



COMMENTS: On 4 May 1635, "W[illia]m Fuller," aged 25, was enrolled at London for passage to New England on the *Abigail* [Hotten 73]. The next entry on this passenger list was "Jo[h]n Fuller," aged 15 years [Hotten 73].

On 21 June 1637, William Fuller was one of the Ipswich men who petitioned the General Court to permit John Winthrop Jr. to continue as an Ipswich resident and magistrate [WP 3:432-33].

In the list of "First-Comers to Hampton," we find among the "Young men that had lots" (apparently in 1639) "Gilles Fuler," and among those that came "The second summer" (which was in 1640 [GMN 4:115]) "Good[man] Fuller" [GDMNH 55, List #391a, citing "Norfolk Court Files (Salem), p. 124"]. Since William Fuller received a grant of land at Hampton in 1640, and since Giles Fuller is the only other Fuller immigrant associated with Hampton this early, we assume that William Fuller moved from Ipswich to Hampton in 1640, and that the records under the name William Fuller in Concord must be for a different man.

The records for another William Fuller, who resided for a few years at Concord, have by some writers been incorrectly commingled with those of the subject of this sketch. On 4 June 1639, "Willi[am] Fuller, which kept the mill at Concord, was fined £3 for gross abuse in overtolling" [MBCR 1:267]. By wife Elizabeth he had daughter Hannah born at Concord on 8 August 1641 [CoVr 2]; Elizabeth died at Concord 24 July 1642 [CoVR 2].

WILLIAM FURBER

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *Angel Gabriel*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Ipswich

REMOVES: Dover by 1637

OCCUPATION: Fisherman (on 20 April 1644, "Mr. Edward Starbuck, Richard Walldern and William Furber" were granted a monopoly of the fish to be caught in a weir at "Cohecoe Falls and River" [NHPP 40:454-55]). Miller [NHPP 40:479]. Ferryman.

FREEMAN: On 22 October 1640, William Furber signed the Dover Combination [NHPP 17:501-2]. On 22 October 1677, William Furber signed a petition to the King, asking to be kept under Massachusetts Bay government [NHPP 17:524-25].

EDUCATION: Signed several Dover petitions [NHPP 1:128, 213, 284, 561].

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OFFICES: Deputy for Dover to Massachusetts Bay General Court, 10 May 1648 [MBCR 2:238, 3:122].

Dover constable, 26 August 1646, 3 October 1648 [NHPP 40:20, 41-42]. Committee to settle land disputes, 10 March 1655/6 [NHPP 40:477].

Dover and Portsmouth petit jury, 8 October 1650, 1-2 October 1651, 30 June 1657, 28 June 1659, 26 June 1660, 25 June 1661, 26 June 1666, 24 June 1673 [NHPP 40:58, 80, 125, 136, 144, 155, 214, 288]. Coroner's jury, 31 March 1655, 2 July 1657, 19 August 1657 [NHPP 40:110, 128, 134; NHPLR 2:16b]. Grand jury, 28 June 1664, 25 June 1667, 29 June 1669 (as "Mr. W[illia]m Furber"), 25 June 1678, 7 June 1681, 6 December 1681 [NHPP 40:192, 220, 244, 339, 374, 379].

On 7 September 1647, Dover Court "ordereth that William Furber shall have power to take such fines as shall by the marshal legally be levied for any such fines or charges as shall be due to the court.... Then the court hath ordered that the said William Furber for the town of Dover shall demand of Dover and Henrey Sherbon for Straberey Bank shall demand of the inhabitants of their town to make a rate to satisfy the said charges" [NHPP 40:27-28]. Appointed for Dover to a committee to "lay out a country highway between Hampton and Blodey Point," 7 September 1647 [NHPP 40:28]. Dover member of a committee to determine the bounds between Dover and Kittery, 4 April 1654 [NHPP 1:214-15]. Dover member of a committee to determine the bounds between Dover and Exeter, 14 April 1657 [NHPP 40:117]. Dover member of a committee to determine the bounds between Dover and Portsmouth, 10 May 1668 [NHPLR 3:8a]. Dover member of county committee on county expenses (as "Sergeant Furber"), 9-10 July 1672 [NHPP 40:285].

