

TWO JOHN JACKSONS  
FROM DARTMOUTH, DEVON

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The surname Jackson is said to be "common in the northern and rare in the south-coast counties of England" (Sibyl Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [1928-1939; rep. ed. Baltimore, 1988], 370). However, because so many of the fellow settlers of John Jackson of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, were known to have come from Devonshire, the author turned first to that area in the IGI (the International Genealogical Index of the Genealogical Society of Utah) for the family's English origin, and found there entries which matched what was already known. Further research confirmed that the registers of the parish of St. Saviour in Dartmouth, Devonshire, contained the baptisms of four of John Jackson's children, providing a positive identification.

In the course of this research, a second John Jackson from Dartmouth was noticed and identified with the man of that name shown in the *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (p. 371), as an early settler of Kittery, and who was the subject of Russell Leigh Jackson's "John Jackson and Some of His Descendants," in the *Register*, 97[1943]:3-9). Despite some early confusion about the matter, the two families were found to have been separate and distinct.

Information gleaned from the parish registers (consulted on microfilm of the Family History Library of the Genealogical Society of Utah [hereinafter FHL] unless otherwise noted), and other sources is presented here. I wish to thank Jerome E. Anderson of the Society for pointing out material collected by Mary Lovering Holman and George R. Marvin before most of the Devon probate records were destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in World War II (*Abstracts of English Records Gathered Principally in Devonshire and Essex in a Search for the Ancestry of Roger Dearing c. 1624-1676 and Matthew Whipple c. 1560-1618* [Boston, 1929], hereinafter cited as *Search for Roger Dearing*).

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AND PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1. [\_\_\_\_\_]B JACKSON, who probably resided in Hole or Holne, Devonshire, about fifteen miles northwest of Dartmouth, was probably the father of the following sons:

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- i. THOMAS, b. say 1547; d. between 3 Feb.1601[?/2?], when his will was dated, and 13 April 1602 when an inventory of his estate was begun (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 246). In his will, Thomas Jackson of Holl, husbandman, stated that his wife was deceased and named children: *Wilmot*, *Symm*, *Christopher*, and *Richard*. Overseers were Nicholas, Adam, George, and Richard Jackson, and Andrew Rowden. Witnesses were John Wates, the elder, Thomas Bowden, the elder, Olfier Windet and Paunkers Hanaford. No executor was named, and administration was granted 26 April 1602 to Richard Jackson of Paignton, cordiner, brother of the testator, with Nicholas Jackson of Hole, husbandman, and George Jackson of Stoke Gabriel, baker, as sureties. The inventory taken by Nicholas, Richard, and George Jackson and Christopher Upton on 13 and 14 April 1602 totaled £70 9s. 6d.
- ii. NICHOLAS, b. say 1551; of Hole, a husbandman, in 1602.
- iii. ADAM, b. say 1555; named overseer of his brother Thomas's will in 1602.
2. iv. GEORGE, b. say 1559.
3. v. RICHARD<sup>A</sup>, b. say 1561.
- vi. CHRISTOPHER, b. say 1565; d. after 9 January 1601/2 when his will was made (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 247). The will of Christopher Jaxson of Hole, miller, witnessed by Angell Jaxson, names children *Grace*, under 16, *Amnies*, under 16, and *William*, under 16, and mentions brother Thomas (*ibid.*).

2. GEORGE JACKSON was born say 1559 and probably married about 1583 a wife whose name is unknown. He was called a baker of Stoke Gabriel in 1602 in his brother's probate records. The baptisms of four of George's children are found in the registers of Stoke Gabriel, and the eldest is mentioned in the will of his younger brother John in 1627.

Children; surname *Jackson*:

- i. THOMAS, b. say 1583; living 3 Sept. 1627 when he was mentioned in the will of his brother John. He may be the Thomas Jackson named in a [Dartmouth Corporation?] Plea Book 19 Sept. 1636: Thomas Jackson v. Thomas Drewe, in a plea of debt (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 339).
- ii. CYSLYE (CICELY), bp. 1 Nov. 1585.
4. iii. GABRIEL, bp. 2 Feb. 1587.
- iv. JOHN, bp. 7 Sept. 1590; d. probably at Totnes or Stoke Gabriel, between 3 September 1627 when his will was made and 20 June 1628 when it was proved (P.C.C., Barrington, 56). Calling himself "in my mind sound but sicke of body," he requested Christian burial and made bequests as follows:
 

