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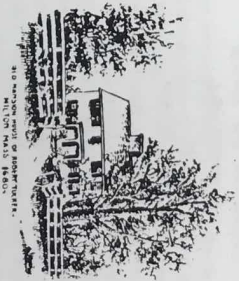
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GENEALOGY

OF THE

TUCKER FAMILY

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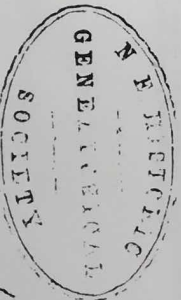
“Time conquers all, and we must Time obey.”

—POPE.

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during the forepart of this century. It occupies a commanding eminence, at an altitude of two hundred and ten feet above mean tide level. Although more than two hundred years old, there are a few in Massachusetts that outrank it in age, among which may be mentioned the "Fairbanks" House in Dedham 1639, and the Old Witch House in Salem 1631.

The view was taken from a photograph furnished by Miss Clark. The tree so conspicuous in the picture was removed several years ago.

Mr. A. D. Foster of Boston, has bought the estate and is erecting a large mansion on the rising ground in the rear.

Mr. Joseph C. Whitney, who lives on the opposite side of the Brush Hill road, about a quarter of a mile south of the Old House, has bought it with the intention of moving it to the rear of his residence.

ROBERT TUCKER.

Robert Tucker was in Weymouth about 1635, and it is supposed that he came to this country accompanying a certain association from Weymouth in England, with the Rev. Dr. Hull and gave that name to Wessagusset. He afterwards removed from that place to Gloucester, where he held the office of recorder, and where it is probable that some of his children were born.

He went back to Weymouth and held several important offices in that town. Further than this his career there is somewhat obscure, but he was identified with that class which seemed raised up by Providence to meet the exigencies of the times in which he lived. He removed to Milton, Mass., about the time that town was incorporated in 1662, and purchased several adjoining lots on Brush Hill, of Widow Farnsworth,† Elder Henry Withington and Mrs. Fenno, containing in all about 117 acres, and bordering on

† See Note A, App.

lands that his son, James Tucker, had purchased some time previous. The Withington purchase was fifty acres, for which he paid £100. This hill has retained its original name down to the present time. He was Town Clerk in Milton for several years, and the first records of the town are in his handwriting which shows that he was the first town recorder. The answer of the General Court to the petition for incorporation, bearing date May 7th, 1662, is signed "Robert Tucker, Recorder." He represented the town several years in the Legislature. He was active in the church, a member of the church committee, and seems to have been always on the most intimate terms with his pastor, Rev. Peter Thatcher.

As a matter of history it may be well to state that "At a Quarter Court holden in Boston the 2nd day of the 4th month, 1640, Robert Tucker for upbraiding James Brittan as a witness, calling him a liar and saying he could prove him so, was fined 20 shillings and enjoined to acknowledge the wrong he had done Brittan." What he said may have been the truth for Brittan does not appear to have been any better than he should be. In March, 1639, he was publicly whipped for some misdemeanor and was hanged in March, 1644, for adultery. Robert Tucker died March 11th, 1682, at the age of 78, and was buried the 13th.

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DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT TUCKER.

- I. †ROBERT TUCKER, Weymouth, Mass., 1635; removed to Milton, Mass., 1662. Married Elizabeth Allen.‡

†For Will of Robert see Note B App.

‡The only authority we have for the name Elizabeth Allen, is from Robert Tucker's will, wherein he refers to his wife Elizabeth and to his brother-in-law Deacon Henry Allen, although Deacon Allen may have married Robert's sister.

"Sister Elizabeth removed from Weymouth to Church in Milton June 13, 1686."

Peter Thatcher in Church History of Milton.

CHILDREN : (Came from Weymouth).

2. SARAH, b. March 17, 1639 ; m. Peter Warren.
- ✓ 3. JAMES, b. 1640 ; m. Rebecca Tolman.
4. JOSEPH, b. 1643 ; m. ———.
- *5. ELIZABETH, b. 1644 ; m. Ebenezer Clapp.
- ✓ 6. BENJAMIN, b. 1646 ; m. Ann, dau. Edward Payson.
- ✓ 7. EPHRAIM, b. 1652 ; m. Hannah Gulliver, Sept. 27, 1688.
- ✓ 8. MANASSEH, b. 1654 ; m. Waitstill Sumner ; d. 1743.
- *9. REBECCA, m. ——— Fenno.
- *10. MARY, m. Samuel Jones.

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SARAH,² (*Robert*¹) oldest child of Robert and Elizabeth Tucker, born March 17, 1639. Married Peter Warren, of Boston, Aug. 1, 1660.