Sergeant by 9 July 1672 [NHPP 40:285].

ESTATE: On 15 December 1650, "Samuell Austine" sold to "William Furbur of Dover all my right and title of my house and two lots" [NHPLR 1:70]. On 2 July 1657, "W[illia]m Furber of the town of Dover ..., husbandman," sold to Thomas Nock of Dover "twenty acres of upland lying on the north side of Cohecho River at a place called by the name of the Gulf granted to the said Furber by the town of Dover" [NHPLR 3:92a, 2:19b]. On 25 June 1661, Francis Littlefield sued "W[illia]m Furber, defendand, in an action of the case for withholding 12 acres of marsh bought of him at Quochecho by the side of the great hill" [NHPP 40:157, 482-83, 485].

On 5 December 1652, the town of Dover granted to "William Furber, William Wentworth, Henery Lankster [and] Thomas Caney ... the accommodations of Fresh Creek for the erecting and setting up of a

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sawmill" [NHPP 40:453]. On 14 May 1653, "William Furbur" sold to "Antoni Nuter all my right and title of my grant of Fresh Creek both of timber and land and water for a sawmill" [NHPP 40:477]. On 2 July 1662, William Furber sold to Joseph Austin "one-quarter part of a sawmill grant, granted to me the said W[illia]m Furber by the town of Dover ..., & also one-eighth part of a neck of land, situate, lying & being between Fresh Creek & Newitchewannuck River, which was granted to me the said W[illia]m Furber by the town of Dover"; acknowledged by William Furber and by "Elizabeth his wife," 3 July 1663 [NHPLR 2:80b-81a]. On 12 July 1662, "W[illia]m Furber of Dover" sold to Joseph Austin of Dover "my dwelling house & lot granted to me the said W[illia]m Furber by the town of Dover ... on the neck of Dover aforesaid, with two other lots joining thereunto bought of Thomas Beard of Dover aforesaid & the other bought of Samuell Austin, all which said lots do contain ten acres of land," reserving "one-quarter of an acre of land out of that lot which was formerly Samuell Austin's"; acknowledged by William Furber and by "Elizabeth his wife," 3 July 1663 [NHPLR 2:81b-82a].

On 17 June 1674, "William Furbur Senior for the entire affection I bear to my son Will[iam] Furbur, my first born son, ... give to him and his heirs forever all my now dwelling house both the old and new one with my barn and all outhousing with all my land from Piscataq[ua] Rock to the north end of Anthony Nutter his land, all the land to the north of this line and the land at the north end of John Damm's land ... immediately after the decease of me and my wife, always provided that if he die without heir or heirs then all the aforesaid estate shall fall to the next heir amongst my other children" [NHPLR 6:211].

On 14 February 1677/8?, "W[illia]m Furbur Senior of the town of Dover ..., yeoman, ... for and in consideration of the natural love & tender affection which I have and bear unto my dutiful & well beloved son Jethro Furbur, have given ... unto my aforesaid son Jethro all my right ... in a certain tract, lot or parcel of upland ... upon a neck of land within the mouth of the Great Bay in the township of Dover aforesaid commonly called and known by the name of Long Point, being by computation one hundred acres ..., and likewise all my right ... on Dover Neck, both land & commonage, pasturage on Hilton Point and Calves Pasture, with one-quarter of an acre of land reserved in a deed of sale out of a parcel of land sold Joseph Austin ..., always provided that if the said Jethro should happen to decease without issue" the lands conveyed in this deed should pass to "Moses Furbar third son to the abovenamed W[illia]m Furbur &

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brother to the said Jethro"; acknowledged by William Furber on 23 June 1687 [NHPLR 6:183-84].

On 1 December 1686, "W[illia]m Furbur Senior of the township of Dover ..., yeoman, out of my paternal love & affection," deeded to "my well beloved son Moses Furbur of Portsmouth ... one parcel of marsh containing six acres ..., as also thirty acres of upland adjoining to the said marsh"; acknowledged by William Furber on 23 June 1687 [NHPLR 6:115].

