



*John Champney*

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this church" [CaChR 13]; Hannah, the eldest child of "Goulden and Jane" Moore, was born at Cambridge 15 March 1643[4]).

**CHILDREN:**

- i MARY, b. Cambridge [blank] October 1635 [NEHGR 4:55]; m. Woburn 2 May 1654 Theophilus Richardson [WoVR 2:226], son of EZEKIEL RICHARDSON [GMB 3:1582].
- ii SARAH, b. Cambridge [blank] May 1638 [NEHGR 4:55]; m. Woburn 31 October 1661 John Russell Jr. [WoVR 3:52]. (For the Sarah Champney who married William Barrett, see Joseph Champney, son of RICHARD CHAMPNEY.)
- iii JOHN, b. Cambridge 28 May 1641 [NEHGR 4:55]; d. 20 February 1664[5] [CaChR 13]. On 4 April 1665, "Mr. Richard Champnyes and Josias Convars, ... administrators of the estate of Jno. Champny," ordered distribution of the estate as follows: "to his two sisters by his father and mother, the land of his at Billerica, which amounts to fifty pounds, also we order that ten pounds that is in his father Moore's hand shall be given to his 3 sisters by his mother, also a cow to his mother, also a yearling colt to Daneel Champney, also to Mr. Mitchell five pounds, also to Elder Frost fifty shillings, also for a debt to Josiah Convars five pounds, to John Squire a cloth suit, a chest and musket and an ax" [MPR 2:281-82]. (The distribution of £10 is to his three younger Moore half-sisters.)

**ASSOCIATIONS:** John Champney was presumably related to RICHARD CHAMPNEY of Cambridge, perhaps a brother.

**COMMENTS:** The births of John Champney's children were listed in the town records, as submitted to the colony clerk, as children of Richard and Joan Champney, but the impossible conflicts of dates and the similarities of given names for the wives of Richard and John lead to the conclusion that the births of children to these two couples were grouped together and all assigned incorrectly to Richard.

## RICHARD CHAMPNEY

**ORIGIN:** Stisted, Essex

**MIGRATION:** 1635 on the *Defence*

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**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Cambridge

**OCCUPATION:** Yeoman.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Admission to Cambridge church prior to 23 May 1636 implied by freemanship. The compilation of Cambridge church members made in January 1658/9 included "Richard Champny, Ruling Elder, and Jane his wife in full communion" [CaChR 2]. On 8 February 1668[?], Elder Champney and Mr. Oakes were assigned to catechise the youth of the town living on the south side of the bridge [CaTR 175].

**FREEMAN:** 23 May 1636 (as "Rich[a]rd Champnyes") [MBCR 1:372].

**EDUCATION:** One of the five prominent men set to oversee the re-copying of the first assessment of the cow common, 21 December 1648 [CaTR 79]. Signed his deeds and his will by mark. His inventory included "books" valued at 40s.

**OFFICES:** Cambridge fenceviewer, 4 April 1636 [CaTR 21]. Committee to draw up instructions, 8 November 1652 [CaTR 99]. Committee to consider the setting off of Billerica [CaTR 106].

**ESTATE:** In the 8 February 1635/6 inventory of "those men who have houses in the town at this present," "Richard Champnes" was credited with three in the West End [CaTR 18]. On 6 February 1636/7, "Elder Champnes" was granted twelve acres in the Great Swamp [CaTR 26].

On 25 September 1637, "Will[iam] Wadsworth of Newtowne" sold to "Mr. Richard Chumnes of Newtowne" "my house & yards & all my lands, rights in the common, whatever I have in the said town & parcel of nine acres of marsh ... which the said Will[iam] bought of Edward Stebine & two acres of Edward Elmor of upland which I the said Will[iam] bought likewise" [CaBOP 41].

On 11 May 1638, "Elder Champnes" was granted seven acres "on the south side of the path" to Charlestown [CaTR 33].

In the inventory of Cambridge land made about 1639, "Richard Champnies" had two listings. In the first he held four parcels: "bought of William Wadsworth of Hartford in Connectcote one house, garden, backside, containing about half a rood of ground"; "in Cowyard Row about half an acre"; "in Wigwam Neck about one acre & a half of ground"; and "in the Old Fields one acre & a rood" [CaBOP 47]. In the second he held seven parcels: "in the Long Marsh one acre and a half"; "in the Great Marsh about six acres"; "in the Great Marsh towards the Oyster Bank nine acres"; "in the Old Oxpasture seven acres"; "in the New West Field eight acres and a half of planting ground"; "in the Old West Field about

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three roods"; and "in the near end of Wigwam Neck by the gate two acres" [CaBOP 47-48].

