



- iii HANNAH, born 6 August 1642 [WaVR 10]; married Watertown 19 January 1667/8 John Kemball [WaVR 29].
- iv BATHSHUA, born 17 April 1647 [WaVR 13]; married Watertown 23 November 1671 John Applin [WaVR 34; see also Bond 9, 675].
- v ABIAH, born 28 May 1651 [WaVR 15]; married Cambridge 24 October 1669 Jonathan Sanders(on).

COMMENTS: On 3 May 1631 the General Court ordered that "Thomas Bartlett, servant to Mr. Pelham, shall be whipped for his unjust selling of his master's tools, & that Samuell Hosier & John Page shall return either the tools they bought of him, or the prices thereof, to Mr. Pelham" [MBCR 1:86]. This is the earliest record for Thomas Bartlett, and suggests strongly that he came in 1630, possibly with WILLIAM PELHAM. If he was Pelham's servant in England, then his origins should be sought in Lincolnshire.

Since the Beaverbrook Plowlands (28 February 1636/7) and the Remote Meadows (26 June 1637) were both granted largely on the basis of family size, and since Thomas Bartlett received two acres in each allotment, he must have married prior to 28 February 1636/7, and his first daughter Hannah must have been born after 26 June 1637.

Thomas Bartlett and his widow were very conservative in their land-holding activities. There are no recorded deeds for them in the Middlesex registry; his inventory shows that he held everything that was granted to him, and possibly added six acres of Lieu of Township land (since the Farms were not yet laid out, they did not yet have any value, and were at this early date often omitted from inventories, only to reappear later); and his widow had apparently made only small adjustments, as her inventory shows slightly larger homestall and Lieu of Township lots, but no Beaverbrook Plowland lot. In her twenty years of widowhood, Hannah Bartlett had managed her inheritance very well.

SAMUEL BASS

ORIGIN: Saffron Walden, Essex

MIGRATION: 1633

FIRST RESIDENCE: Roxbury

REMOVES: Braintree 1640

OCCUPATION: Yeoman.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: "Samuell Basse" admitted to Roxbury church as member #78, in a group of 1633 immigrants [RChR 78]. His death

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record in 1694 tells us that he "had been a deacon of the church of Braintree for the space of above fifty years and the first deacon of that church" [BrVR 660].

FREEMAN: 14 May 1634 [MBCR 1:368].

EDUCATION: Signed his will. First Braintree town clerk [MBCR 1:329].

OFFICES: Braintree deputy to General Court, 2 June 1641, 3 May 1654, 6 May 1657, 27 May 1663, 18 May 1664, 3 August 1664 [MBCR 1:319, 4:1:182, 286, 4:2:72, 100, 117]; commissioner to perform marriages and keep records at Braintree, 2 June 1641 [MBCR 1:329]; committee on bridge over Naponset River (as "Deacon Basse"), 29 May 1655 [MBCR 4:1:231].

ESTATE: On 15 January 1666/7 the heirs of William Tyng sold to Deacon Samuel Bass, Edmund Quinsey, Gregory Belcher, William Savell and Joseph Crosby, all of Braintree, for £1900 "all that farm in Braintree aforesaid, which did belong unto the said Capt: William Tyng, in the time of his life called or known by the name of Salter's Farm, in which the said Gregory Belcher doth now inhabit and dwell, with all the houses, barns, stables, outhouses, yards, gardens, orchards, with all the upland, arable land, woodland, meadows, plains and swamp" [SLR 5:229-31, 342-43]. On 28 October 1670 "Deacon Samuel Bass of Brantery" sold to John Ruggles of the same town for £16 two acres of salt marsh in Braintree "which formerly was part of a farm called or known by the name of Salter's Farm" [SLR 11:311-12]. On 18 February 1681/2 the purchasers of this land (or their heirs) confirmed a division of the farm, "which several parts were laid out in several divisions of land & meadow & swamp according to each man's proportion," in which Samuel Bass received one-quarter of the farm [SLR 12:265-66]. On the same day Samuel Bass Sr., Joseph Crosby and John Savell, executor to the will of William Savell, deceased, all of Braintree, exchanged land with Lt. Edmond Quinsey of Braintree, giving him "thirty & two acres of land and meadow more or less lying and being in Braintery aforesaid and being a part of the farm called Salter's farm ..." [SLR 12:171].

