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First Generation

1. Captain Michael PIERCE^{1,2}. Born est. 1615 possibly in St. George, Fordington, Dorset, England (Or York, England?). Michael died in Central Falls, RI (Pawtucket-Attleboro Gore), on 26 Mar 1676; he was 61.³

Spelling in early documents is seen as: Pearse, Peirse, Pierce, Pearce, Peirse, Purse, Peerse, Perce, and Peirse.

Michael Pierce came to Hingham, Mass from England in about 1645. He had been a resident at Hingham, before he came into Scituate. He had lands assigned to him at White Head at Cohasset (Little Hingham) and also bought from William James some Conihassett marshland that had originally been allotted to John Woodfield.⁴

15 Jul. 1653 - John Read for whom Michael Pearse of Hinghame hath payd unto the sayd James Garret the sum of seven pounds said John Read "of his owne voluntary minde put himself apprentice with the sayd Michael Pearse for term of nine years - Read signed by mark. Samuel Norden deposed 10 Sep. 1662 that he did both see & heare John Reade agree in the matter. This was recorded 10 Sep. 1662 on Request of said John Read. Garrett was master of the ship *Trade Encrease*". Michael Pearse of Hinghame [sic] paid 2 pounds sterling for the apprenticeship of nine years (Suffolk County Deeds, Lib. IV, page 48; Pope's Pioneers noted that "Took John Reade as an apprentice" July 15 1653).

In 1656 his land in Hingham is mentioned bordering that of William Ripley. and is named in 1652 as one of many debtors to the estate of Capt. Bozone Allen in Hingham.⁵

Scituate was settled as early as 1628 by a group of men from Kent, England. They named the village first road "Kent Street. Most of the houses were probably built of Logs with roofs made of thatch from the sedges of the salt marshes.⁶ After 1663, Michael bought land from the Conihassett partners in Scituate. His house was at Egypt on the Cohasset road, one mile from the north Meeting house. Scituate is about 10 miles north of the original Plymouth colony.

He was enrolled as a freeman in 1670. His civil activities were confined to serving on the grand and coroner's inquests, as surveyor of highways and as selectman in the years 1672 and 1673.⁷ He is on a list of freemen who had taken the oath of fidelity from 1633-1668.⁸

29 Oct. 1672 - Mr Michaell Peirse, Scituate, was among persons appointed by the Court to see to the Execution of the orders of Court prohibiting the Transportation of Plankes, Boards, Bolts, or Barke out of the Govinent, which order beareth Date June, 1672" (PCR Court Order, vol. v, page 106).

19 Mar. 1672/3 - Michaell Pearse of Scituate sold to Edmond Pitts, a house lot of four acres, a second house lot of five acres, and a house lot of ten acres "formerly the house lot of Mr Bozoun Allen as well as Six of his Shares of all the comon Lands in Hingham lately granted to him the sd Michael Pearse by the Town of Hingham to bee laid out next Weymouth Line Together" etc. The deed was signed and sealed by Michael Pearse and by Annah Pearse the wife of Michael Pearse, her marke. Witnessed by Daniel and Peter Cushing, the deed was acknowledged 8 May 1673 before Edward Tyng. It was not entered until 12 March 1679 when Daniel Cushing and Benjamin Bates provided a Memorandum that quiet and peaceable possession of the houses and lands within written was given and taken by the within written Michael Pearse and Edmond Pitts in their proper persons on the nineteenth day of March one thousand Six hundred Seventy and two and Seventy three. (Suffolk County Deeds, Lib. XI, pages 299- 302).

3 Jun. 1673 - Micaell Peirse was again named to The Grand Enquest (PCR Court Orders, vol. v, page 114), was member of the Enquest into the death of Experience Leichfeild (Ibid., page 122), and was renamed Celectman" of

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Scituate (Ibid., page 113). The only intact signature-element for Micaell1 is that on the enquest into Leichfeld,s death. He spelled his name Peirse. It is believed the original document resides in the Plymouth County vaults.

4 Mar. 1673/4 - John Williams of Scituate complained against Micaell Peirse, John Cushen (Cushing) , and Jeremiah hatch, select men of the towne of Scittuate, in an action of the case, to the damage of twenty pounds, for entertaining of an ellegall [missing word - probably 'action'] into the Court of Scittuate, in October last, which action was comenced by Capt James Cudworth, and for not inabling the said Williams, to procecute his appeale according to law, whoe appealed from the judgment of the celect men aboue mensioned, being apprehensiuie of great wronge, wherby the aboue said Williams comes to be damnified. Non suited. (PCR Judicial Acts, page 186). "Nonsuitlis a legal term-of-art which is The name of a judgment given against the plaintiff when he is unable to prove a case or when he refuses or neglects to proceed to trial, and leaves the issue undetermined (H. C. Black, Black's Legal Dictionary, 5th ed., West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1983).

24 Nov. 1673 - "the Towne" (i.e. Scituate) agreed, that a committee of eight appointed by the Court, with four appointed by the Town, should have the sole management of dividing lands, and that what they agreed upon should be binding. The Court appointed Capt. James Cudworth, Cornet Robert Stetson, Lieut. Isaac Buck, Michael Pierce, John Bryant, sen. John Turner, jun. John Damon and Isaac Chittenden. The Town added Charles Stockbridge, Michael Pierce, John Cushing and Thomas Turner.⁹ Either Deane erred or Pierce was named by both Court and Town. Note that Captain Cudworth's rank and acceptability have been restored at this time. He had fallen into disfavor because of his criticisms of the treatment of the Quakers, particularly falling afoul of Governor Prence; the latter had been the reason Cudworth had been judged unacceptable for military command in 1666. In 1676, Cudworth became General and a member of "the Councell of Warr".

17 Dec. 1673 - In the conflict with the Dutch the Court ordered preparations to raise and maintanie one hundred men. The names of the comaunders chosen by the Court were, Captaine James Cudworth for Captaine, Mr John Corum for Leiftenant, Mr Micaell1 Peirse for Ensigne (PCR Court Orders, vol. v, page 136).

1673 - A list of allowed and approved inhabitants, to whom portions of the common lands were assigned, by the joint comittee of the Court and the Town included Michael Pierce (Deanes scituate, page 156).

31 Mar. 1674 - Michaell Peerse [sic] conveyed to John Jacob Sr of Hingham one acre bounded by John Jacob and by the beach, "the Second lott of the first division of Conahasset salt marshes in Hingham". Also: two Islands of upland Called the beach land lying in Hingham at Conahasset neare the ffalls at the Comming into the little harbor ... which sd lands Containe sixteen acres of land & were lately granted to the sd Michaell Peerse by the inhabitants of the towne of Hingham" etc. Witnesses: Daniell Cushing Sr and Jr. Acknowledged by Peerse 27 Jan. 1674, recorded 28 Jan. 1674 (Suffolk County Deeds, Lib. IX, pages 107-109).

28 Jul. 1674 - Michaell Peirse and William Sprague apparently had stood bond for Jonathan Sprague, which they were now ordered to pay to the County, however this was reversed 27 Apr. 1675 and the bond that had been paid was remitted (Suffolk County Court Records, Vol. I, pages 494-5 and Vol. II, page 595).

1 Nov. 1675 - Michaell Peirse of Scittuate sold to Ephraim and Isacke Wilder of Hingham one fourtieth of a three mile square tract of land (the Hatherly grant). Witnesses: Daniel Cushing Sr and Peter Cushing. Acknowledged 15 Jan. 1675/6 (date of Michaels will) before James Cudworth (PCR-Deeds, vol. iv, page 63).

19 Dec. 1675 - Michael "was in the Narragansett fight in December 1675, and escaped with his life, but to fall in a more terrible conflict in March following. (Deane's Scituate, page 326). E.W. Peirse also places him at Narragansett (Register, 21(1867)61).