CHILDREN OF PETER AND SARAH (TUCKER) WARREN :

- *11. JOHN, b. Sept. 8, 1661 ; d. young.
- *12. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 19, 1663.
- *13. BENJAMIN, b. July 25, 1665.
- *14. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 4, 1668.
- *15. ROBERT, b. Dec. 25, 1670.
- *16. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 11, 1673.

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JAMES,² (*Robert*¹) oldest son of Robert and Elizabeth Tucker, was born 1640. Married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Tolman of Dorchester. In 1678 he had a suit with the town of Dorchester, who gathered taxes from him and others which the general court required the town to repay. He died in 1718,† aged 78 years.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ^{Rebecca}SARAH (TOLMAN) TUCKER :

- *17. REBECCA, b. Nov. 1, 1673 ; m. Ephraim Wilson of Dedham, Mar. 1, 1714.
- *18. EXPERIENCE, b. Aug. 19, 1676 ; she was admitted to full communion Apr. 1697.
19. JAMES, b. Apr. 10, 1680 ; m. Sarah Baker of Dedham, Mar. 1, 1707.
- *20. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 18, 1681 ; m. John Person of Roxbury, Jan. 14, 1701.
21. EBENEZER, b. May 20, 1682 ; m. Jemima Daniels of Milton, Dec. 12, 1706.
- *22. SARAH, b. ⁴Sept. 14, 1684 ; m. Thomas Heron. Admitted to full communion Sept. 20, 1702.

†Tombstone reads March 13, 1717.

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JOSEPH,² (*Robert*¹) second son of Robert and Elizabeth Tucker, was born 1643. He was said to be a member of the military organization which is now called the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and was in the great Narragansett Fight, Dec. 19, 1675, in the company of the brave Capt. Isaac Johnson who fell at that time, and Savage says Joseph may have fallen also, as he heard no more of him. Had he examined the Journal of Rev. Peter Thacher a few years later he might have learned more.

CHILDREN:

- *23. ROBERT, b. Apr. 5, 1678; d. 1689.
- *24. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 11, 1679; m. Judith Clapp of Milton, May 27, 1702.
- *25. JOHN, b. July 28, 1682; d. Mar. 22, 1715, age 33 years.

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BENJAMIN,² (*Robert*¹) son of Robert and Elizabeth Tucker of Milton, Mass., was born in Weymouth, Mass., in 1646. He married Ann, daughter of Edward and Mary (Eliot) Payson of Dorchester, and settled in Roxbury, where all his children were born. Mary Eliot was a sister of John Eliot the apostle to the Indians.

In 1683, the town of Roxbury accepted the grant which was made to them that year, of a tract of land seven miles square at "Quatosset" or Quasset, sometimes called Wabbaquasset, in the country of the Nipmuck Indians. This was soon after called New Roxbury, and is now known as the town of Woodstock, in the northeast part of the state of Connecticut.

Previous to the war of the Revolution, it was claimed as belonging to Massachusetts, and to what has since been called Worcester County which was formed in 1731. It was settled mostly by people from Roxbury, and Benjamin Tucker had a lot there numbered "32 of the third range of the second division as they were laid out by the surveyor. It was bounded northerly on the north bound of the town

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In 1684, he in company with several others from Roxbury and vicinity, purchased of the Indians a tract of land eight miles square at "Toutaid," now known as the town of Spencer, Mass., for the sum of fifteen pounds current money of New England. This territory included the present town of Leicester, Mass. The deed was acknowledged before William Stoughton, but was not recorded until March 8th 1713-4†.

In 1686 the same parties purchased of the Sachem, Anogomok, a tract of land called by the Indians, "Wombemesisicook," afterward called Lambstown, and now known as the town of Hardwick, Mass., for the sum of twenty pounds. This was by estimation twelve miles long from north to south, and eight miles wide from east to west, and embracing within its limits nearly the whole of the town of Ware, and a part of the present town of Warren, Mass. This was dated 1686, and in the second year of the reign of King James II, of England.‡

It does not appear that any of his children ever settled in Hardwick, but the descendants of his son Jonathan, and his grandson Samuel, have lived in Spencer from their first settlement. He died, intestate, Feb. 27, 1713-4. His estate was appraised at 1491 pounds, 2 shillings, and was settled at the Probate office in Boston.§

CHILDREN:

- ✓ 26. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 8, 1670; m. Elizabeth Williams of Roxbury.
- 27. ANN, b. Feb. 26, 1673; m. George Sumner, 1694.
- ✓ 28. JONATHAN, b. May 14, 1675; m. Hannah _____.
- 29. EHHRAIM, b. Aug. 16, 1677; m. Priscilla _____.
- 30. EBEN, b. Oct. 10, 1679; m. Margarett Cheney.
- *31. MARY, b. Aug. 7, 1682; m. John Clark, Jan. 27, 1712.
- 32. EDWARD, b. Aug. 8, 1684; m. Juda _____.
- 33. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 2, 1686; m. Margarett _____.
- *34. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 20, 1688.
- *35. SARAH, b. Nov. 2, 1696.
- *36. ANN, b. Jan. 7, 1699.