On 26 April 1668 Joshua Fisher laid out forty acres for Samuel Bass, and on 27 May 1668 the General Court confirmed the grant [MBCR 4:2:386-87].

On 29 August 1672 Samuel Bass of Braintree, yeoman, sold to John Hull of Boston, goldsmith, for £50 two parcels at Bogastow near Medfield, one parcel being half of a two-hundred acre lot, and the other being forty acres; Ann Bass wife of Samuel consented [SLR 5:15-16]. On 20 June 1674 Thomas Bass of Braintree, yeoman, sold to John Hull for £30 "all that parcel of land at Bogastow being the one half of two hundred acres formerly sold by Daniel Morse unto Samuel Bass and the other half lately sold by said Samuel Bass unto the said John Hull"; Sarah Bass wife of Thomas consented [SLR 5:16-18].

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In his will, dated 11 May 1694 and proved 31 January 1694/5, Samuel Bass of Braintree bequeathed to son John Bass ten acres of salt marsh, a woodlot in the Captain's Plain, the malthouse and the orchard before it, half the well and half the kitchen, some lands in the Stony Field, a quarter of the upland in the farm, and any of the marsh in excess of thirty acres; to son Thomas Bass ten acres of salt marsh, a woodlot in the Captain's Field, and a quarter of the upland in the farm; to son Joseph Bass ten acres of salt marsh (valued at £100), the house he lives in and the orchard on the back side of it, the fresh meadow on the east end of it, a feather bed and the furniture and bedstead belonging to it (all of which is valued at £100), also the barn and two acres on which it stands, "two acres of land at the head of the home lot & one acre adjoining to the two acres which was John Dassitt's part of a five acre lot," half the kitchen and half the well, and seven acres in Stony Field (all of which is valued at £100), also a woodlot already set out to him in Captain's Plain (which, with the stock and movables already given to him, is valued at £100), also a quarter of the upland in the farm, and "what I have given my son Joseph Bass my will is that he shall not alienate or sell it away without the approbation of his two brothers & if he have children he may give it to them or if he have need to spend it he may for his own comfort & supply and if he marry a wife he may give her a hundred pounds of it and no more and the rest which I have not now disposed of he may give to any of his relations by blood as he shall see meet"; to Samuel Bass, carpenter, seven acres of pasture land in Stony Field, the salt meadows he already possesses, a quarter of the upland in the farm, half the woodlot given to son Joseph, and £60 out of the estate of son Joseph, and to Joseph Bass Junior £40 out of the estate of son Joseph, and to grandson Samuel Bass, cooper, £40 out of the estate of son Joseph Bass (all these to be if son Joseph has no children, if he doesn't spend the estate, and after the death of son Joseph); to daughter Mary Capen £40 and to daughter Sarah Penniman £20 out of the upland in the farm, and to these two daughters five cows; to John Bass Junior the malthouse (if he outlive his father), two acres of planting ground in Stony Field, four acres of pasture land in Stony Field, and half an acre where his barn stands; to granddaughters (except Sarah Biling) movable household goods, and Hannah Walsbey is to share with them; and to sons John Bass and Thomas Bass any uplands otherwise undisposed of, they to be executors [SPR Case #2200, 13:538-41].