He assisted in building the first saw mill in the colony, burned by indians 20 May 1676.¹⁰ Michael Pierce resided on a beautiful plain near the north river and not far from Herring brook. It is believed that Samuel Woodworth (1784-1842) wrote the song, "The Old Oaken Bucket," concerning this river and mill in Scituate. Samuel Woodworth's

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grandfather, Benjamin Woodworth, witnessed the signing of Captain Michael Pierce's will, on January 1675.¹¹

Scituate in the Govtmnt of New Plymouth 1675 January the 15

I, Michael Peirse of Scituate, in the government of New Plymouth in America, being now by the appointment of God going out to war, against the Indians, doe make this my last will and testament: First I do committ myself and wayes unto the Eternal God; nextly concerning that estate which God has blessed mee with, I thus dispose. First I give unto my beloved wife Annah Peirse, during her life, the westward end of my now dwelling house in Scituate aforesaid which I last built to dwell in, and the bed in it, with what appertenaines to it, to use and dispose of, as she shall see cause, and the one half of my other household stuff for her use during her life, and then to be disposed of to my children as she shall see cause. Also my will is that for my wifes yearly maintenance, that my son Benjamine Peirse shall pay unto her twelve pounds p year, one half in mony and the other half in provisions, and also sufficient firewood for her use in the house during her life; and I give unto my son Benjamin aforesaid my now dwelling house and barn in Scituate aforesaid, and all the land which I have in Scituate excepting that I bought of Benjamin Bates of Hingham, and that which I bought of William James of Scituate and excepting the abovesaid westerly end of my abovesaid house, during my wife's life as abovesaid, out of which abovesaid Estate in house and lands given to my son Benjamin, he shall pay unto my aforesaid wife for her maintenance twelve pounds a year, as abovesaid during her life, and sufficient firewood also as abovesaid. And I give unto my son John Peirse all my lands in Hingham, in the Massachusetts, and my land in Scituate which I bought of William James, of Scituate, paying out of it to my son Ephraim's two children Eserikum Peirse and Ephraim Peirse, to each of them fifteen pounds at the age of twenty and one years; provided that neither my son Ephraim aforesaid, nor either of his after him, or any by or under him, shall go about to molest my said John of or upon the attempt of the three or four acres of meadow land in Hingham aforesaid which my father gave unto my said son Ephraim which is not yett be fully confirmed to mee as by my son Ephraim's promise it should have been.

Also I give unto my aforesaid son Benjamine all my movable estate in cattle and boats, and household goods, and such like, excepting that which I have disposed of to my wife as abovesaid, out of which said movable estate my said son Benjamine shall pay these legacies which I give to my children as followeth:

- 1 first I give unto my son Ephraime Peirse, five pounds.
- 2 I give unto my daughter, Abigaill Holbrook five pounds.
- 3 I give unto my daughter, Elizabeth Peirse thirty pounds.
- 4 I give unto my daughter, Sarah Peirse thirty pounds.
- 5 I give unto my daughter, Annah Peirse, fifty pounds.
- 6 I give unto my daughter, Mary Holbrook, twenty pounds.
- 7 I give unto my daughter, Abiah Peirse, thirty pounds.
- 8 I give unto my daughter, Ruth Peirse, thirty pounds.
- 9 I give unto my daughter, Peirsis Peirse, fifty pounds.

Also I give unto my grandchild Elizabeth Holbrook five pounds to be paid her by my son Benjamin aforesaid at her day of marriage or 21 years old.

Also I give to my grandchild Abigaill Holbrook five pounds, to be paid her by my son John Peirse aforesaid at her day of marriage, or twenty-one years of age.

- 10 Also my will is, that if it should please God that my beloved wife

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aforesaid should be afflicted with lameness or sickness so that the abovesaid 12 pounds p year be not sufficient to maintain her in comfortable manner, that then what shall be meet by my overseers to be added for her comfortable maintenance shall be equally payed her yearly by my son Benjamine Peirse and my son John of that estate which I have given them as aforesaid.

Also I make my abovesaid wif my executrix and my son Benjamine Peirse abovesaid my executor of my last will and testament, and also I the abovesaid Michael Peirse my truly and will beloved friends Cornett Robert Stutson and Isaac Chittenden and my brother Mark Eames and my brother Charles Stockbridge overseers or witnesses of this my abovesaid last will and testament. In witness whereof I sett my hand and seal this fifteenth of January 1675.

Witnesses: Benjamine Woodworth
Charles Stockbridge

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A note in the margin states, "by Reson of the dangerousnes of the times; & questioned by some whether ther will be a Courte in July next & the pts prinsably Charles Stockbridge & Beniamine Wodworth gave oath before mee that they set to ther hands as witnesses unto Hihil Pearce sineing sealing & decaring this to be his Lst will & Testament this was testified upon oath the 5 of June 1676 before me. (Document set 374, p. 128-32)

Source: *Plymouth Colony Records, Wills, Vol 1-4, 1633-1686*, Vol. 3, Part II, Page 8, Microfilm Collection, NEHGS, Boston, MA.

The will may be in Michael's hand according to one observer. The signature element is in that portion of the will in disrepair; however the orthography of the name in the initial portion of the will accords with that on the Enquest into Experience Litchfield's death.¹²

Note that a daughter named Deborah is given by Savage, but her name does not appear in the will.

On 22 July 1676, at a meeting of the General Court of Plymouth Colony, "whereas the last will and testament of Captain Micheall Peirse, of Scittuate, lately slayne on the countrys service, bearing date the 15th of January, 1675, was psented under oath to this court, wherein Benjamine Peirse is made executor this Court Considering the large legacyes in the said will given, and not knowing whether there will remaine soe much clear estate, when debts and the widdows maintenance are discharged out of the same, as will amount to salve the said executors portion, intended by his father, as by the said will is declared doe therefore order, that the said Benjamine Peirse, executor, shall detaine and keep in his owne hand and land mensioned in the said will, bought of Willam James, being the one halfe of a six acre lott of meddow, and alsoe one quarter pte of each legacye by the said will given, until the Court shall see Cause otherwise to order it, on their being satisfied concerning the clearness of the said estate, the executor being appointed to pay the residue of the said legacyes and bequest, according to the will, in the mean time."¹³ This record proves that the widow of Michael Pierce was living as late as 22 July 1676.

On 1 Nov. 1676 "Mr. John Jacob, of Hingham, is allowed and approved by this Court to be guardian to John Peirse, the son of Capt. Peirse, deceased."¹⁴ John Jacob (1630-1693) married, for his first wife, Margery Eames, a daughter of Anthony and Margery () Eames, and was thus a brother-in-law of Capt. Michael Pierce before this date as she would normally have been guardian of this child. [No other children had guardians named unless the records have been lost]

Coronet Robert Stetson - referenced:¹⁵

Isaac Chittenden - referenced:¹⁶

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Will is also reproduced in: *The Plymouth Scrapbook, The oldest documents extant in Plymouth Archives*, editor Charles Henry Pope, (C. E. Goodspeed & Co., Boston, 1918.) p. 128

An Inventory of the estate of goods and chattles of Michael Peirse, deceased, taken by us whose names are underwritten the 20th of Aprill 1676. [*Plymouth Colony Records, Probate Records, III (2), f. 9*]

By his wearing clothes house (stockings), purse, besides[som] are said to be left att Seconke

A bed, bolster & green rugg and 2 blanketts

A new bed, a new bolster and cotton rugg and a
blankett and coverlidd

Four pillowes

Seven paire of sheets, one with the other

One fine table cloth, 7s and 5 course table cloths

Six course towells

Two dosen of new napkins

Six pillow bears

Two new napkins

Four pillowes

Three paire of fine sheets

Five pillow bears and 1 towell

A coverlidd

Pewter of severall sorts

Eight napkins

A cubberd

Tin ware and an iron candlestick

Three brasse skilletts & 2 skilletts & a warming pan

A brasse mortar and iron pestell

Two iron potts and 2 iron kettles

A paire of brandirons and 2 tramells

Two fier shoells and three paire of tonggs and a gridiron

A spitt & driping pan and smoothing iron

Two flock bedds & a feather bolster and sheats and blanketts

One other bed and bolster

One woole bed, bolster and blanketts

A fann

A pannell & pillion and 3 sickls

Cotton yeare

A paire of iron stilliyards

Sheeps wolle and cotten wolle,

A pierce of sole lether

Two frying pans

A hatchell

Three guns and 2 swords

A table and forme and 3 chests

Tubbs, barrells, cheirs, meale sakes, spinning wheels and other lumber

Cart & wheels, plowes, plow irons, yoakes, chaines

Six oxen

11 cowes

Three 2-year olds

Three yeer olds

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31 sheep and 16 lambs
Swine
A marre and a year-old colt
Two boates
Debts upon bill
Sume totle 291? 01s. 06d.

[Isaac] Chettenden
[Charles] Stockbridge

[Annah, the relict of Michaell Peirse, gave her oath]

An addition to the inventory of the estate of Captaine Micaell Peirse, deceased, presented to the Court held at Plymouth the first of November 1676 and ordered by them heer to be recorded as followeth:

According to the advice of the Court and by the request of Benjamine Peirse and his mother, Anna Peirse, wee whose names are underwritten have valued the lands and housing that did appertaine to Captain Micaill Peirse, deceased, to be aded to the Inventory of his estate in Court.

