

Strobridge Genealogy

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Early Strobridges:

She begins her book by referring to a Selectman's list of January 22, 1719 of "Sundry persons Strangers Lately come into the Town of Boston...", one of the listed being John Strobridge.

John Strobridge, of the foregoing list, was undoubtedly the same one who was married to Elizabeth Andrews, at Dorchester, Massachusetts, March 28, 1721-2, by Reverend Joseph Morse, and had son Samuel, born May, 1723. The above John may have been brother to the following: **William**, James, and Thomas Trobridge; brothers who came to Middleborough, Massachusetts, exact date of arrival not known.

Thomas Strobridge, brother of William, died August 6, 1724, age 25; is buried at Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Massachusetts.

James "Strawbridge", brother of William, bought of William a lot of land in Middleborough, Massachusetts, containing 18 1/4 acres; date of deed (this deed is in existence) March 5, 1738-9; paid 40 pound sterling.

James "Strowbridge", brother of William, died February 7, 1773, age 79; buried at Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Massachusetts. Neither Thomas nor James is known to have left any descendants, and both were probably unmarried.

According to family tradition, **William Strobridge**, ancestor of the family whose genealogy will be found in the following pages, was born about 1690, in some place near Londonderry, in the north of Ireland; married Margaret Henry in 1716; had daughter Mary, born in Ireland; came with wife and child to America between 1718 and 1722 (probably about 1719). He was a blacksmith, lived in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Massachusetts where he died November 14, 1777, age 87. His wife died December 8, 1776, age 83.

From her earliest remembrance the author has been accustomed to hear that her Strobridge ancestors were "Scotch-Irish"--that is, persons of Scotch blood born in, or residents of, Ireland, and not until within a very short time has she supposed there could be any doubt about it, but of late the question whether she is justified in claiming a Scotch origin for those ancestors has arisen, and she is forced to admit that the objectors have all the evidence there is in their favor.

She has long know of the Trowbridge or Strobridge or Strawbridge family of Devonshire, England; but, supposing it to be a branch of an older one, to which the Scotch family also belonged, made no attempt to connect with it. Such investigations of the matter as she has been able to make, however, reveal no information concerning a Scotch branch, and the probability now seems to be that the early ancestors of William Strobridge, and of the various Strawbridges who are known to have come to America from Ireland, went to Ireland from England.

Having arrived at this conclusion, it may be well to give in this connection all that the author has learned of the Devonshire family.

[Note by Alonzo Dean Cook, May 23, 2006 - the author then goes on to site a book called Chapman's "Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Trowbridge, who came from Taunton, Somersetshire, England, to Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1636", discussing English ancestry, coat of arms, name changes in the family and so forth, until she gives some information about the family in America.]

The first reliable date in connection with **William and Margaret Strobridge** is from the Middleborough town records. The next one is from the records of the First Church (Cong.) of

Middleborough, and reads: "Sept. 9, 1722 [which evidently means the time he joined the church], William Strowbridge from Donough, Ireland, removed 1725 to West Parish [another part of the town, now Lakeville], Middleborough, died November 14, 1777, aged 87"; also: "Margaret Strowbridge, from Donough, Ireland, dismissed 1726 to West Parish; died December 8, 1776, aged 83."

There is no doubt about their having been Presbyterians, but it is well known that at the time it was considered imperative that a person should be a member of some church, and as there was then no Presbyterian church with which they could connect themselves, they did the next thing, joined the Congregationalists, and remained with them probably to the end of their lives, although their children appear to have been a few years later among the followers of Rev. John Morehead.

A deed to William "Strawbridge" of Middleborough, dated December 3, 1728, is recorded at Plymouth, Massachusetts, from which it appears that he did not at once become the owner of land. Other deeds dated September 23, 1729; February 12, 1731; April 18, 1733; July 1, 1736; August 1, 1741; May 1, 1742; November 17, 1743; June 30, 1744, November 11, 1747. (Those of 1741, '43, '43 and '47 read Strobridge, all the others Strawbridge.)