†Note C, App. ‡Note D, App. §See Note E, App.

Judith Clapp of Milton, May 27, 1702, and lived in Stoughton, Mass., where he died Sept. 25, 1745. The property was divided March 17, 1746, and amounted to 1072 pounds and 2 shillings. Among the assets were a negro woman and two negro boys valued at forty-eight pounds.

CHILDREN:

- *64. SUSANNA, b. Apr. 5, 1703; m. ——— Ingraham.
- *65. ABIGAIL, m. John Howard of Stoughton, Mass.
- *66. ZERUIAH, m. Caleb Howard.
- *67. Daughter, name unknown.
- *68. PRESERVED.
- *69. JOSEPH.
- *69A MINDWELL; d. June, 1730.

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BENJAMIN,³ (*Benjamin*,² *Robert*¹) son of Benjamin and Ann (Payson) Tucker, was born in Roxbury, Mass., Mar. 8, 1670. He came in possession of part of the lands in Spencer and Leicester, Mass.; which his father and others purchased of the Indians in 1686.† In 1710 he was chosen constable and refused to serve, for which he was fined five pounds. He married for his first wife, Sarah, by whom he had Sarah, b. Nov. 2, 1696; m. Thomas Heron of Dedham, Mass., Apr. 21, 1720. He married, second, Elizabeth Williams of Roxbury, Mass. He died in 1728.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH (WILLIAMS) TUCKER:

- *70. ANN, b. Jan. 9, 1698; d. Apr. 24, 1707.
- *71. ELIZABETH, b. July 30, 1701; m. Daniel Weld, who was born Aug. 14, 1697.
- 72. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 15, 1703-4; m. Mary Warren of Watertown, Mass., Apr. 3, 1729.
- 73. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 23, 1704-5; m. Hannah Parks, May 31, 1739.
- *74. HENRY, settled in Norton, (?) Mass.
- *75. CATHERINE, b. May 12, 1711.
- 76. SAMUEL, b. July 5, 1716; m. Hannah, dau. of Peter and Sarah Sylvester, June 19, 1740. Peter Sylvester was born in Scituate, Mass., in 1687, and came to Leicester, Mass., in 1720. Samuel Tucker moved first to Leicester, and afterward to Spencer, Mass.

†See Indian deed in Appendix.

- *199. OLIVE, b. July 19, 1754.
- *200. JERUAH, b. May 2, 1756.
- *201. JEHIEL, b. Dec. 9, 1758.

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BENJAMIN,⁴ (*Benjamin,³ Benjamin,² Robert¹*) son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Williams) Tucker, was born Mar. 15, 1703 or '04, probably in Leicester, Mass. He lived on a farm in Cherry Valley in that town, which he purchased of Nathaniel Richardson in 1727. He married Mary Warren of Watertown, Mass., Apr. 3, 1729. Died Jan. 20, 1761.

CHILDREN:

- 202. BENJAMIN, b. in Leicester Jan. 23, 1734; m. Martha Davis of Roxbury; d. Worcester, Mass.
- *203. ELIZABETH, b. May 24, 1730; m. Abel Woodward 1753.
- *204. MARY, b. Mar. 6, 1731.
- 205. JOSHUA, b. July 3, 1738; settled in Strafford, Vt.
- *206. ABIJAH, b. ———, 1740; settled in Marlboro, N. H., and died there; had no sons.
- *207. CALEB, b. ———, 1743.

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STEPHEN,⁴ (*Benjamin,³ Benjamin,² Robert¹*) son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Williams) Tucker of Roxbury, Mass., was born Sept. 23, 1704 or '05. He married Hannah Parks May 31, 1739. He settled in Leicester, Mass.

He married, second, in 1750, Mary, daughter of Onesepirus and Mary (Saunderson) Pike, probably from Shrewsbury.

CHILDREN. BY FIRST MARRIAGE:

- *208. HANNAH, b. 1739.
- *209. STEPHEN, b. 1741.
- 210. JOHN, b. 1742; moved to Stockbridge, Mass., before the Revolution; d. there Sept. 10, 1818.
- *211. LUCY, b. 1744.
- *212. REBEKAH, b. 1746.