His lands in Scittuate given to his sone, Benjamine Peirse, being by estimation about sixty acres of upland and thirteen acrees of meddow land with the hous and barne wee value att two hundred fifty pound.
And his lands in Scittuate given to his son, John Peirse, values att 50£
And his lands and rights att Hingham given to his son, John, att one hundred thiry two pounds

The totall sume: 432£

Scituate, October the 18th 1676 by us

John Jacob
Charles Stockbridge

For whatever it may signify there is an entry in the records at Plymouth, dated March, 1669, stating that "Miche. Peirse of Scituate, was presented at the court for unseemly carriages toward Sarah Nichols of Scituate." The court remitted the presentment because there appeared only one testimony to it and it was written and not read to the deponent.¹⁷

On 28 May 1659, at a meeting of the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the court rendered an answer to the petition of Anthony Eames, in which is named "his sonne in lawe Michaell Pearse". The complete statement of the court reads, "In ansr to the petition of Anthony Eames, who affirming that himself, with Mr Busby & Robt Martin, were not only appointed to runne the line betwixt this pattnet & Plimouth pattent, which was pformed by them, but was promised sattisfaction for their time & chardge, which he never received, & therefore humbly desireth that he may have due sattisfaction for his time & paines, or that his sonne in lawe, Michaell Pearse, may be freed of a fine wch was laid upon him by the County Court in June last, the Court Judgeth it meete to order the County Tresurer to examine the accounts of the peticoner in refference to the pmises, & ___payment be made of what shall be found to be his just due out of the Country Treasury."¹⁸ This record, together with the will of Michael Pierce, identifies the first wife of Michael Pierce. In his will, Michael Pierce mentions "my father Eames", "my brother Marke Eames", and "my Brother Charles Stockbridge". The latter married Abigail Eames, a sister of the first wife of Michael Pierce. Frederick Clifton Pierce incorrectly called the name "James", and fails to note the identity of the first wife or the second wife. Virginia Hall of Cambridge, Mass. solved this problem of the identity

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of the first wife.¹⁹

4 Jun. 1669 - "Michaell Peirse and Nic Baker" [Minister] witnessed the will of John Woodfield, who named his wife, Hester, Executrix²⁰.

Ester Woodfield of Scituate whose will of 27 May 1672 named Nic "Baker Sen, Isaac Buck and wife Frances, Experience Litchfield, Judith wife of William Peakes Senior, Israel and William Peakes, Elizabeth wife of Francis James of Hingham, Robert Whetcome Senr of Scituate, servant Hannah Ewell, Elizabeth wife of Nic Coade, Saml Jackson, the wife of Thomas Hiland, Ryah Peirse, and Pensis Peirse, and Philip, the servant of Michael Peirse".²¹ [reference: Abstracts of the Earliest Wills in the Probate office, Plymouth, by Mr. Justin Winsor, Harvard College, Cambridge.] Judith Peakes is the mother of Josiah Litchfield and Experience Litchfield, by her first husband Lawrence Litchfield who died in 1650. [The original document should be studied - Ryah is most likely to be Abyah - CG 2006]

6 Feb 1665, "Mihill Pearse" was among 12 men consenting to an agreement regarding establishing a 3 man committee to review conflicts regarding passage over lots that are enclosed by other lots. On 18 Mar 1662, Michael was selected with James Cudworth Sr. to act as agents to prosecute any persons who trespass on undivided land.²²

The Conihasset Marshland mentioned in Michael's will that he bought of William James, was originally allotted to John Woodfield.

Michael is not related to the following: Captain William Pierce - the master mariner, John Pierce (the Patentee), Richard, and Robert Pierce. John Pierce [1588-19 Aug 1661 in Watertown, MA] was a weaver from Norwich, England. He came to America in 1637. Not the same John Pierce who was the patentee, or proprietor who apparently never came to New England, but was associated with Capt. William in either being an owner or financial backer of the Mayflower.

Captain William Pierce or Peirse [abt 1595-d.1641 in Boston] and Richard Pierce [1590 -7 Oct 1666] came from Bristol, Eng. and both came to America on the ship Lyon of which William was the Master.²³ [No proof has been found of any relationship to Michael Pierce as of Feb 2009.]

Michael Pierce is related to Thomas of Charlestown
Thomas Pierce (~1583-1666) of Charlestown. Persis (b. 1626 Eng.) shows up as a child of his along with her siblings of the same familiar names as Michael's children: John, Mary, Abigail, Hannah, Benjamin, Elizabeth. And Persis is continued in the next generation along with the others.^{24,25}
Apr 2007 DNA testing - results at <http://www.piercednanorth.com/>

Thomas Pierce had land in Charlestown bordered on the west by Richard Sprague's land. Richard was the brother of William Sprague who married Millicent Eames, sister of Persis who married Michael Pierce.

"MICHAEL, Hingham 1646, had there bapt. that yr. Persis; other ch. were Benjamin, John, Ephraim, Elizabeth, Deborah, Ann, Abia, and Ruth, all nam. in his will, beside prob. Abigail, b. 1662, when his w. d. Soon aft, he rem. to Scituate, took sec. w. Ann; was a capt. of great bravery, in command of 50 Eng. and 20 friend. Ind. from Cape Cod. in Philip's war, and was with most of them k. 26 Mar. 1676, at Pawtucket fight in Rehoboth."¹⁰, also see Deane, p.122, 325.²⁶

[This appears to be the only reference to a daughter named Deborah, and Sarah is not named above but does appear in the will. He also errs in that the only children with documented baptism's are Persis, Abigail and Anna.²⁷] Frederick B. Pierce's book further perpetuates these errors by naming Michael's second wife Ruth.²⁸ Deborah is not shown as a daughter in the text by F. C. Pierce,²⁹ but he does get the children in the will correct.

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abt 1644 when Michael was 29, he first married **Persis EAMES**³⁰, daughter of Anthony EAMES (abt 1593-aft 18 Jun 1670) & Margery UNKNOWN (Nov 1599-31 Dec 1662). Born abt 1621 in Fordington, St. George, Dorsetshire, England. Persis died in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA, on 31 Dec 1662; she was 41.^{16,31}

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Persis PIERCE (Died as Child) (1645/6-abt 1646) |
| 3 | ii. | Abigail PIERCE (1646-29 Sep 1723) |
| 4 | iii. | Elizabeth PIERCE (abt 1648-aft 1675) |
| 5 | iv. | Sarah PIERCE (abt 1649-aft 1675) |
| 6 | v. | Ephraim PIERCE (abt 1651-14 Sep 1719) |
| 7 | vi. | Anna PIERCE (abt 1653-aft 1675) |
| 8 | vii. | Mary PIERCE (6 May 1654-26 Apr 1735) |
| 9 | viii. | Capt. Benjamin PIERCE (1657-3 May 1730) |
| 10 | ix. | Abiah PIERCE (abt 1658-bef 8 Apr 1725) |
| 11 | x. | Elder John PIERCE (1659-8 Sep 1750) |
| 12 | xi. | Ruth PIERCE (abt 1661-aft 1675) |
| 13 | xii. | Persis PIERCE (26 Dec 1662-14 Dec 1715) |

Persis Eames

The parish church records of St. George at Fordington, Dorset, England clearly states that Persis was baptized on October 28, 1621.

In Mass. Bay Colony Records, Vol. IV., part 1, page 380, under date of May 28, 1659, is an answer of the Court to the petition of Anthony Eames, in which is named "his sonne in lawe Michaell Pearse." It would seem that the first wife of Michael Pierce was a daughter of Anthony Eames, of Hingham and Marshfield. Her death is recorded in the Journal of Rev. Peter Hobart, "Dec. 31, 1662, Michaell Perces wife dyed." [Hobart Journal - 1635-1714 - NEHGR, Vol. 121. Begins p. 3, Perses Perse p.18, Anna and Abigail p. 117.]

All twelve children of Michael Pierce were by his first wife, Persis (Eames) who did not die until 31 Dec. 1662. Thus, he could not marry his second wife until 1663, at the earliest. John Allen and his wife, Anne () Allen who became the second wife of Capt. Michael Pierce, both aged 30 years, came in the ship *Abigail* in June, 1635. Since Anne () Allen was aged 30 in 1635 she was born in 1605 and was thus, 58 years of age in 1663, the earliest year she could have married Michael Pierce. John Allen died in 1650 in Scituate. [The Great Migration Begins, NEHGR, John Allen Biography Vol 1. p 36-39]

Michael and Persis (Eames) Pierce had twelve children born in Hingham, Mass. between 1645 and 1662. The first record is the birth of Persis who was baptised 7 Jan 1645/6 who I believe who died sometime before 1662, probably much earlier. The children named in Michael Pierce's will were Benjamin, John, Ephraim, Abigail, Elizabeth, Sarah, Anna, Mary, Abiah, and Persis. The last child is recorded on 26 Dec 1662: "Michaell Perces daughter borne". This must be the Persis, who was born 5 days before her mother, Persis died; "Michaell Perces wife dyed". A child (Deborah) is named neither in the baptismal records nor the will, an apparent error by Savage. Ruth is listed as a daughter in the History of Hingham, Mass. and in Pope's Pioneers of Massachusetts. Daughters Anna and Abigail are listed in a baptism record on 9 apr 1665. [Hobart Journal - 1635-1714 - NEHGR, Vol. 121. Begins p. 3, Perses Perse p.18, Anna and Abigail p. 117.]