In the 1639 list of Cambridge holdings of "John Champnies," three parcels were "bought of Richard Champnes": "one house with five acres of land upon the Cowe Common"; "one acre & a half of Oxe pasture"; and "three acres and a half of ground in the new west field" [CaBOP 57]. In the 1639 list of John Steadman's holdings, he held one parcel "bought ... of Richard Champnes," being "three acres" [CaBOP 65]. In the same list, William French "bought of Mr. Richard Champnes one dwelling house & garden" [CaBOP 66].

On 1 September 1643, "Richard Champnyes" bought six and a half acres from John Bridge [CaBOP 117]. On 8 December 1645, "Richard Champny" was granted eight acres of meadow and upland at Alewife meadow [CaBOP 118]. In the 1645 settlement of fence maintenance on the neck, "Elder Champne" was responsible for eight rods [CaBOP 153]. "Elder Champnye" had ten acres allotted to him in the fresh pond meadow [CaBOP 333]. On 23 February 1648[9?], Richard Champney received six acres and 18 rods in the west field [CaBOP 336].

In 1644, Richard Champney was granted eight acres of meadow and upland at Alewife Meadow [CaTR 45]. In 1646, he received fourteen acres in woodlots on the other side of Menotime Bridge [CaTR 66]. On 8 June 1646, "Elder Champnies" was granted liberty to sell some timber for the repair of "Bro: Goulden Moore's" dwelling house and barns [CaTR 53]. On 11 January 1646[7?], "Elder Champnis" was granted liberty to fell some trees near his meadow for a fence [CaTR 57]. On 7 June 1647, Richard Champney was allowed to buy the 40 acres on the south side of the water near Mr. Sparhawk's fields [CaTR 61]. On 11 October 1647, "Elder Champnis" was ordered to pay the town 20s. per acre for the upland by "Mr. Sparhawk's rail" [CaTR 62], and on the same day he owed 8d. in oxen fines [CaTR 63].

On 29 January 1650[1?], George Deed of Boston, mariner, sold to Richard Champney of Cambridge "one parcel of ground containing ... seven acres and a half ... being partly fresh and partly salt and sometime in the possession of Joseph Isacke deceased" [MLR 1:48]. On 12 November 1651, "Mr. Richard Champney of Cambridge" sold to John Wincoll of Watertown "eleven acres of meadow land lying in Cambridge bounds, in a meadow commonly called Rockie Meadow ... also in another piece of Rockie Meadow five acres ... and also ten acres of meadow land in the same town, lying in Fresh Pond Meadow" [MLR 1:49]. On 19 March 165[1]/2, Edward Shepard of Cambridge, mariner, sold to "Mr.

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Richard Champney" of Cambridge "eight acres of land granted unto me by the town of Cambridge, lying on the south side of the river" [MLR 1:50].

On 27 October 1651, Mr. Richard Champney paid the town of Cambridge £46 6s. 8d. for the land where his house stood, and exchanged one hundred acres granted him near Mr. Samuel Shepard's farm for one hundred acres in the small lots south of Roxbury highway [CaTR 92-93]. On 10 May 1652, the sale to Elder Champney of eight acres on the south side of the river by John Thrumble was alluded to [CaTR 95]. In the 1652 division of Shawsheen, Elder Champney drew lot number 83 and received 350 acres [CaTR 98].

On 18 October 1652, Joseph Cooke of Cambridge sold to "Mr. Richard Champny of the same town Ruling Elder ... twenty acres of land" in Cambridge, "ten acres part thereof lying on the south side the river near or upon Strawberry Hill and ten acres more in the upper division appertaining to those lots on the south side of Roxbury Highway" [MLR 1:36].

On 28 December 1653, Richard Champney received 3½ acres of woodlot land in the 4th quadrant next to Spy Pond [CaTR 65].

On an unknown date in 1655 (but no later than 4 May, when the instrument was acknowledged), John Thrumble of Cambridge, mariner, sold to "Mr. Richard Champny of Cambridge ... ruling elder" "six acres of upland within the limits of Cambridge on the south side of the river, lately granted me by the town of Cambridge ... also eighteen acres of land granted me by the town of Cambridge on the same side the river" [MLR 4:443]. On 10 December 1655, Edward Collins of Medford, merchant, sold to "Richard Champney of Cambridge ... ruling elder of the Church of Chriss there" "five hundred acres of land lying and being within the limits of Shawshin (alias Billerica) granted unto me the said Edward Collins" [MLR 4:426]. On 6 March 1656[?], "Mary Chamberline of Chelmsford the wife of Thomas Chamberline do hereby acknowledge myself freely to resign up all my right & interest in the farm purchased of Mr. Thomas Dudley lying in the bounds of Billerica" to ten men, including Richard Champney [MLR 4:318].

