dedham, Essex, 7 August 1575, and died between 15 September 1638 and 13 December 1638 (dates of will and probate).^[155] She married first in Dedham 28 January 1594/5, **ANTHONY WHITING**, born about 1569, probably in Stanway, Essex,^[156] died between 1 September 1628 and 14 July 1629 (dates of will and probate).^[157] She married second Thomas Wilson of Dedham, butcher, who died between 30 January 1630[1] and 24 May 1631 (dates of will and probate).^[158]

In his 1628 will Anthony Whiting of Dedham, clothier, mentioned (among others) wife Anne; son Simon Whiting; son Anthony Whiting and his wife Mary; daughter Phebe; son John; daughter Susan Whiting; brothers Henry and Ezekiel Sherman; daughter Anne Loveran; the poor of Dedham and Stanway.

In his 1631 will Thomas Wilson of Dedham butcher, mentioned (among others) wife Anne; "Mr. Anthony Whiting, Phebe Whiting, and the rest of my wife's children." Brother-in-law Henry Sherman senior was to be an executor.

In her 1638 will Anne Wilson of Dedham, widow, mentioned son Anthony Whiting of Bentley; son John Whiting and his daughter Anne; daughter Susan Cole; daughter Phebe Bernard of New England and "her two children born here before she went over, viz^t John and Samuel;" nephew Simon Whiting (under 21), son of son Simon Whiting deceased; Jane Whiting (under 21), daughter of said son Simon; two nephews Anthony and Thomas, sons of son Anthony Whiting; brother Edmund Sherman; brother Ezekiel Sherman (to be sole executor).

Children of Anthony and Anne (Sherman) Whiting; all baptisms in Dedham:

- i. JOHN WHITING, bp. 31 May 1596; bur. Dedham 25 Aug. 1610.
- ii. (REV.) ANTHONY WHITING, b. ca. 1599; d. before 16 Sept. 1648, probably in Little Bentley, Essex, where he was rector;^[159] m. ca. 1627 MARY WESTBROME, bp. Abberton, Suffolk, 4 July 1607, d. after 3 Aug. 1662, when

¹⁵⁵ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACB 55/153; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1177.

¹⁵⁶ Anthony Whiting was described as age 50 in a deposition made 9 April 1619 (The National Archives, E134/16JasI/East19). In his will he left money to the poor of Stanway, doubtless his place of birth.

¹⁵⁷ Episcopal Consistory Court of London, 326 Bellamy, at the London Metropolitan Archives; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1174–75.

¹⁵⁸ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1175.

¹⁵⁹ Venn and Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses* [note 75], 4:394.

- named in her father's will, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (____) Westbrome.^[160]
- iii. DAUGHTER WHITING, not named, bp. 30 Nov. 1601; d. young.
 - iv. SUSAN WHITING, bp. 13 Sept. 1603; m. after 1 Sept. 1628 (date of her father's will) ROGER COLE of Dedham.
 - v. SIMON WHITING (twin), bp. 3 Sept. 1606; m. Little Bentley 24 May 1632 JANE TURNER.^[161] He left a will dated 17 April 1637, proved 15 June 1637,^[162] mentioning (among others) wife Jane; children (by name, all under 21); brother-in-law Roger Cole and his wife Susan "my sister"; brothers Anthony and John Whiting; kinsman Edmond Sherman of Colchester; "ould" Richard Sherman of New England.^[163]
20. vi. PHEBE WHITING, bp. 3 Sept. 1606; m. JOHN¹ BARNARD.
21. vii. ANNE WHITING, b. ca. 1608; m. (1) JOHN¹ LOVERING; (2) Rev. EDMUND¹ BROWNE.
- viii. JOHN WHITING, bp. 17 March 1611/2; m. ca. 1636 ALICE BRAGGE, bp. Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk, 16 Nov. 1613, daughter of Edward and Mary (____) Bragge.^[164]

13. DANIEL SHERMAN (7.v) was born in Dedham, Essex, say 1578. He died between 1 April 1633 and 15 April 1634 (dates of will and probate).^[165] He married first in Dedham 8 August 1601, **CHRISTIAN CHAPMAN**, daughter of Rev. Edmund and Susan (Tofts) Chapman.^[166] He married second at St. Nicholas, Colchester, Essex, 23 April 1622, **SARAH MITCHELL**,^[167] who survived him.