On 26 Mar 1663 when Michael was 48, he second married **Anna UNKNOWN**³² in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.³³ Born abt 1605 in Kent, England.³⁴ She was the widow of John Allen.

Anna and Michael had no children.

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Her name is seen as Anna, Anne, Ann, and Annah in various records.

John and Ann Allen, both b. abt 1605 who came to MA in July 1635 on the ship "Abigail". Sworn on 22 Jun 1635 at Cranbrook, (Herne Hill) Kent, England. They were both age 30 in 1635, and no children are listed on the passenger list. , p. 14.

On 3 Oct 1662, "Ann Allin, widow, and Mr. Timothy Hatherley, both of Scituate, do hereby stand bound and are engaged unto the Governor and Court of Plymouth in the sum of four hundred pounds" and "leter of administration [were] granted by them unto the said Ann Allin to administer the estate of John Allin, deceased."

On 5 May 1663, "In answer unto a petition preferred to the Court by Judith, the wife of William Peakes, of Scittuate, in reference unto her son Josias Leichfeild, the adopted son of John Allin, deceased, the Court have ordered and do hereby give liberty unto the said Josias Leichfeild to choose two guardians, and to present them unto the next General Court." On the same day, "In answer unto a particular in a letter directed to the Court from Mr. Hatherley, wherein he desired the Court would take other security for the estate of John Allin, there being no other appearing to give in security, do hereby signify that they look at him as standing bound and engaged unto them in that behalf, and are not willing to a release untill some other do appear to be engaged, and therefore do advise him to take the best course he can to secure himself." [Shurtleff, Nathaniel B., and David Pulsifer, Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, William White, Boston 4:28]

On 1 Jun 1663, "Whereas John Allin, of Scituate, and Anna, his wife, long since took Josias Leichfeild as their adopted child, with purpose to bring him up, and to do for him as their child, and so faithfully performed during the said Allen his life, and not long before his death was mindful of him yet being suddenly taken away, left not his mind so full and particular concerning him as he intended and might have been desired; yet so much appeared to the Court upon oath as in their apprehensions carried the true intent and force of will. The said Josias having chosen Lieutenant James Torrey and Cornet Robert Studson his guardians, it was at this Court agreed between Anna, the relict of the said Allin, and the boy's abovenamed guardians, with the Court's approbation and liking, that the said Josias should have twenty pounds sterling paid into the hands of his guardians about Michaelmas next, by them to be improved for him, and soon after that time to be freed & to be put forth to a trade, and conveniently fitted out with suitable apparel and necessaries; and when he shall come to the age of twenty-one years, to be possessed of the farm and appurtenances given him by the said John Allin, deceased." [Ibid, 4:35]

On 2 Jun 1663, "Nicholas Baker of Scittuate aged 53 years" deposed that "I and Mr. Hatherley, being desired by John Allin of Scittuate to come to him to help him in making his will, were with him but two days before he died, and Mr. Hatherley being gone forth, and not returning so soon as he was expected, the said John Allin told me that he had sent for us to write his will and that his intent was to give Josias Leichfeild that house and land where he then lived, when he came of age, and that his wife should have the other house and land of his where Jonas Pittles then lived and that for the rest of his estate it should be in his wife's power to give to the said boy as she did see him carry himself, for said he I would have the boy beholden to my wife, and not my wife to the boy." [Ibid 4:89]

On 7 March 1664/5, "Mr. Micaell Peirse came before this Court, and desired that an order passed by the Court in referenc e unto the disposing of the estate of John Allin, deceased, with special reference unto the portion of Josias Leichfeild, might be considered by the Court, and amended in respect that some detriment is likely to accrue unto him by trhe said order, it standing as it doth; in answer whereunto the Court returned, that forasmuch as diverse of the magistrates were absent, whose help is very requisite for the right regulating thereof, it is referred unto a more full Court for the doing of it" [Ibid 4:81-82]

On 9 Jun 1665, "Whereas there was an agreement made between the Court and Lieutenant James Torrey and Cornet Robert Studson, as guardians unto Josias Leichfeild and Anna, sometimes the wife of John Allen, bearing the date June, 1663, and stands upon record particularly to be seen, we do hereby declare and testify, that the said agreement we did and do clearly understand was for a full and final issue and settlement of what pertained unto the said Leichfeild from Goodman Allen's estate." [Ibid 4:89]

On 5 Nov 1663, "Cornet Robert Stetson and James Torrey, of Scituate," gave a receipt to "Michaell Peirse, of Hingham," for £20 "the said Micaell Peirse was appointed to pay unto us for the use of Josias Leichfeild"

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This record indicates that Michael Pierce had married for the second time by this date and was acting more or less in the capacity of a guardian for the adopted child of his second wife. It appears that Anna () Allen was a widow on 1 June 1663, the date of this last record, and had married by 7 Mar. 1664-5, the date of the earlier record, since Michael Pierce came into court in regard to the estate left Josias Lichfield. His marriage to the widow of John Allen would have given him an interest in this matter. The nuncupative will of "John Allin of Scittuate Deceased" was deposed to by Nicholas Baker of Scituate and taken in court at Plymouth on 2 June 1663. It provided for Josias Lichfield and for his wife, without naming her. [Plymouth Colony Wills, vol. ii part 2, p. 76] On 3 Oct. 1662 "Ann Allin, widdow, and Mr. Timothy Hatherly, both of Scittuate" gave a bond for £400 and the court granted "unto the said Ann Allen to administer on the estate of John Allin, deceased." [Plymouth Colony Records vol. iv. Court Orders, p. 29]

On 2 Mar. 1668 the General Court of Plymouth Colony agreed to see "Michaell Peirse" discharged of his engagement in reference "to the possessing Josias Leichfield of Scittuate of land." [Plymouth Colony Records, vol. v, pp. 12-13]

On 1 Apr. 1669, "... Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife sendeth Greeting &c...whereas att the court held att Plymouth in New England the first of June 1663 betwixt the guardians of Josias Leichfield and Anna the Relict of John Allen deceased and now the wife of Michael peirse...it was agreed that Josias Leichfield should when hee came of the age of twenty one yeares be possessed of the farme and the appurtenances given him by the said John Allen...so accordingly this first day of April 1669, Josias Leichfield beeing attained to the full age of twenty and one yeares: was by Michael Perse and Anna his wife put into full possession of the aforsaid farme." Signed by Michaell Peirse and by the Mark of Anna Peirse. Witnessed by Constant Southworth and Mark Eames. [Plymouth Colony Deeds, vol. iii, Part 1, p. 142] This deed is of the utmost importance because it conclusively establishes the identity of the second wife of Michael Pierce. The agreement referred to in the above deed as taking place at the meeting of the General Court on 1 June 1773 is given on page 3 under 7 Mar. 1664-5.

[Constant Southworth was the treasurer of the Plymouth Colony.]

Torrey, New England Marriages p. 383:

Peirse, Michael (1615-1676) & Ann (JAMES) [Allen], w John; aft 1662, b 11 Jun 1663; Scituate/Hingham

Her name is also seen in error as Mrs. Annah James. But based on the most recent research in 1999 by the NEHGS this is not correct. Also, See Report by Virginia Hall in 1902 correcting F. C. Pierce's 1889 book that the James is a mis-reading of the actual will that reads Eames.

There is no mention seen anywhere of a daughter from the Allin marriage, though daughters are not precluded. John and Anna Allin did have a son John who inherited, married, and had children. [I have not researched this statement]

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Second Generation

2. Persis PIERCE. Born in 1645/6 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA. Persis died abt 1646; she was 1.

Name is spelled Perses Perse in Hobart Journal Baptism record of 7 Jan 1646 ³⁵

PERSIS 2a (Michael1), born 1644/5, baptized Hingham 7 Jan. 1645/6 (Hubba(e)rd's Journal 1645-1726, on Family History Library (FHL) film 426510, with Town of Hingham Mass. Records (Town Hall) 1635-1825, Vol. 1, filmed by Church of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City; Pope's Pioneers, pages 360-1). Egan (C.E. Egan, "The Hobart Journal" in Register 121 (1967)), omitted the date, 7, which is quite clear in the handwritten copy held by the Hingham Town Hall. The entry reads "Perses Perse Baptised".