... unto the meetinge house of Totnes 10s... to the poore of Stoke Gabrell 10s... unto my brother Gabrell children 40s. apeece of them more my will is to give unto my brother lawe, William Churchard children 40s. apeece of them. more I give unto my brother Thomas' children 40s. apeece, more I give unto my sister Alles £12 ... unto my

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Brother Thomas £12 ... unto John Hoge the younger 10s. And my will is to make my brother Gabrell my solle Executer and he to have the rest of my goods and chattells wch are not heere mintined, excepting some few things that are betwixt hewe faune and mysellfe, and that my will is that my sister Aallse shall have it And my will is that my Brother gabrell shall paie unto one Mr. Edward hollester 10s. that I boried of him at Sant Martins the Third of September One thousand sixe hundred twentie seaven

The will was signed with "the sine of John Jackson" and witnessed by Thomas Meter, John Hodge, John Marvin, John Norris, and John Rowe.

- v. ALSE (ALICE), bp. 29 Jan. 1592; m. at Stoke Gabriel 23 Aug. 1618 WILLIAM CHURCHWARD. William was undoubtedly a cousin of Gabriel Churchward who had son Humfrey bp. at Stoke Gabriel 15 Sept. 1618. Humfrey or Humphrey Churchward or Churchwood appears to be the man of that name at Kingswear, a parish five miles from Stoke Gabriel and just outside Dartmouth, with sons Gregory and Humphrey who emigrated to the Isle of Shoals (Noyes, Libby & Davis, 142).

3. RICHARD<sup>A</sup> JACKSON was born say 1561, and was probably the man of that name buried at Paignton, Devon, 23 July 1625 (FHL microfilm, reel 917,212). He married, probably about 1584, ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_, who as wife of Richard Jackson was buried at Paignton 11 May 1624 (*ibid.*).

Richard Jackson seems to have moved from Brixham shortly after 1587 and into Paignton, four miles away, in 1599 or shortly before. In 1602 when he was named administrator of the estate of his brother Thomas, he was called a cordiner of Paignton. The last two of his children to marry — apparently after their father's death — did so in the parish of St. Saviour, Dartmouth, where perhaps they were living with their older brother, Richard, whose whereabouts at this time are not known.

Children; surname *Jackson*:

- ?i. ALICE, b. say 1585; m. at Paignton 19 Jan. 1606 RICHARD LEERE.
- ii. RICHARD, bp. at Brixham 11 Aug 1587; probably the man of that name buried there 15 April 1647 (Brixham Parish Register, FHL typescript #942.35 V26bq); m. first at Paignton 10 Aug. 1613 CHARITY HELLIER, who was buried there 30 March 1622 (FHL microfilm 917,212); m. (2) at Paignton 6 Oct. 1623 ELIZABETH LITCHFIELD, perhaps the same Elizabeth buried there in 1624 (see above); m. perhaps (3) AMY \_\_\_\_\_, who was buried at Brixham 14 Oct. 1641. His only known child, *Charity*, was bp. at Paignton 27 June 1615 and buried at Brixham 10 Jan. 1634.
- iii. CHRISTOPHER, b. say 1589. He was taxed in Dartmouth in 1618 in the parish of St. Saviours and in 1619 in the parish of St. Petrocks (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 319). He m. at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 14 Dec. 1612 MARGARET LUMBERDEY (*ibid.*, 383). The noncupative will of Christopher Jackson (P.C.C. Savile, 104), made 7 Dec. 1621,

bequeathed to the poor of Northtowne, Dartmouth, and mentioned his sister Tomasin Jackson, his only son Christopher, and his wife Margaret (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 222). Margaret was taxed at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, in 1622 (*ibid.*, 319), and she was probably the Margaret Jackson who m. there 11 Nov. 1622 Richard Luke.

Children; surname *Jackson*: 1. *Christopher*, b. between 1613 and 1618; probably m. at Stoke Gabriel 3 Nov. 1640 Ellenor Berry. 2. *Richard*, bp. at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 22 Jan. 1620/1; buried there 14 Nov. 1621.