On 7 November 1694, William Furber confirmed a sale made by his father William Furber, deceased, to William Vaughan of Portsmouth, merchant, of "a parcel of upland and meadow containing two hundred acres or thereabouts granted the said William Furbur by the selectmen of Dover in or about the year 1658" [NHPLR 5:93].

On 30 December 1699, John Dam, John Bickford and Thomas Bickford petitioned the New Hampshire probate court "forasmuch as William Furbur of Welch Cove, deceased, died intestate as is reported, leaving a considerable estate behind him which said estate lies in the hands of his son Will[iam] Furbur who keeps the same contrary to law from his sisters & will not render their portions to them though often thereto desired, we the subscribers the husbands of said Furbur sisters in their behalf being informed that by law the whole settlement of interested estates lies in your honor's hands do therefore pray that our said brother may be compelled to deliver unto each of his sisters their portion in said estate" [NHPP 31:451-52]. On 26 January 1699/1700, John Dam, John Bickford and Thomas Bickford, for themselves and their wives, gave a receipt for their share of the estate of William Furber, paid by "our brother William Furbur," and relinquished all further claim to the estate [NHPLR 6:212].

BIRTH: About 1614 (deposed 1 December 1676 "aged sixty-two years or therabouts" [Cogswell Gen 11]).

DEATH: Between 23 June 1687 (when he acknowledged two testamentary deeds [NHPLR 6:115, 183-84]) and 2 September 1689 (when his son William called himself "Senior" [NHPLR 6:309]).

MARRIAGE: By about 1644 Elizabeth ____ (assuming she is the mother of all his children).

CHILDREN:

- i ELIZABETH, b. say 1644; m. Dover 9 November 1664 John Dam Jr. [DoVR 110].
- ii WILLIAM, b. about 1646 (deposed in 1676 aged about 30 and deposed in 1702 aged about 57 [GDMNH 250, citing unknown sources]); m. (1) by about 1673 Esther ____

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(stated in some sources to be Esther Starbuck, without documentation; eldest known child b. about 1673 [GDMNH 250, citing unknown source]); m. (2) 13 August 1694 Elizabeth (Heard) Nute [DoVR 129], daughter of John Heard and widow of James Nute, b. 15 September 1653, who d. 9 November 1705; m. (3) soon after 3 April 1706 Elizabeth (Martin) Kennard (on 3 April 1706, "there is a contract of marriage concluded to be between the abovesaid William Furbur and the said Elizabeth Kennard" [NHPLR 7:281-82]), daughter of Richard Martyn and widow of Edward Kennard [GDMNH 396, 464].

- iii HANNAH, b. say 1651; m. in 1671 Roger Plaisted (on 19 September 1671, "Hannah Furber" and "Roger Playstead Junior" each paid a fine of £5 5s., perhaps for fornication [MPCR 2:441]; on 4 July 1676, "[p]ower of administration granted unto Hannah Playstead the wife of Roger Playstead deceased & her father William Furber ... that the moveables & house & lands be fully and carefully improved for the widow's & children's advantage, & present maintenance" [MPCR 2:315]; on 3 October 1682, in "order to the confirmation of an agreement made by Olive Playstead, relict or widow and children of Mr. Roger Playstead deceased, touching the settling of that estate, this Court upon perusal thereof finding some defect therein, by not disposing of some indifferent part thereof, to the children of Roger Playstead Junior deceased, about the settling of that estate, do order that the parties concerned in the meantime do rectify the premises, and do appoint some convenient proportion for said Roger Playstead's children, & to make return thereof unto the next Court of Sessions at Wells on the first Tuesday in March next, whereunto Will[iam] Furber, grandfather to the said children, is to have notice to appear" [MPCR 3:169]).
- iv JETHRO, b. say 1653; m. 19 October 1678 Amy Cowell (see *COMMENTS* below).
- v MOSES, b. say 1660 (called "third son"); deeded land by his father on 1 December 1686 [NHPLR 6:115]; taxed in Portsmouth in 1688 [GDMNH 250]; no further record.