Her birth-date is not known, however she is presumed to be the child Torrey was referring to when he showed a child "b 1644" ³⁶ which agrees with the microfilm of Torrey's original records. It is likely that this Persis died young as she is not that Persis Peirse who married Richard Garrett, 3 Dec. 1695 ³⁷ and died 14 Dec 1715. Her gravestone in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate reads: "Persis Garret, W. Richeird, Dec 14, 1715, a. 53" ³⁸ (thus born about 1662). (Scituate VR- Deaths, page 391).^{39,25} (Massachusetts Vital records to 1850, NEHGS database)

3. Abigail PIERCE^{40,41}. Born in 1646 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.^{42,43,44} Abigail died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 29 Sep 1723; she was 77.⁴⁵ Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.

"Abigaill and Ann Perce bapt" 9 April 1665.⁴⁶

The birth of her first child 16 Jan 1671 would give her birthdate as about 1650-1654 (age 18), but her gravestone says she died age 77, so that gives birthdate of abt 1646/7, so she married at about age 24.

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This researcher poses:

An Abigail and an Ann Perce" apparently were baptized (Hobart Journal", Register, 121(1967)117). Egan's transcription for the Register reads Abigaill and Ann Perce bapt. however the Hubbard's Journal" held by the Clerk of the Town of Hingham (FHL microfilm 426510) has entry for that date which reads Susanna Beal, Abigail, and Anna Pearse without direct reference to baptism. Directly above the foregoing however, the entry for 2 Apr. yields Hannah Loring Baptized and thus suggests that the two Perces and Susanna Beal probably were baptized 9 Apr. 1665, even though we do not know who these Perces were. April 2 and 9 1665 were successive Sundays. Abigail, daughter of Michael, would have been age 19 years and Anna perhaps age 13, or perhaps Annah wife of Michael, age 60 years in 1665. It is possible that entries for this Abigail and this Anna refer to adult baptisms of Michael's daughter and spouse. There is no mention seen anywhere of a daughter from the Allin marriage, though daughters are not precluded. John and Anna Allin did have a son John who inherited, married, and had children.

The possibility these were adult baptisms, though not probable, cannot be dismissed. There had been a lengthy hiatus in infant baptisms from the time of Mr Charles Chauncy in the 1650s and considerable conflict about baptisms by immersion which was among the points in dispute by Mr William Vassall. By the time of Mr Nicolas Baker's ministry [he was ordained in Scituate in 1660] a reconciliation had been achieved and the church had returned to the practice of infant sprinkling (Deane's Scituate, passim; also see G. F. Willison, Saints and Sinners, 1945, repr. Orleans MA, 1983 for discussion of the issues). Apparently the points in dispute has extended beyond Scituate, to churches in Hingham and elsewhere. Perhaps this would explain also, at least in part, the reason no baptisms of the children of Michael and Persis beyond that of the first Persis, are found in Hingham records, though another reason may have contributed as well.

The Hobart/Hubbard record was initiated by Reverend Peter Hobart, one of several sons of Edmond Hobart who arrived in Hingham in 1635. Among his brothers was Joshua who, with Rev. Peter, siblings, and others, in 1645

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contested the appointment as commander, of Lieutenant [later Captain] Anthony Eames, who had been commander of the Hingham train band for about eight years. Left. Eames "was ye cheife officer of ye millitary company at Hingham, having been appointed and approved by the Governor and magistrates of the Bay Colony (Massachusetts Bay Records, vol. iii, pages 19-23). The disagreements about these military matters generalized to religious, political, and other community affairs (George Lincoln, The History of the Town of Hingham Massachusetts, Vol. I, pages 215-219). Eames had held several offices in Hingham and the Massachusetts Bay Colony including Deputy (Massachusetts Bay Records, vol. I, page 250). The dispute split the towns people of Hingham for several years, ultimately resulting in support for Eames by the government and the reprimanding and fining of the Hobarts/Hubbards and others (Massachusetts Bay Records, pages 19-23). In the course of things, the governor, deputy governor, House of Deputies, magistrates and major general became involved. Complaints having been made against Deputy Governor John Winthrop, Esq. in the course of events, he was acquitted by the General Court. The Hubbards and others were found cheife actors & occaconers of this diborderly & mutinous carriage... (Ibid, page 20). Mr.(Rev.) Peter Hubbard had been the first to subscribe to the petition that contested Eame's command. As son-in-law of Eames, Michael likely sided against the Hobart's, reducing the probability that Rev. Hobart's services would be used and thus Perce baptisms, if any, would be less likely to appear in Hobart's Journal. Of course this is conjecture which suffers some credibility in the fact that entries for the family of Eames, son-in-law John Jacobs appear frequently in the Journal. On the other hand, Mark Eames/Emes and family appear but once, in 1648, though they resided in Hingham.²⁵

abt 1670 when Abigail was 24, she married **John HOLBROOK**^{47,41}, son of Capt. John HOLBROOK (abt 1618-23 Nov 1699) & Elizabeth STREAM (abt 1624-25 Jun 1688).⁴⁸ Born in 1650 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA.^{39,49} John died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 3 May 1731; he was 81.⁵⁰ Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.

They had the following children:

- i. Thomas HOLBROOK^{51,52} (15 Jan 1671-bef 1699)
- ii. Elizabeth HOLBROOK^{52,53,51} (2 Feb 1672-1699)
- iii. Abigail HOLBROOK⁵¹ (11 May 1675-16 Mar 1761)
- iv. Experience HOLBROOK⁵³ (22 Feb 1677-15 Dec 1757)
- v. Hannah HOLBROOK⁵¹ (11 Jan 1679-)
- vi. Sarah HOLBROOK (11 Jul 1680-bef 5 Jul 1699)
- vii. Deborah HOLBROOK^{53,51} (22 Aug 1683-12 Apr 1766)
- viii. John HOLBROOK^{53,51} (19 Nov 1686-)
- ix. Persis HOLBROOK⁵⁴

4. Elizabeth PIERCE⁵⁵. Born abt 1648 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA. Elizabeth died aft 1675; she was 27.

Name sometimes seen as Eliza.

She was unmarried in 1676 - if she was under age 18 then, birthdate would be 1657 or before.

Pierce Genealogy by Frederick Clifton Pierce, quoted in Smoots genealogy: "Elizabeth, b. abt. 1652, Scituate, Plymouth, Mass. m. _____ Holbrook." This book contains errors. Note that Elizabeth's sisters Mary and Abigail married Holbrook sons, Samuel and John, respectively.

5. Sarah PIERCE. Born abt 1649 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA. Sarah died aft 1675; she was 26.

Unmarried in 1676, named Sarah Peiarce in her father's will.

She is not named in Savage as a daughter of Michael, but he does name a daughter Deborah who does not appear in the will.¹⁰

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Is this the Sarah Pierce who married on 19 Jun 1690 John Holden, son of Richard Holden (b. abt 1609 in Lindsy, Suffolk, Eng. arrived 1634 on the *Francis*) and Martha Fosdick of Woburn, MA? ⁵⁶

John Holden. Born ca 1656 at Woburn, MA. John died at Woburn, MA, on 18 Oct 1756.

John first married Abigail [Hadlock]. Abigail died on 22 May 1685.

On 19 Jun 1690 John second married Sarah Pierce, at Woburn, MA. Sarah died on 17 Nov 1717.

Children:

Sarah (1691-1737)

Abigail (1693-)

Martha (Died soon) (1695-1697)

John (1698-1756)

Thomas (1700-1738)

Jonathan (1703-ca1782)

Martha (Died soon) (1706-1706)

Elizabeth (1708-)

In 1718 John third married Abigail Morse (18055) , daughter of Jonathan Morse (7031) (7 Nov 1643-) & Abigail Shattuck. Born on 15 Dec 1679 at Groton, MA. Abigail died at Woburn, MA, on 22 Apr 1756.

Source: http://www.math.clarku.edu/~djoyce/gen/report/rr03/rr03_043.html#P61557

JOHN, Woburn, s. of Richard, had w. Abigail, wh. d. 22 May 1685; and he m. 19 June 1690, Sarah Pierce, had Sarah, b. 25 Feb. 1691; Abigail, 26 Mar. 1693; Martha, 28 May 1695; John, 6 Feb. 1698; Thomas, 3 June 1700; Jonathan, 19 Jan. 1703; Martha, 1 Feb. 1706; and Elizabeth 17 May 1708; was freem. 1684.⁵⁷

6. Ephraim PIERCE^{58,59}. Born abt 1651 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA. Ephraim died in Warwick, Kent Co., RI, on 14 Sep 1719; he was 68.^{23,17}

Birthdate abt 1651 estimate based on marriage date of 1670, and signing a deed in 1672. First child b. Jan 1671/2.