The inventory of Samuel Bass, taken 3 January 1694/5, totalled £942 1s. 6d., of which £891 was real estate: house and orchard behind it, fresh meadow at the end of it with kitchen and well, £96; malthouse and utensils for malt and orchard before the malthouse, his part of kitchen and well, £70; barn and two acres of land part of which it standeth on and two acres at the head of it and one acre bought of John Dassett and

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seven acres in the Slough Field, £100; sixty acres of upland in Captain's Plain, £90; thirty acres of salt marsh, £300; six acres of land lying in the Stony Field, £18; twenty acres of land at the farm at the fourscore acres, £80; twenty-one acres of land at the Great Island at the farm, £60; eighteen acres of land at the ox pasture in the farm, £45; eleven acres of land in three parcels at the farm, £22; and eight acres of swamp, £10 [SPR Case #2200, 13:541].

BIRTH: About 1600 based on age at death.

DEATH: Braintree 30 December 1694 aged 94 [BrVR 660].

MARRIAGE: Saffron Walden, Essex, 25 April 1625 Anne Savell [NEHGR 107:220]; she is probably the Ann Savell, daughter of William, baptized at Saffron Walden 26 April 1601 [NEHGR 107:220]; "Ann Basse the wife of Samuell Basse" was admitted to Roxbury church as member #79, immediately after her husband [RChR 78]; she died Braintree 5 September 1693 aged 93 [BrVR 660].

CHILDREN:

- i SAMUEL, bp. Saffron Walden 11 May 1626 [NEHGR 107:220]; m. by 1653 (and probably a few years earlier) Mary Howard, daughter of Robert Howard. (Samuel Bass had died by 1653, and on 22 December 1653 the probate court "on the widow's relinquishing her right in the thirds did judge it meet and determined that the whole estate shall be equally divided between the mother and the child, and that Mr. Howard in behalf of his daughter shall give good security to deliver the child of the said Samuel Bass deceased one half of the said estate at the age of fourteen years" [SPR 2:109-11, 3:68-72].)
- ii MARY, b. about 1628; m. 20 September 1647 as his second wife John Capen [NEHGR 2:80], son of BERNARD CAPEN.
- iii JOHN, bp. Saffron Walden 18 September 1630 [NEHGR 107:220]; m. (1) Braintree 3 February 1657/8 Ruth Alden [BrVR 716], daughter of JOHN ALDEN; m. (2) Braintree 21 September 1675 Hannah (_____) Sturtevant, widow of Samuel Sturtevant [BrVR 718].
- iv ANN (or Hannah), bp. Saffron Walden 25 November 1632 [from original register]; m. (1) Braintree 15 November 1651 Stephen Paine [BrVR 629]; m. (2) Taunton 13 September 1692 as his second wife Shadrach Wilbore, son of SAMUEL WILBORE.
- v THOMAS, b. Roxbury about 1635; m. (1) Medfield 4 October 1660 Sarah Wood; m. (2) Braintree 30 November

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- 1680 Susanna (Bate) Blanchard, widow of Nathaniel Blanchard [BrVR 719; SLR 13:355-56].
- vi RUTH, b. Roxbury about 1637; m. Braintree 24 September 1656 David Walsbee [BrVR 716].
- vii JOSEPH, b. Roxbury say 1639; m. (1) Mary _____, who d. Braintree 15 March 1677/8 [BrVR 656]. (On 11 May 1694, when his father made his will, Joseph was unmarried and childless. On 23 December 1700 a daughter Deborah was baptized, with parents Joseph and Deborah Bass [NEHGR 59:361], and the claim has been made that this represents a second marriage for this Joseph. In his will, dated 5 April 1710, Joseph Bass Sr. named no wife or children, and made bequests to his siblings, to children of his siblings and to friends [SPR 18:447-48]. As the proposed second marriage for Joseph rests on this single record, and as it may be a defective record or may apply to another Joseph, we do not take it as evidence of a second marriage.)
- viii SARAH, b. Braintree 26 April 1643 (erroneously given as Mary) [NEHGR 3:126]; m. (1) by 1663 John Stone [Bond 586, 951; Simon Stone Gen 56-59]; m. (2) (as "Sarah Stone widow of Deacon John Stone of Watertown") Braintree 10 May 1693 Joseph Penniman [BrVR 720].