On 11 January 1657[?], the town granted Elder Champney liberty to his nineteen acres laid out at Strawberry Hill [CaTR 122]. On 14 April 1662, the town agreed to allow the lands granted Mr. Richard Champney at Alewife meadow "not excepted for highways or sold to Francis Whitmore, be entered in the name of Mr. Edmond Frost" [CaTR 138]. In the eighth division, "Elder Champney" received three acres [CaBOP 143].

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In the 1664/5 division of the cow common, "Richard Champnye" received forty acres and two commons [CaBOP 147].

On 25 November 1663, Richard Champney of Cambridge sold to Francis Whitmore of Cambridge, tailor, "one parcel of land, lying & being within the limits of the said town abovenamed, containing all that my land, both meadows and uplands & swamps that lyeth in or about Alewife Meadow, the whole being by estimation about twenty acres" [MLR 3:44]. On 24 November 1665, James Parker and Thomas Chamberlin of Chelmsford, planters, sold to "Richard Champney of Cambridge ... yeoman" "several parcels of land, all of them being within the limits and bounds of Billerica ... and a part of the farm by us purchased of Thomas Dudley Esq. deceased" [MLR 4:446].

On 25 January 1665[6?], "Richard Champney of Cambridge ... yeoman" sold to Thomas Browne of Cambridge, planter, forty acres on the south side of Charles River in Cambridge [MLR 4:146]. On the same day, Thomas Browne of Cambridge, planter, sold to "Richard Champney of the same place, yeoman," seven acres of marshland on the south side of Charles River in Cambridge, "together with a small parcel of upland within the same bounds, reserving to myself of the said marsh one rod broad for a way or passage" [MLR 4:149].

On 21 April 1666, "Richard Champney of Cambridge ... yeoman" sold to Edward Devotion of Boston, yeoman, "one parcel of marshland situate, lying and being in Cambridge saltmarshes on the south side of Charles River and is a part of that lot sometime Mr. Thomas Shepard's deceased containing by estimation three acres [and] a half" [MLR 3:179].

On 12 October 1668, "Mr. Richard Champnis" resigned up his interest in the house right "that appertained to William Wadsworth unto his son-in-law John Hastings" [CaBOP 149; CaTR 171].

In his will, dated 30 June 1669 and proved 21 December 1669, "Richard Champney of Cambridge" bequeathed to "my loving faithful wife Jane Champney ... the two best rooms in my dwelling house, entire to herself, with liberty of the cellar room for her use while she remains my widow" and some cattle and household goods, "and in case she do marry again, then she shall have only that part of our household stuff which she brought with her to me, on our marriage ... and in lieu of the thirds of my house & lands I do give her fifteen pounds per annum during her life"; to "my 3 daughters - Ester Convars, Mary French & Lidea Champney" £100 apiece and "all those lands lately granted and laid out unto me by the town of Billerica, to be equally divided among them"; to "Harvard College ... as an expression of my willingness to further the education of youth in

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all Godly literature" "those lands lately laid out unto me by the town of Cambridge near to the falls on Charles River, containing forty acres"; to "Daniel Gookin the eldest son of the worshipful Captain Dan[iel] Gookin" £5; to "Nathaniel Mitchell son of the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, pastor of the Church of Christ in this place," £5; and the residue to "my two sons Samuel Champney & Daniel Champney," with detailed division of the lands, they to be executors; witnesses: William Boardman, William Barritt [MPR 3:139-41, Case #4240]. An undated codicil included additional bequests, to "my son John Hastings four acres of marsh adjoining to Goodman Devotion's marsh"; and to "Josiah Converse one load of hay yearly" [MPR 3:142, Case #4240].

The inventory of the estate of "Mr. Richard Champney ruling elder of the Church of Christ in Cambridge," taken 14 December 1669, totalled £1449 16s., of which £1260 was real estate: "house, barns, yards & orchard," £120; "plowlands, pasture & woodlands adjoining," £450; "meadowland & other woodlands," £650; and a "piece of land lying near the lower falls," £40. An additional inventory, taken 8 December 1669, of lands at Billerica, totalled £410 12s.: "Samuel Champney's farm at Shawshinock, containing 500 acres, with one dwelling house," £240; "Daniel Champney's 2 shares & a half of Mr. Dudley's farm besides what was sold," £140; and "other lands granted by the town of Billerica to the elder in several parcels being 126 acres & 1/4 upland & 6 acres 3/4 & 20 pole meadow," £30 12s. [MPR 3:142-44, Case #4240].