Was made freeman of the colony from Providence in 1681. His will, dated 18 Jul 1718 was proved at Warwick, 23 Sep 1719. He died 14 Sep of that year.¹⁷ He was called Iaricum in the town records.

EPHRAIM PIERCE, yeoman, of Scituate, Mass., Weymouth, Mass., providence, R.I. Rehoboth, Mass., Swansea, Mass., and Warwick, R.I., born probably in Hingham, Mass. say about 1640 and died in Warwick, R.I., 14 sept. 1719. He married probably in Weymouth, Mass. about 1671, Hannah Holbrook, born probably in Weymouth, Mass. say 1650-1655, and died, place unknown, after 18 Sept. 1721, when she was residing in Swansea, Mass., the daughter of John Holbrook (Thomas1) and Elizabeth Stream (John 1) of Weymouth, Mass.

It is probable that Ephraim Pierce was born in Hingham, Mass., where his parents were residing from 7 Jan. 1645-6 to after 31 Dec. 1662 , about 1650, since he released land that his father, Michael Pierce, had deeded on 12 Oct. 1672 . He must have been born as early as 12 Oct. 1651 to have been twenty-one years of age on 12 Oct. 1672.

On 9 May 1665 he was baptized at Hingham, Mass. with two brothers and four sisters.¹² ?? [Hobart Journal does not record this - only Abigail and Anna are named being baptised on 6 May 1665]

Ephraim Pierce was doubtless married in Weymouth, Mass., where his wife's family resided, about 1671, for his first child was born in Weymouth, Mass., 4 Jan. 1671-2, Hannah Holbrook.

On 4 Jan. 1671-2, "Isricum Pierce, son of Ephraim and Hannah" was born in Weymouth, Mass. ((Printed vital

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records of weymouth, Mass. to 1850, vol. I, p. 206))

On 12 Oct. 1672 "Ephraim Pearse" released land that was deeded to Cornelius Cantleberry by Michael Pierce, Ephraim's father, on this same date.

In October, 1673, his son, Ephraim Pierce, Jr., was born, doubtless in Weymouth, Mass. This son died in Gloucester, R.I., 18 Mar. 1772 aged 98 years and 5 months. ((The Providence Gazette and County Journal, vol IX, No. 429, for Saturday, 28 Mar. 1772; also, Arnold's Vital Records of Rhode Island, vol. xiv, p. 166.))

On 15 Jan. 1676-6, his father, Capt. Michael Pierce, made his will which proved, in part, "...to my son Ephraims two Children Eserkum Peiarce & Erraim Peiarce to Each of them fifteen pounds at the age of twenty and one years; provided that Neither my son Ephraim aforsayd nor any of his after him; or any by or under him; shall goe about to moles my said son John of or upon the account of the three or four akers of meadowe land in hingham aforsayd which my father Eaimes gave unto my sayd son Ephraim; which is not yet soe fully Confirmed to me: as by my son Ephraims promise should have been."

On 9 Mar. 1677 Vallintine Whittman of Providence, Colony of Rhode Island etc. for £15 deeded Ephraim Pearce of Providence 60 acres of upland in Providence. ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. i, p. 8)) This deed is proof that Ephraim Pierce had removed to providence by this date.

In February 1677-8, land in Providence was laid out to Ephraim Pierce, the record stating, "The Returns of Land laid out to Ephraim pearce", 35 acres of upland, "being part of Vallentine Whittmans fifty acre Division ... the now Dwelling House of ye sayd Ephraim standing upon ye sayd Land and was layd out in february 1677." ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. 1, p. 33))

On 24 Oct. 1679, Ephraim Pierce had land allotted to him and the record reads: Layd out the 24th of October 1679 unto Ephraim Pierce, 25 acres of upland to make up yt 35 acres and 60 acres , "The wch sd sixty Acres ye sd Ephraim pearce Bought of Vallentine Whittman." ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. i, p. 33)) Chamberlain's History of Weymouth, Mass., vol. iv, p. 471, states that Ephraim Pierce "removed from Weymouthe to Warwick, R.I., about 1680." This is, of course, entirely incorrect for he removed from Weymouth, Mass. as early as 9 Mar. 1677, three years earlier, and went to Providence, R.I. not to Warwick, R.I., although he later removed from Swansea, Mass. to Warwick, R.I. between 4 Jan. 1713-14 and 11 Nov. 1715, about thirty-five years later.

On 3 May 1681, at a meeting of the general Assembly held at Newport, R.I., "Ephraim Pearce" and others "all of the towne of Providence are admitted freemen of this colony." ((Rhode Island Colony records, State Archives, 1671-1686, p. 92))

On 23 Dec. 1681 Ephraim Peirce of Providence in the Colony of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations in New England and Hannah his wife for £50 lawful money of New England deeded Josiah Torrey of Boston in the Massachusetts in New England and Angel Torrey of Weymouth in the Colony of the Massachusetts, "all that the piece or parcel of Land...in Mendon in the County of Suffolk in New England containing fifty acres of upland...lying in a place there called the Chestnut plain" etc. Signed by Ephraim Peirce. Witnessed by Samuel Torrey and John Holbrooke. ((Suffolk Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. xii, p. 138)) A reservation of a highway to the town's use was made in this deed. ((Ibid, p. 140))

On 29 July 1682 John Blackston of Boston, Suffolk Co., Colony of Massachusetts in New England, cordwainer, for £30 deeded Ephraim Peirce of Providence, R.I., yeoman, "all that my own moiety of halfe part of all that lott of upland & meadow land which was sometime in the Improvement & possession of my father, William Blackstone", being 65 acres in Providence. ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. i, p. 114))

On 12 Oct. 1683 Abraham Man of Providence, R.I., for £5 deeded Ephraim Pearce of Providence one-half right in

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commonage "being ye one half Right of my deceased father, William Man, his purchase right of Commonage."
((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. i, p. 123))

On 23 Oct. 1685, "Layed out unto Ephraim Pierce on ye Right of Abraham Man 25 acres of land, it being halfe of a fifty acre division ", also 3 1/4 acres of land in ye Right of Abraham Man, and also 12 acres of land in the right of Valentine Whitman. ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. i, p. 133))

In August, 1688, a list was made of all the male persons in Providence, R.I. from sixteen years old and upwards for the purpose of assessing a poll tax of one shilling and eight pence per head, and it included "Ephraim Peirse". ((Bowen's Early Rehoboth, vol. i, pp. 92-93)) In August, 1688, a rate was assessed on all Real and Personal Estates in the Town of Providence, and the list was supposed to include all of the Real Estate and Personal Property owners in the town, which included the heads of families, and the name of "Ephriam Pierce" is found in list and he was assessed "00-05-04". ((Ibid. p. 94))

In 1688, Ephraim Pierce was a constable of Providence, R.I. ((Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, p. 153))

On 12 Oct. 1691, Ephraim Pierce posted his wife, one of the earliest examples of this type of document known. It read:

"12th October 1691

"These are to give notice to all persons that I Ephraim Pierce did formerly fore warne all people to have any Trading with my wife Hannah Pierce as to Buy or sell with her, or any wise to Entertaine her in their families, & doe still for bid the same upon their perrills

Ephraim Pierce

"Entered the 12 of October 1691 me Tho: Olney Towne Clarke.

Ephraim Pierce Also signified to me, (& did desire it to be Entered also upon Record) that he had above a weeke since also published the abovesd matter in a publick place by writing.

Tho: Olney towne Clarke."

((The Early Records of the Towne of Providence, vol. IV, p. 80. Printed.))

On 5 Dec. 1691 another record of Ephraim Pierce's marital difficulties was entered and read:

"Whereas there hath for some time been a difference between my selfe & Hannah my wife, And in the said difference I was Some time since my some over persuaded to Sign to an instrument as touching matters concerning ye ordreing about my Estate; whereing it is by some conceived that the power of disposition of my Estate lieth in my saide wife These are therefore to Signified unto all persons that I Ephraim Pierce did upon the tenth of April Anno: 1690; Set up an open & publick prohibition to forbidd any person buyeing or selling any wise with my said wife; thereby countermanding & makeing voyd & annull any Supposed power of my said wife as to ye premises by venture of ye said Instrument: Doe also now again by these presents Signified & declare the said instrument to be wholly annull & voyd (as it also legally is in it selfe) And as I formerly have, so by this instrument I still doe reasume all power over my whole estate which might be supposed by ye instrument I had invested my said wife with all; to be in my selfe and there to remaine; any Contrivance by any written instrument to ye contrarye at any time made notwithstanding

"December ye 5th 1691

Ephraim Pierce

Recorded December ye 5th 1691

£Tho: Olney Towne Clarke."