In his 1633 will, Daniel Sherman named wife Sarah (to be executrix); sons Henry, Daniel, John, and Edmund; daughters Mary, Sarah, Christian, and Martha; brother Henry Sherman.

Children of Daniel and Christian (Chapman) Sherman:

¹⁶⁰ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACW 16/131; unpublished Westbrome research by the author.

¹⁶¹ Parish registers of Little Bentley, Essex, at the Essex Record Office, Colchester.

¹⁶² Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1176–77.

¹⁶³ This kinsman was Richard¹ Sherman (1577–1660) of Boston, Massachusetts, son of Edmund and Anne (Pellatt) Sherman (to be treated in a future installment).

¹⁶⁴ Parish registers of Stratford St. Mary, transcriptions at the Society of Genealogists. Alice was named in the will of her father, Edward Bragge, dated 14 March 1642/3, proved 2 August 1643 (East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich, IC/AA1/81/12), and her children and some grandchildren were named in the will of her sister, Katherine [Bragge] Orris, dated 8 May 1675, proved 30 July 1675 (East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich, IC/AA1/105/76).

¹⁶⁵ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 52/120; "Ancestry of Rev. John Sherman and Capt. John Sherman," *Register* 51 (1897):309–15, at 314 (daughter Sarah called Susan in error).

¹⁶⁶ Codicil to the will of Edmond Chapman of Dedham, D.D., dated 12 May 1601, mentioning daughter Christian Chapman; undated will of his widow Susan [Tofts] Chapman, naming children of daughter Christian Sherman, apparently deceased (Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1205, 1173).

¹⁶⁷ Parish registers of St. Nicholas, Colchester, Essex, at the Essex Record Office, Colchester.

- i. SUSAN SHERMAN, b. say 1602; m. JOHN BURR, b. ca. 1602, eldest son of Henry and Ann (Fisher) Burr of Stisted, Essex. John's younger brothers were Henry¹ Burr and Simon¹ Burr, both of whom settled in Hingham, Mass. Their mother Ann was an aunt of Mary Fisher who married Henry Sherman [No. 17].^[168]
- ii. EDMUND SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 16 Dec. 1604; d. after 1 April 1633 (date of father's will) but not in brother John's 1658 will.^[169]
- iii. (REV.) JOHN SHERMAN, b. say 1606. As John Sherman of Norwich, clerk, he left a will dated 6 July 1658, proved 20 July 1661,^[170] naming half sisters Christian Sherman and Martha Davie; brother Bur "who married my sister Susan Sherman"; sister Sherman "my brother Daniel's widow, being executrix"; children of half sister Mary Alexander; "two children [unnamed] of my uncle Edmond Sherman" [No. 15]; and brother Henry Sherman (to be executor). The will also mentions children of John Bur and Daniel Sherman by name.
- iv. CHRISTIAN SHERMAN, b. say 1608, mentioned in her grandmother's will; d. probably before the birth of her younger half-sister Christian.
- v. HENRY SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 27 May 1610; d. after 6 July 1658, the date of his brother John's will, probably unmarried.
- vi. DANIEL SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 21 June 1612; d. before 6 July 1658, the date of his brother John's will (so probably the Daniel Sherman bur. Dedham 31 March 1657); m. ca. 1641 ELIZABETH SINGLETON, d. Roydon, Suffolk, between 24 Jan. 1689/90 and 14 April 1690 (dates of will and probate).^[171]

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Mitchell) Sherman:

- vii. MARY SHERMAN, b. say 1623; m. Dedham 9 May 1642 GUALTER ALEXANDER. Only her children are named in her brother John's 1658 will, so she d. probably before the date of the will.
- viii. SARAH SHERMAN, b. say 1626; d. after 1 April 1633 (date of father's will) but before 6 July 1658 (date of brother John's will).
- ix. CHRISTIAN SHERMAN, b. say 1628; d. after 6 July 1658, the date of her brother John's will. Perhaps she was the Christian Sherman who m. Boxted, Essex, 27 Aug. 1674 Robert Wright.
- x. MARTHA SHERMAN, b. say 1631; d. after 6 July 1658, the date of her brother John's will; m. Colchester (recorded in Dedham) 19 Sept. 1656 HENRY DAVY.