There are also four later deeds to William Strobridge. He is mentioned as a husbandman, and all the early deeds seem to be of woodland.

The author has seen the original deed from William "Strawbridge" of Middleborough, of 18 1/4 acres of land in Middleborough to James "Strawbridge"; consideration, 40 pound sterling; date, March 5, 1738-9. This ancient document is the property of Mrs. Harriet B. (Dean) Barstow, of Taunton, Massachusetts, a great-great-granddaughter of William Strobridge, senior. A facsimile of the signature to this deed is here given. For some time the author was inclined to the opinion that the early members of the family wrote the name Strawbridge, and that Strobridge was a comparatively recent mode of spelling; but the signature to this deed disposes of the question, though why the name should be found spelled Strawbridge in the very document signed Strobridge is inexplicable. Rev. John Morehead evidently considered the name identical with Strawbridge, for in his records of the baptisms of William Strobridge's grandchildren, he invariably wrote it Strawbridge.

Children of **William[1] and Margaret (Henry) Strobridge**

(All except the first born in Middleborough, Massachusetts)

[2]Mary, born in Ireland or on the passage to America, about 1717-18; married John Montgomery

[3]Henry, born April 17, 1722; married Jean Gordon

[4]William, Jr., born August 21, 1824; married Jean Thompson and Mrs. Sarah (Montgomery) Morrison

[5]Thomas, born July 7, 1726; died April 26, 1749, "in ye 23 year of his age" says his tombstone in Thompson Hill

cemetery at Lakeville, Massachusetts

[6]Margaret, born September 1, 1728; married James Pickens

[7]**James**, born 1729; married Mary Gordon

[8]Betsey (Elizabeth), born 1732; married Thomas Thompson

[7]**James Strobridge**, son of Wiliam[1], was born 1729 in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Massachusetts; married Mary Gordon of Voluntown, who was born at Voluntown October 6, 1733, and was a sister of the wife of his brother Henry. In 1754 Moses Inglee of Halifax, Massachusetts deeded a piece of land containing 22 1/2 acres to James Strowbridge, Junr. ["Junr" seems to have been added to his name in the document, in order to distinguish him from his uncle, James Strobridge, who was then living at Middleborough.] This land was afterwards conveyed to Henry Strobridge, an older brother of James, and by him deeded in 1788 to his daughter, Anna Dean. James Strobridge removed to Northfield, Massachusetts, previous to or in 1783, and died there October 23, 1811, age 82; his wife died March 3, 1817, age 84; both are buried and have tombstones in an old cemetery at Northfield.

Children

[43]William, born October 19, 1756; married Susannah Hinds and Hannah Tuttle

[44]"Mary, daughter of James Strawbridge" was baptized by Rev. John Morehead of Boston, November 28, 1758
[45]George, born April 23, 1760; married Julia Tuttle and Bethshua Crawford
[46]Margaret, or "Peggy," born October 14, 1763; married Luther Dean
[47]James, Jr., born July 16, 1764; married Sarah Lyman
[48]Parnel, born August 9, 1767; married David Dexter
[49]Mary, born at Middleborough, Massachusetts, February 10, 1769; married ____ Burt; removed to Ohio
[50]Gordon, born December 31, 1771; married ____ Leach; lived in Northfield, Massachusetts where he owned
saw- and grist-mills. In the History of Northfield his name is spelled "Gurdon." His tombstone in the old cemetery at Northfield says he died June 4, 1839, age 66, but if the date of his death is correct his age is incorrectly stated, and should be 67 yrs. 5 mos. 3 days.
[51]Anna, born May 20, 1774; married Caleb Dean
[52]Elizabeth, born May 5, or 31, 1777; was a milliner and dressmaker at Claremont, New Hampshire, where she
died, unmarried
[53]Thomas Henry, born May 5, 1779; married ____ Lyman and Hannah Cleveland