((The Early Records of the Towne of Providence, vol. iv, p. 83. Printed.))

On 20 Jan. 1692-3 Ephraim pearce of Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass., "and Hannah his wife" for a "valuable sum of

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money" deeded Thomas Man of Rehoboth "all that houseing and barne with the farme whereon the said houseing doth Stand which the said Ephraim Pearce and Hannah his wife have sum time Lived on" in Providence. Signed by "Ephram Perc" and by the Mark of "Hannah Perc". ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 502))

[Note: Thomas Man, was one of the few survivors of the Pierce Fight at Pawtucket Falls, RI in 1676. His wife was Mary Wheaton, noted below.]

On 17 Feb. 1692-3 Thomas Man and Mary his wife of Rehoboth, Bristol., Mass. for a "valuable Sum of money" deed "Ephraim Peirse of the Town Ship of Providence in the Coloney of Road Island & Providence Plantations, yeoman...all that my Dwelling House, Barn, orchard & house lott containing Twenty acres...in Rehoboth...att a place Commonly called Palmer's river on the Easterly Side of said River." ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, Vol. I, p. 283)) On 20 Jan. 1692-3 Ephraim Pierce is called "of Rehoboth", Mass., and on 17 Feb. 1692-3, he is called "of Providence', R.I.

It would appear that he removed from Providence, R.I., to Rehoboth, Mass. soon after the latter date when he had purchased land in Rehoboth, Mass. where he could live. The next record proves conclusively that Ephraim Pierce and his family were residing in Rehoboth, Mass. when the birth of a child was entered on the records of that town.

On 24 Apr. 1693, Ephraim and Hannah (Holbrook) pierce had their youngest child Mial, born at Rehoboth, Mass. and the original record reads:

"the Birth of the Child of Ephraim Peirse Myell Peirse borne ye 24th of Aprill -- 1693.:

((Births, Marriages & Deaths, Rehoboth, 1648-1739, Vol. I, p. 78; original. Also found in Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth, Mass., p. 700. ((Frederick Clifton Pierce's genealogy, at page 50, makes this child, Mial, the first son of Ephraim³ Pierce (Ephraim², Michael¹) and Mary Low, although they were not married until 16 Ar. 1697, nearly four years after this birth, but Mr. Pierce very conveniently omits the date of their marriage in his genealogy although he gives the dates of the births of three children who were born in Swansea, Mass. where this marriage also occurred. The late James Osborne Austin recognized this error in his Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 153, and correctly assigns this Mial Pierce, born 24 Apr. 1693, to Ephraim and Hannah (Holbrook) Pierce, the proper parents, who were living in Rehoboth, Mass. at the time of this marriage. This error seems a very obvious one.

On 19 Dec. 1695 John Saffin and Rebecca his wife for £158 deeded "Ephraim Pearce of Rehoboth...yeoman" 80 acres on Phebe's Neck in Swansea, Mass. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. i, p. 369))

On 31 Dec. 1696, Ezricam Pierce, the son of Ephraim and Hannah Pierce, was married in Swansea, Mass. and the record reads:

"Ezariacam Pearse and Sarah Howard were/ married December the 31: 1696." ((Swansea, Mass. vital records, Book A. p 87.))

On 16 Apr. 1697 John Saffin Esq. of Bristol and Rebecca his wife for 320 deeded Ephraim Pearce and Samuel Low, both of Swanzey, yeomen, 252 acres on Phebe's Neck in Swanzey, called Quirk meadow, with Dwelling house, Barnes, out houses, etc. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. iii, p. 212)) These last four records would indicate that Ephraim Pierce removed from Rehoboth, Mass. to Swansea, Mass. in 1696 or 1697.

On 16 Nov. 1697 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £31 ls, deeded Ebenezer Tiffany of Swanzey, yeoman, 27 acres in Phebe's Neck Swanzey. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. viii, p. 441))

On 2 feb. 1698 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £24, 3s, deeded Capt. Simon Davis of Bristol, mariner, 16 acres at Phebe's Neck in Swanzey. Signed by "Ephraim Pearce" and by the Mark of Hannah Pearce. ((Bristol co., Mass. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 312))

On 9 Aug. 1698, Ephraim Pierce's son, Benjamin, died at swansea, Mass.: "beniamin the Son of Ephraim Peirse/

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And Hannah his Wife deceased august the/ ninth day Anno dom: 1698." ((Vital REocrds of Swansea, Mass., Book A. p. 139))

On 27 Mar. 1699 John Allen of Bristol, yeoman, and Bethiah his wife, for £14 deeded Epharim Peirce of Swanzey 27 acres in Swanzey, being 1/2 of al lot of 54 acres, bounded" ...westwardly by the lands now in the Possession of Samuel Low." ((Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, vol. ii, p. 364))

On 12 July 1699, Capt. John Holbrook of Weymouth, Mass. made his will which was proved 14 Dec. 1699, and mentioned his daughter Hannah Peirce and his grandsons Azarikum Pierce and Ephraim Pierce, Jr. ((Suffolk Co., Mass. Probate Records, vol. xiv, p. 3)) this is conclusive evidence of the parentage of Hannah (Holbrook) Pierce, the wife of Ephraim Pierce.

On 14 Apr. 1701 John Saffin of Boston, Suffolk Co., Province of Massachusetts Bay, Esp., for £72, one-half of which was paid by Ephraim Pierce and Azarikum Pierce and the other half by Ebenezer Tiffany, all of Swanzey, yeomen, deeded the Pierces 1/2 of 120 acres in Swansea and the other 1/2 of the 120 acres to the said Tiffany ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. iii, p. 233)0

On 21 May 1702, Ephraim Pierce's son, John, married in Swansea, Mass.: "John Peirce & hannah Miles were maired/ the: 21: of May 1702." ((Vital Records of Swansea, Mass., Book A. p. 94.))

On 21 Dec. 1702 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £195 deeded Azarikam Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, 151 acres at Phebe's Neck in Swanzey "near unto a place called Nayat". Signed by "Ephraim Pearce" and by the Mark of Hannah Pearce. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. iv, p. 119))

On 18 Dec. 1703 Ephriam Peirce of Swanzey, yeoman, for B, 10s deeded Samuel Fish "now Resident in the Towne of Providence", husbandman, 1/2 of a Purchase Right on the west side of the Seven Mile Line in Providence. It was signed by "Ephraim Peirce" and by the H of Hannah Peirce. ((Providence, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 572))

On 16 May 1704 two parcels of 20 acres each of land in Providence were laid out to John Inman, "the which is land wch once belonged to one Ephraim Pierce.": ((The Early Records of the Town of Providence, vol. v, pp. 2310-232. Printed.))

On 28 Apr. 1705 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £230 deeded Josia Turner of Scituate, Plymouth Co., Mass., 66 acres, it being "all that my...farm of land...in Swanzy...sometimes called & known by the name of Green Spring...Together with...the Dwelling house, Barne," etc. Signed by "Ephraim Pearce"and mark of Hannah Pearce. (Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. iv, p. 429))

On 12 Apr. 1706 John Peirce of Swanzey, for £85 deede "my Honed father Ephraim Peirce" of Swanzey, yeoman, a lot of 9 acres with a dwelling house at New meadow Neck, Swanzey, and also one lot of 7 acres and another lot of 6 acres at the same place. Dower was released by Hannah Pearce, the wife of John Pearce. The deed was signed by the marks of both John Pearce and Hannah Pearce. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. vi, p. 339))

On 17 Mar. 1707, Ephriam Pierce deeded the above land in the last deed for £100 to Thomas Boreman of Swansea. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. vi, p. 341))

On 29 Apr. 1708 Ephraim Pierce of Swanzey mortgaged to Thomas Bowen, yeoman, of Swansey, 170 acres in Swansey. On 2 Mar. 1709 this land was redeemed by Richard Hail of Swanzey, he paying Thomas Bowen £290 for the use of Ephraim Pearce. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. v, p. 436)) This same land was sold by Thomas Bowen to Ephraim Pearce on this same date for £400. ((ibid, v. 435))

On 2 Oct. 1708 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £320 deede d Richard Hail, Jr. of Swanzey, cooper, "all

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that myfarme...on the East side of New Meadow River...in Swanzey" of 170 acres. this deed was signed by Ephraim Pearce and by the Mark of Hannah Pearce. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. vi, p. 136))