14. JOHN SHERMAN (7.viii) was baptized in Dedham, Essex, 17 August 1585, and was buried in Great Horkesley, Essex, 24 January 1615/6. He married in Wattisfield, Suffolk, 26 September 1611, **GRACE RAVENS**, born say 1591, probably in East Bergholt, Suffolk, daughter of Rev. Richard and Elizabeth (Hedge) Ravens. Grace married second by 1617 Thomas¹ Rogers, with whom she

¹⁶⁸ Chauncey Rea Burr, *Bures of Suffolk, England, and Burr of Massachusetts Bay Colony, New England* (New York: Aldus, 1926), 29–34.

¹⁶⁹ According to the will of his uncle, John Chapman of Ipswich, Edmund died in Holland, leaving a son Samuel (certified copy of will dated 5 July 1661, Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/P26/25/38).

¹⁷⁰ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1182.

¹⁷¹ East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich, W120/9 (mentions, among others, brother Edmund Singleton of Tunstall, Suffolk). Note Sherman, *Sherman Genealogy* [note 66], 118.

immigrated to New England in 1634. He was buried in Watertown, Massachusetts, 12 November 1638, and she married third Roger¹ Porter.^[172]

Grace died in Watertown 3 June 1662, leaving an undated will proved 17 June 1662, naming daughter Elisabeth [Rogers] Smith and her son Daniel Smith; son John Sherman and his children John, Martha, Mary, Sarah, and Joseph. “My cousin” John Sherman was to be overseer. When the will was proved, Grace had a son living in England, but where, and whether he married and had a family, are not known.^[173]

Children of John and Grace (Ravens) Sherman:

- i. JOHN¹ SHERMAN, bp. Great Horkesley 3 Sept. 1612; d. Watertown, Mass., 25 Jan. 1690/1; m. by 1638 MARTHA PALMER, d. Watertown 7 Feb. 1700[1?], daughter of William Palmer.^[174]
- ii. RICHARD SHERMAN, bp. Great Horkesley 7 Aug. 1614. He was the brother of Elisabeth Smith and John Sherman mentioned in their mother’s inventory.^[175]

15. EDMUND SHERMAN (7.x) was born say 1589, and was buried at St. James, Colchester, Essex, 2 September 1661. He married in Dedham, Essex, 15 May 1611, **JUDITH ANGER/ANGIER**, baptized in Dedham 5 June 1587, daughter of William and Ann (Rye) Anger.^[176] There is a widespread misconception that this couple had descendants in New England.^[177]

The 1658 will of Rev. John Sherman [No. 13.iii above] mentioned “the two children of uncle Edmond Sherman,” but did not name them. The nuncupative will of Edmund Sherman of Colchester St. James, webster, made in August 1661, was proved in Colchester 14 October 1661 by Edmund Sherman, described in the will as his “only child, the sole executor,” to whom he left “all his goods and estate whatsoever.”^[178] These two wills taken together suggest that the testator’s last surviving daughter died between 1658 and 1661, unless he had disowned her.

Children of Edmund and Judith (Anger/Angier) Sherman, all baptisms at St. James, Colchester:

¹⁷² Michael J. Wood, “The English Origin of Grace (Ravens) (Sherman) (Rogers) Porter and Mary (Ravens) Coolidge of Watertown, Mass.,” *The American Genealogist* 62 (1987):65–77, 161–71, at 71–72, 76–77; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume VI R–S* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 88–90 (Thomas Rogers).

¹⁷³ See preceding note.

¹⁷⁴ Anderson, *Great Migration, 1634–1635, Volume VI R–S* [note 172], 287–94 (Sherman).

¹⁷⁵ The will of Ann [Sherman] Anger, dated 2 September 1625, proved 16 December 1625, mentions kinsmen John and Richard Sherman (both under 21), sons of the wife of Thomas Rogers (Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ABW 47/230; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1189–90).