**BIRTH:** By about 1604 based on estimated date of marriage.

**DEATH:** Cambridge 26 November 1669.

**MARRIAGE:** By about 1629 Jane \_\_\_\_; living 30 June 1669 (date of husband's will).

**CHILDREN:**

- i SARAH, bp. Stisted, Essex, 21 June 1629; no further record.
- ii ESTHER, bp. Stisted, Essex, 31 October 1630 (the January 1658/9 compilation of Cambridge church members includes among the "children yet living" of Richard Champney "Esther Champney now Convers living at Wooburne baptized in England aged about 6 years when her father joined here" [CaChR 2]); m. (1) Woburn 26 March 1651 Josiah Converse, son of EDWARD CONVERSE [GMB 1:462]; m. (2) Billerica 17 November 1690 Jonathan Danforth.

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- iii JOSEPH, bp. Stisted, Essex, 8 April 1632; freeman 3 May 1654 [MBCR 4:1:460]; m. by 1656 Sarah Poole, daughter of JOHN POOLE of Reading; the inventory of the estate of "Joseph Champney, late of Billerica, deceased," taken 23 May 1656, was presented at court on 19 June 1656 by "Sarah, the relic widow of Joseph Champney, deceased," at which time "the friends of the said Joseph Champney deceased having manifested their willingness to allow & yield the said Sarah the whole estate" [MPR 1:94-95]; she m. (2) Cambridge 19 August 1656 William Barrett.
- iv NOAH, bp. Stisted, Essex, 8 April 1634; no further record.
- v SAMUEL, b. Cambridge [blank] September 1635 [NEHGR 4:55]; m. (1) Billerica 13 October 1657 Sarah Hubbard; m. (2) Ruth (Mitchelson) Green, daughter of Edward Mitchelson and widow of John Green, son of PERCIVAL GREEN [CaChR 16-17]. (This second marriage is confidently stated in all secondary sources, and is consistent with all the evidence so far collected, but no dispositive evidence has been found.)
- vi MARY, b. Cambridge [blank] November 1639 [NEHGR 4:55]; m. Billerica 20 September 1665 Jacob French.
- vii DANIEL, b. Cambridge 9 March 1644[5] [NEHGR 8:345]; m. (1) Cambridge 3 January 1665[6] Dorcas Bridge; m. (2) Cambridge 9 June 1684 Hepzibah (Corlet) Minot, daughter of Elijah Corlet [CaChR 8] and widow of James Minot, son of GEORGE MINOT [GMB 2:1268].
- viii LYDIA, b. say 1648; m. Cambridge 20 May 1668 John Hastings. (Note that this marriage took place more than a year before the date of her father's will, where she is called Lydia Champney; the undated codicil to the will does name "my son John Hastings.")

ASSOCIATIONS: Richard Champney was presumably related to JOHN CHAMPNEY of Cambridge, probably a brother.

COMMENTS: In addition to the correlations of names and dates for Esther and Joseph, there are other indications that the four baptisms in Stisted apply to the immigrant family. Stisted was the parish of origin of Rev. SAMUEL STONE, who had come to Cambridge in 1633 [GMB 3:1768-73]. Daniel Champney, son of RICHARD CHAMPNEY, had son Noah born at Cambridge 27 September 1677.

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In his narration of the failed attempt to sail for New England in late 1634, Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD included among his shipmates "brother Champney" [Young's First Planters 538]. When Shepard again prepared to leave for New England, he reported that "the Lord seemed to make our way plain ... many more of God's people resolved to go with me, as Mr. Roger Harlakenden and Mr. Champney, &c." [Young's First Planters 543]. The passenger list of the *Defence* includes Roger Harlakenden and Thomas Shepard (disguised as "John Shepard, husbandman") [Hotten 99], but Richard Champney is not found in the list.

The record of early Cambridge births submitted to the colony (or perhaps the county) in 1643 or 1644 includes the births of five children purporting to be born to Richard Champney and his wife Jane. This record is certainly defective, as the first two of these children are given as born only a month apart. Comparison of these vital records with the church records and probate records for Richard and John Champney leads to the conclusion that children of both men have been run together as if they were all Richard's children. One of the clerks involved in creating this record may have been misled by the similarity in the names of the wives of the two men.

Savage includes in his Champney section a Christopher Champney with wife Margaret who had a daughter Deborah born at Cambridge on 17 January 1644 [Savage 1:356], apparently based on the published version of the Cambridge vital records as submitted to the colony [NEHGR 8:345]. This entry should be for CHRISTOPHER CANE of Cambridge, who did exist and did have a wife Margery and a daughter Deborah. There was no Christopher Champney.

### CLEMENT CHAPLIN

**ORIGIN:** Rushbrooke, Suffolk

**MIGRATION:** 1635 on the *Elizabeth & Ann*

**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Cambridge

**REMOVES:** Hartford 1636, Wethersfield by 1640

**RETURN TRIPS:** To England permanently after 1646

**OCCUPATION:** Minister (upon return to England).

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Admission to Cambridge church prior to 3 March 1635/6 implied by freemanship. "... one of the elders of the

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