5. ?iv. JOHN, b. say 1591; m. CHRISTIAN FURNEIS.
  - v. ELIZABETH, b. say 1593; buried at Paignton 15 Feb. 1599.
  - vi. MARGERY, b. say 1597; m. at Paignton 26 Nov. 1618 RICHARD CRUSE.
  - vii. THOMASIN, bp. at Paignton 16 Sept. 1599; m. at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 17 April 1626 JOHN OLIVER.
  - viii. ELIZABETH, bp. at Paignton 1 April 1605; m. there 10 Feb. 1624 THOMAS BLACKALLER.
6. ix. JOHN, bp. at Paignton 26 Dec. 1608.

4. GABRIEL JACKSON (*George*, \_\_\_\_\_) was baptized at Stoke Gabriel, Devon, 2 February 1587, and died probably shortly before 1 April 1673. He, of Stoke Gabriel, married by license 16 June 1614 PHILIPPA PERATT of Cornworthy (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 198). The Court Rolls of Paignton record that on 1 April 1673, "The jury present the death of Gabriel Jackson of Stoke Gabriel who died since the last court, and John, his son, to be next heir." There follow two surrenders, one by Gabriel Jackson, son of Gabriel Jackson, and the other by George Jackson, son of Gabriel Jackson (*ibid.*, 267).

Children, baptized at Stoke Gabriel; surname *Jackson*:

- i. ALSE, bp. 26 Feb. 1614.
- ii. CHERITY, bp. 3 July 1616; probably the Charity who m. at Stoke Gabriel 11 Feb. 1644 MATTHEW CHURCHWARD.
- iii. JOHN, bp. 14 Nov. 1617; m. at Brixham 27 Nov. 1638 ELLYNOR PRAYTOR. He inherited from his father in 1673, as noted above.
 

Children; surname *Jackson*: 1. *Charity*, bp. at Stoke Gabriel 11 Oct. 1640. 2. *Gabriel*, bp. at Brixham 26 April 1644. 3. *George*, bp. at Brixham 3 March 1646. 4. *Anne*, bp. at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 26 April 1652. 5. *Phillipp* (daughter), bp. at Brixham 12 July 1655.
- iv. G[E]ORGE, bp. 2 Aug. 1619; living in 1673 when he surrendered his right in his father's property to his brother John.
- v. JANE, bp. 3 Jan. 1620, d. probably before 1625.
- vi. GABRIEL, bp. 9 Oct. 1622; living in 1673 when he surrendered his right in his father's property to his brother John; m. JOANE \_\_\_\_\_.
 

Child: 1. *Gabriel*, bp. at Stoke Gabriel 11 Feb. 1654.
- vii. JAEN, bp. 21 Aug. 1625.
- viii. WILLMOTE, bp. 21 Dec. 1628.

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- ix. MARY, bp. 18 July 1630; probably m. at Stoke Gabriel 20 April 1658  
JOHN MILLER.

5. JOHN JACKSON (? *Richard*, \_\_\_\_\_ ?) was born say 1591, and died probably at Paignton in 1632, leaving a will (*Wills and Administrations of the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter 1532-1800* [British Record Society, Index Library, vol. 46]) that was lost in the bombing of Exeter in World War II. He married at Paignton 7 November 1614 CHRISTIAN FURNEIS, probably the child of that name baptized there 8 February 1587, daughter of John Furneis.

John's placement as son of Richard Jackson depends upon there having been two sons of the same name in that family — a situation far from unusual at that time, but in this case unproven. That there was some close connection is indicated by the association, described below, of John Fosse (grandson of this John) with the John Jackson believed to be his younger brother.

Child; surname *Jackson*:

- i. MARY, bp. at Paignton 6 Aug. 1615; m. there 14 Feb. 1632 STEPHEN FOSSE.

Child; surname *Fosse*: 1. *John*, bp. at Paignton 24 Nov. 1633. John Fosse very likely followed his great-uncle John Jackson (only 25 years his senior) to Portsmouth, N.H. At any rate, a John Foss, about 46 in 1680, was in the part of Portsmouth now Rye by 1661, while John Jackson had been at Portsmouth from 1651; both were engaged in trades related to shipping — Fosse was a calker, Jackson a cooper (Noyes, Libby & Davis, 240, 370).