¹⁷⁶ See note 135, especially *Massachusetts and Maine Families*, 1:17–18.

¹⁷⁷ This misconception stems from Rev. David Sherman, “The Sherman Family,” *Register* 24 (1870):63–72, 155–64, at 64, where the author assigned the children of Edmund¹ Sherman, son of Edmund and Anne (Pellatt) Sherman (to be treated in a future installment), to Edmund and Judith (Anger/Angier) Sherman.

¹⁷⁸ Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, D/ACW 16/95. A webster was a weaver.

- i. JUDITH SHERMAN, bp. 22 July 1612; d. after 19 Jan. 1623[4] when named in the will of John Anger.^[179]
- ii. ANNE SHERMAN, bp. 22 Sept. 1614; d. after 19 Jan. 1623[4] when named in the will of John Anger.
- iii. EZEKIEL SHERMAN, bp. 19 March 1616/7; probably d. young.
- iv. MARY SHERMAN, bp. 4 March 1617/8; probably d. young.
- v. EDMUND SHERMAN, bp. 20 Aug. 1620; d. after 14 Oct. 1661 (when he proved his father's will); m. ELIZABETH _____, bur. St. James, Colchester, 3 Nov. 1660.

APPENDIX

1613 Inquisition Post Mortem of John Lawrence: Suffolk^[180]

[Entered above the main text]: It was handed over to the Court on the 21st day of October in the eleventh year of King James of England, etc. [1613], by the hands of Henry Barker below written.

Inquisition indented taken at Bury St Edmunds in the said County the third day of August in the eleventh year of King James in England and forty-seventh in Scotland [1613], before Thomas Wingfeild esq, feodary of the said County, Henry Goldsmythe esq, Francis Choppyn gent and Robert Burham esq, escheators of the said County by virtue of a commission in the nature of a brief of mandamus of the lord king directed after the death of John Lawrence gent deceased to the same commissioners and others, and is attached to this inquisition, by the oath of Thomas Offwood, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Strutt, John Darby, William Stafford, Thomas Vyncent, Thomas Ellys, William Rosse, William Tiptot, John Garneham, Mark Corbold, George Hasell and William Rushbrooke, upright and lawful men of the said County, Who say upon their oath that the said John Lawrence named in the said commission the day before his death was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in two messuages situated near Fressingfeild Church in the said County with all and singular the houses, lands, barns, stables, buildings, orchards, gardens, hearths, easements and commodities whatsoever with all and singular their appurtenances reputed, had or known as part, parcel or member of the said messuages, or in any way whatsoever belonging or pertaining to the same in Fressingfeild, And of and in fifty seven acres of meadow and pasture adjoining or pertaining to the said messuage, lying and being in Fressingfeild as now divided into several parts, And also of and in two other pastures or closes, one of which is called Nethercarterfeild and the other is called Seven Acres and Ovyeland as now divided into several parts, containing by estimation twenty two acres more or less lying in Fressingfeild, And also of and in two other closes, meadows and pastures, one of which is called Coweclose and the other is called Edwards Hill as now divided into several parts, containing by estimation thirty two acres more or less likewise lying in Fressingfeild, with all and singular their appurtenances, And of and in half an acre and one rod of land formerly parcel of the Rectory of Fressingfeild with the appurtenances in Fressingfeild, All and singular which premises were formerly of Simon Toppesfeild gent and called Toppesfeilds, and being so seized of all and singular the said premises called Toppesfeilds, the same John Lawrence by his charter, enfeoffed a certain William Rose and Phillip Calthorpe to have and to hold the said premises called Toppesfeilds with the appurtenances to the same William Rose and Phillip Calthorpe and their heirs forever upon trust and confidence for the benefit and commodity of the said John Lawrence and his heirs, by virtue of which the

¹⁷⁹ Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 19 Bryne, PROB11/143; Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 49], 2:1187–89. John Anger was the husband of Ann (Sherman) Anger; see notes 175 and 176.

¹⁸⁰ Inquisition post mortem of John Lawrence: Suffolk, The National Archives, C142/335. no. 29; also WARD7/49 no. 165 (both cited in note 100).