[45]George Strobridge, son of James[7], was born April 23, 1760 at Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Massachusetts. In 1776 George Strobridge was a private in the company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Wood, and stationed at Roxbury, Massachusetts. He married (1) at Claremont, New Hampshire, December 2, 1784, Julia Tuttle, who was born at Farmington, Connecticut on March 3, 1767 and died at Solon, New York on April 4, 1824, age 57; then married (2) at Solon, New York on November 1, 1826, Bethshua Crawford. He lived in Claremont, New Hampshire for a few years after his 1st marriage. Not far from 1797 Mr. Strobridge moved from Clarendon, Vermont to Solon, New York where he was unfortunate in losing his farm for the second time. Besides being a farmer, he worked at the saddlery trade and taught the same to all his sons. He died at Potter, Yates, New York on March 20, 1837.

Children: First six born at Claremont, New Hampshire

[182]George Augustus, born September 13, 1785; married ____
[183]James Gordon, born August 10, 1787; married Nancy Maybury
[184]Mary "Polly", born November 16, 1789; married James Mann
[185]Sanford, born February 4, 1791; married Althea Dean
[186]Oliver, born January 10, 1793; was injured on the head when a young man by falling from a fence; was
subject to fits and unable to labor; died at the home of his brother Sanford, Middlesex, New York
[187]Arch, born October 26, 1795; married Sarah Green
[188]Hannah, born November 26, 1797 in Cincinnatus, New York; married Samuel Lull
[189]Robert Henry, born at Cincinnatus, January 17, 1800; married Rebecca Marble and 3 others
[190]Electa Ann, born June 1, 1802; married ____ Kelly
[191]Daniel Dexter, born at Solon, New York, December 31, 1806; married Deborah Goodwill and Betsey Turner

[182] George Augustus Strobridge, son of George[45], was born September 13, 1785, at Claremont, New Hampshire; married ____ died ____

Children:

[586]Cyrus
[587]Lovisa, married ____; who became a Mormon; moved, against her wishes, to Salt Lake City, since when
nothing is known of them.

[] James Strobridge of this family resides in Fremont, Michigan

{The following is given only to show the note about moving to Solon, New York. Solon, Cortland, New York is important as Sophronia Strobridge was born there 14 March 1813. --Alonzo Cook}

[183] James Gordon Strobridge, son of George [45], born August 10, 1787, in Claremont, New Hampshire. When but a lad his parents removed to Solon, New York. He married Nancy, daughter of Richard and Catherine Maybury of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, and not long after 1823 emigrated with his family to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he died March 10, 1833; Mrs. Strobridge died _____

Children: First five born at Solon, New York

[588] George, born June 12, 1815; married Mercy M. Finland

[589] Richard Ransom, born June 6, 1817; died at Cleves, near Cincinnati, Ohio

[590] Nelson, born April 4, 1819; died April 30, 1844

[591] Melvin, born April 26, 1821; died December 25, 1842

[592] Hines, born November 28, 1823; married Jane Isabella Wright and Mary Jane Coe

[593] James Gordon, born May 3, 1826; died May 16, 1849

[594] Nancy Elizabeth, born January 7, 1829; died February 16, 1830

[595] Adelaide, born May 3, 1831; married October 4, 1855, Martin Baum Erving who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 18, 1834, son of Alexander Hamilton and Mary Perry (Baum) Erving, and grandson of Alexander and Ann Somerville (Wallace) Erving, and traces his ancestry to Oliver Cromwell; graduated at Yale college in 183_; entered Company H battery, 1st Ohio Light artillery, October 1861, as enlisted man, and the following month was commissioned second lieutenant in the same battery. After nearly 2 years service in Virginia was commissioned senior major in 2d Ohio Heavy artillery, and then lieutenant-colonel of same regiment; served 2 years in Tennessee, and was honorably discharged September 1865; is now (1891) in the fire insurance business at Cincinnati; no children.