6. JOHN<sup>1</sup> JACKSON (*Richard*<sup>A</sup>) was baptized at Paignton 26 December 1608 and died between 7 November and 6 December 1666, apparently at Portsmouth, New Hampshire (Noyes, Libby & Davis, 370-371). He probably was the John Jackson who married at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 10 August 1629 ELINOR MILCOME (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 383), although no further record has been found of her or their daughter.

He married (?second) 30 March 1633 "by dispensation" (necessary because the marriage took place during Lent) JOANE LURFETE (*ibid.*, 319). Joane was born say 1612, probably a daughter of William and Thomasyn (Allen) Larfayte, shown on the IGI as having married at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 15 April 1594. She was living, a widow, in 1675, but was probably dead by 15 March 1679/80 (Noyes, Libby & Davis, 371).

John Jackson was taxed three pence at Dartmouth, St. Saviour in 1638, which is the only year listed in *Search for Roger Dearing* (p. 319) between 1632 and 1649. Sometime between 1643 or 1644 and 1649 he evidently left Dartmouth. The first notice of him at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is 2 June 1651 when he bought the Crowder farm from Ambrose Lane (Noyes, Libby & Davis, 370). He was a cooper. He served as a Grand juror seven times between 1652 and 1666, constable and clerk of the market in 1654, and selectman 1656-7 (*ibid.*, 370-371).

Children, baptized at Dartmouth, St. Saviour; surname *Jackson*,  
by first wife, Elinor Milcome:

- i. DOROTHY, bp. 1 Aug. 1630; no further record.

by second wife, Joane Lurfete:

- ii. RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, bp. 21 July 1633; d. before 6 Sept. 1718; m. \_\_\_\_ SEWARD. Noyes, Libby and Davis list him (p. 371-2) as a cooper of Portsmouth, N.H., eldest son.
- iii. THOMAS, bp. 31 Jan. 1635/6; d. between 2 April 1711 and 4 Dec. 1712; m. by ca. 1662 HANNAH JOHNSON, who was living in 1713. A cooper, he lived on land on Jackson's Island given him by his father 25 June 1660. His wife inherited half the Johnson homestead on Great Island (*ibid.*, 372).
- iv. JOHN, bp. 30 Sept. 1638; living, aged 84, in Dec. 1721; m. (1) \_\_\_\_; m. (2) by contract 7 Oct. 1685, ABIGAIL (\_\_\_\_) (DREW) ELLINS. He was a cooper and mariner of Portsmouth, N.H. (*ibid.*, 219, 371).
- ?v. SAMSON, b. say 1640; buried at Dartmouth, St. Saviour, 2 March 1643/4 (*Search for Roger Dearing*, 383).
- vi. THOMASIN, bp. 11 June 1643; m. by 1672 RICHARD DORE (Noyes, Libby and Davis, 371).
- ?vii. SALOME, b. say 1645; d. at Rye, N.H., 2 Aug. 1730; m. (1) before 1669 JOHN WYATT, (2) ca. 1670-75 NATHAN WHITE, mariner, (3) 4 Feb. 1701 FRANCIS JENNESS, seaman and baker (*ibid.*, 371, 790, 773, 747, 441, 378).
- ?viii. MARGARET, b. say 1647; living 1685; m. before 23 July 1672 PETER BALL, fisherman of Portsmouth, N.H. (*ibid.*, 371, 790, 74, 780).

#### JOHN JACKSON OF DARTMOUTH, DEVON AND KITTERY, MAINE

This John Jackson is easily confused with the man of the same name who went from Dartmouth, Devonshire, to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but in fact the surname of the Kittery man was originally Jacks — with variants Jacques, Jackes, Jakes, Jaques, Jaquess, and perhaps Jake. The parish register entries cited below are all from the registers of St. Thomas the Apostle in Exeter (FHL microfilm 916,843), unless otherwise noted.

1. [? JOHN]<sup>C</sup> JACKS, father of the children listed below, was probably the John Jaks buried at Exeter, St. Thomas on 21 December 1582, and he was probably the ancestor of all those of the name Jacks/Jackson found in records of Exeter in the period under consideration. He is believed to have had at least the following three children:

2. i. THOMAS, b. say 1548; m. ALICE \_\_\_\_.
- ii. JOHANE (JOAN), m. at Exeter, St. Thomas, 20 May 1578 WILLIAM LEACHE.
3. iii. JOHN, m. AGNES \_\_\_\_.