ASSOCIATIONS: Ann Savill, wife of Samuel Bass, was sister of William Savill, who had arrived in New England by 1641, and settled at Braintree [NEHGR 107:218-20].

COMMENTS: Waldo Chamberlain Sprague commissioned research in the parish registers of Saffron Walden, Essex [NEHGR 107:218-20], but in this research the 1632 baptism of the daughter Hannah (or Ann) was missed. This conflicts with evidence about the daughter Mary, whose gravestone claims she died in 1704 in her seventy-third year [NEHGR 107:219], which would calculate to about 1632, and would make her about fifteen years old at marriage. Given our knowledge of the other children, the options are to place Mary's birth about 1634, which would make her impossibly young at marriage, or about 1628, which would make her about nineteen years old at marriage, but which would conflict with the gravestone evidence. We have chosen the latter course.

On 28 May 1659 in answer "to the petition of Samuel Basse, the town of Braintrje [sic] having petitioned for a new plantation, it is ordered, that the petitioner, with his sons, may have liberty to join with those of his neighbors which will carry on such a work, with allowance of one hundred & fifty acres, within the bounds of the said plantation, more than his just proportion with the rest of his neighbors" [MBCR 4:1:377].

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Mary, daughter of Samuel Bass, born at Braintree 26 April 1643 [NEHGR 3:126], has been ascribed to Samuel Junior (Charissa Taylor Bass and Emma Lee Walton, *Descendants of Deacon Samuel & Ann Bass* [Freeport IL 1940], p. 5), but this must be the youngest child of Samuel Senior, and the entry an error for Sarah. Samuel Junior would be only sixteen at the time of the birth of this child, and the record does not distinguish between Senior and Junior, indicating that Junior was not yet of age. Thus, the only child of Samuel Junior is his son Samuel, and from the probate proceedings we learn that this child was born shortly before the father's death.

WILLIAM BASSETT

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1621 on *Fortune*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Plymouth

REMOVES: Duxbury by 1637 [PCR 1:63], Bridgewater by 1656

OCCUPATION: Blacksmith (the first five lines of the inventory included blacksmith's tools, including a pair of bellows, an anvil, a vice, tongs and hammers and coal shovels, and "all the rest of the smith shop" items).

FREEMAN: In "1633" Plymouth list of freemen, among those admitted before 1 January 1632/3 [PCR 1:3]; also in list of 7 March 1636/7 [PCR 1:52]. In Duxbury portion of list of 1639 [PCR 8:174]. In Bridgewater portion of list which has been dated in 1658 [PCR 8:202].

EDUCATION: Inventory included more than twenty books listed by title, mostly theological, valued at £9 18s.

OFFICES: Plymouth coroner's jury, 2 March 1635/6 [PCR 1:39]; committee to admit newcomers to Duxbury, 7 May 1638 [PCR 1:84]; Plymouth grand jury, 5 June 1638, 6 June 1654 [PCR 1:87, 3:49]; Plymouth petit jury, 7 March 1636/7, 2 January 1637/8, 6 March 1637/8, 4 June 1639, 3 September 1639 [PCR 7:5, 7, 8, 12, 13]; Duxbury deputy to Plymouth court, 2 June 1640, 6 June 1643, 29 August 1643, 5 March 1643/4, 7 June 1648 [PCR 1:154, 2:57, 60, 68, 123]; committee to lay out land, 3 September 1638, 7 January 1638/9, 4 February 1638/9, 4 March 1638/9, 31 August 1640, 5 October 1640 [PCR 1:95, 109, 112, 115, 161, 163]; committee on bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield, 2 March 1640/1 [PCR 2:9, 42]; council of war for Duxbury, 27 September 1642 [PCR 2:46]; Duxbury constable, 3 June 1652 [PCR 3:8]; committee to lay out highways [PCR 3:61, 62]. In Duxbury portion of 1643 list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:190].

ESTATE: In the 1623 Plymouth land division "William Bassite" received two acres as a passenger on the *Fortune* in 1621 [PCR 12:5]. In the 1627

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