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- vi (probably) BETHIA, b. say 1662; in his will of 6 May 1680, John Cutts bequeathed to "my servant Bathiah Furbur fifty shillings" [NHPP 31:249]; no further record.
- vii SUSANNAH, b. 5 May 1664 [DoVR 112]; m. by 1685 John Bickford (eldest known child b. Dover 30 July 1685 [DoVR 5]).
- viii (probably) ABIGAIL, b. say 1666; m. Charlestown 28 October 1687 Ebenezer Orton [ChVR 1:27].
- ix BRIDGET, b. say 1668; m. by about 1688 Thomas Bickford (eldest known child apparently b. about 1688 [GDMNH 92]).

COMMENTS: On 1 December 1676, William Furber Sr., "aged sixty-two years or thereabouts," deposed that "in the year of our Lord 1635, I ... did come in the ship called the *Angel Gabriel*, along with Mr. John Cogswell, Senior, from Old England, and we were cast ashore at Pemaquid, ... and afterwards Mr. Cogswell removed to Ipswich; and in November, after the ship was cast away, I ... came to Ipswich, and found Mr. Cogswell, Senior, living there, and hired myself with him for one year" [Cogswell Gen 11, citing court records (and misreading the deponent's surname as "Tarbox")].

On 18 October 1652, William Furber deposed with regard to events on the Lamprill River in 1637 [NHPP 1:204].

On 18 May 1659, "William Furbur" was one of twenty-two petitioners to Massachusetts Bay General Court for the grant of a township at Penacook [NHPP 24:31-32].

On 17 March 1661[2], William Furber, on behalf of John Clark, son of William Clark, late of Salem, made claim to a little neck of land upon Ipswich River, containing about twelve acres, where a little house formerly stood [ILR 2:58]. (This record has misled several authors, including Noyes, Libby and Davis, into claiming that William Furber married Elizabeth Clark, daughter of William Clark [GDMNH 250]. That she was not a daughter of William Clarke, innkeeper of Salem, was demonstrated by Frances Davis McTeer and Frederick C. Warner [TAG 39:100-12].)

On 27 June 1676, upon "the petition of W[illia]m Furber Senior to this court for the disposing of Mrs. Hill, the court orders that the selectmen of Dover forthwith take care of her and remove her from Mr. Furber's" [NHPP 40:327].

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The three sons of William Furber are confirmed by his testamentary deeds, and three of the daughters (Elizabeth, Susanna and Bridget) are attested by the petition and receipt of their husbands. Hannah, wife of Roger Plaisted, is evidenced by court records [MPCR 3:169]. The remaining two daughters are included here because there was no other Furber family in New England to which they could have belonged.

There are a number of problems surrounding the marriage of Jethro Furber. First, there is no doubt that he married Amy, daughter of Edward Cowell, for on 2 May 1682, whereas "administration of the estate of Edward Cowel, deceased, at a County Court held at Dover in June 1677, & adjourned to the 31th of October, was granted to Agnes Cowel, relict of the said Edw[ar]d Cowel; and an inventory of the said estate upon oath brought into Court; and there being no further proceeding in the management of the premises by reason of the death of the said Agnes, the Council grants administration of the said Edw[ar]d Cowel's unadministered estate to Jethro Furber, who married to Annie [*sic; recte* Amy] the said Edward & Agnes Cowel's daughter" [NHPP 31:203-4]. Second, the date of the marriage given above, 19 October 1678, does not appear in published Dover vital records, and has not been found elsewhere. Third, the same date of marriage, to the same bride, is assigned also to Joseph Sherborn, the statement then being made that Amy "soon m. 2d Jethro Furber" [GDMNH 629]; this suggests that such a marriage record exists, but that someone misread the unusual name "Jethro Furber" as the more regular "Joseph Sherborn," many of the elements in the two names being the same.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1957 Edith Bartlett Sumner published a two-page summary of this immigrant and his children [Coltman Anc 74-75].

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