On 10 Apr. 1710 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, yeoman, for £10 deeded Robert Carter of Rehoboth, carpenter, 2 acres of salt marsh on the East side of New Meadow River in Swanzey. Signed by "Ephraim Pirce" and the Mark of Hannah Pirce. ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. vii, p. 79))

On 8 Feb. 1710-11 Ephraim Pearce of Swanzey, husbandman, "in consideration of love, good will & affection which I have & do bare towards by loveing Daughter, Hannah Martin the wife of William Martin of the same town", deeded said Hannah Martin "all that my Dwelling house and lott...in...Rehoboth lyeing on ye easterly side of Plamer's River', containing 12 acres. Signed by "Ephraim Pearce" and the Mark of Hannah Pearce. Witnessed by Joseph Mason, Azarikim Pearce and Abiel Peirse. It was acknowledged In the Colony of Rhode Island &c on 19 Sept. 1719 by Hannah Pearce. On the Second Tuesday of January 1719-20, at the session of an Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Bristol Joseph Mason appeared and swore that he "saw Ephraim Pearce sign, seal & deliver the above written Instrument as his Act & deed and that Azarikem Peirse and Abiel Pearce were present at the same time and that he saw them sign as witnesses at the same time." ((Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, vol. xiii, p. 67))

On 4 Jan. 1713-14 Mary Green, widow, and Fones Green, both of Warwick, R.I. for £277 deeded Ephraim Peirce of Swanse, Bristol Co., Province of the Massachusetts bay, two parcels of land in Warwick of 100 acres each, one lying in a place called Nausancut and the other known as Lukes meadow. ((Warwick, R.I., deeds, vol. ii, p. 96))

On 4 Jan. 1713-14 Fones Green of Warwick, R.I., husbandman, for £3, deeded Ephraim Peirce of Swansey, Bristol Co., Province of the Massachusetts bay, a quarter part of an undivided township right in Warwick. ((Warwick, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 97)) These last two deeds, both the same date, mark the last known date of the residence of Ephraim Pierce in Swansea, Mass., and it would appear that he removed to Warwick, R.I. probably soon after this date.

On 11 Nov. 1715 Ephreim Perce of Warwick, R.I., yeoman, for £30 deeded John Budlong of Warwick 6 acres of meadow and upland in Nanesawcut in Warwick. Dower was released in this land by "Hannah Perce ye wife of me ye said Ephraim Perce." ((Warwick, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 127))

On 1 Aug. 1717 Ephraim Peirce of Warwick, R.I., yeoman, for £200 deeded "my son, Ezrikam Peirce of Rehoboth", Bristol Co., Province of Massachusetts Bay, yeoman son, Ezrikam Peirce of Rehoboth"; Bristol Co., Providence of massachusetts Bay, yeoman, the "half part of my farm containing about one hundred acres... and ye one...half part of ye housing or buildings there on standing. The said farm is where on I now Dwell...in...Warwick", etc. (Warwick, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 186)

On 15 Nov. 1717 Anthony Low of Warwick, R.I., yeoman, for £90 deeded Ephirem Pirce of Warwick 2 shares of 30 acres in Nawsawcut Neck in WARWICK. (Warwick, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 193)

On 2 Jan. 1717-18 Peter Green, Jr. of Warwick, R.I., yeoman for £6, 6s deeded Ephraim Peirce of Warwick 2 acres, 16 rods of land in Nawsawcut Neck in Warwick. (Warwick, R.I. Deeds, vol. ii, p. 2111) Everey single grantor and grantee deed to which any Ephraim Pierce was a party in Warwick, R.I. from 1642 to 1897 has been given in this paper.

On 18 July 1718, Ephriam Pierce "of Warwick", R.I. made his will, which is given under the date of 28 Sept. 1719, the date it was proved.

On 14 Sept. 1719, Ephraim Pierce died at Warwick, R.I., as stated in the inventory of his estate which is given under date of 23 Sept. 1719 when it was taken.

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On 23 Sept. 1719, "an Inventory of ye Estate of the Late Deceased Ephraim Pirce of Warwick who Deceased ye 14th Day of this Instant September taken by" John Green, Fones Green, and John Rice, Jr. It was entirely personal and totaled £203-10-00 and included, among other items:

"to one negro woman & her child" £50-00-00

"To mony due to the Estate from Samuell Wheaton upon bond bearing Date from ye 19th day of November 1719" £20-00-00

"To money Due upon bond bareing Date ye second Day of December 1719 from Miell Pierce" £15-00-00 ("Record of/Wills/ No. 1/ Warwick/ 1703-1745", pp. 151-152)

The will of Ephraim Peirse, dated 18 July 1718, was proved 28 Sept. 1719 in briefed in full detail below:

"...I, Ephraim Peirse of Warwick in ye Colony of Rhode Island & Providence plantains in New England, yeoman..." Imprs, I give and bequeath to my Dearly beloved wife Hannah Pierce fifty pounds in mony or bills of Credit & ye feather bed which she & I Lodge upon with all ye furniture thereunto belonging. I also give to my sd beloved wife ye best Roome in my Dwelling house, my garden, nine good aple trees, one acre of land, all to be kept well fenced by my Executor & ye use and cleare profit of one good cow and to be supplied wth sufficiency of fire wood, the sd house, Rome, gardens, apple trees, acre of land, cow and fire wood to be & Remaine to my sd wife during her widow hood. I also give & bequeath to my sd wife ye one half of all my house hold goods" "Item, I give & bequeath to my beloved son, Ephraim Peirse, twenty pounds & one cow and ye Reason why I give him no more is because I have already given him sufficient. "Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved Son, Michael [Mial] Pierce, Thirty pounds in mony or in bills of Publick Credit and one Cow "Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter, Rachel Peck Thirty pounds in money or in bills of Publick Credit "Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter, Hannah Martin, thirty pounds in money or bill of Publick Credit "Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved Son, John Pierce, one cow and ye one half of my wareing apparell & my Intentions at present is here after and add in a codicial to this in Warwick in such manner as may appear most Proper "Item, I give & bequeath to my Grand child, Ruth Peirse [see memorandum below], my great Iron Skillet" "Item, I give & bequeath to my aforesd Son Michael ye other half of My apparrell "Item, I give and Desire to my beloved son, Azrikam Peirse, who I like wise constitute, make and ordain my Sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament all and Singular the Residue of my Lands, Tenements, herridaments...In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Eighteenth Day of July In ye year of our lord 1718.

"Memorandum, ye Legatee Ruth Peirse, above mentioned, is ye Daughter of ye above sd John Peirse."

Signed by: "Ephram Pirce"

Witnessed by James Dexter, Junr., Nathaniel Jencks and Joseph Jencks.

The will was sworn to before the Town Council of Warwick on 28 Sept. 1719 by Col. Joseph Jencks, James Dexter, Junr., and Nathaniel Jencks, "ye witnesses."

(Record of/ Wills/ No. 1/ Warwick/ 1703-1745, pp. 149-150) There is no record that Ephraim Pierce ever made any codicial to this will, as he states in it he intended to do.

On 1 Sept. 1720, "...Hannah Peirse of Swansey in ye county of Bristoll in ye Province of ye Massachusetts bay in New England, widow, in consideration of ye Love and good will & affection which I have and Doe bare Towards my Loving Son in Law, William Martin, of ye same county, Blacksmith, my wright and Title of Lands an house lying in ye Township of Warwick...that Lott of Land and house yt I Bought of my son, Azrikam Peirse, containing fifteen acres...it is in yt part lying to ye Southward of ye Road Leading to ye fulling mill and is one of ye Lotts yt my husband bought of Mr. Anthony Low of said Warwick and is in number ye fourty Second Lott." Signed by the H of Hannah peirse. This deed was acknowledged at Rehoboth, Mass. 18 Sept. 1721 by Hannah Peirse. (Warwick, R.I. Deeds: Vol. III, p. 34) This is definite evidence that Hannah (Holbrook) Pierce, widow of Ephraim Pierce, was living as late as 18 Sept. 1721 and was called "of Swansey" on 1 sept. 1721. Frederick Clifton Pierce states, at page 41, states that Ephraim Pierce died 14 sept. 1719 and adds that "his wife also died the same year". We know that she did not die in 1719, in fact we do not know when she died but it was after 18 Sept. 1721. Harvey Cushman Pierce copies this error in his book.¹²

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Ephraim and Hannah (Holbrook) Pierce had eight known children, of which one child (Benjamin) died young. All seven surviving children are named in the will of Ephraim Pierce, but the order of their births is clearly not followed. The births of two of the four surviving sons ("Isricum" and "Myell") were recorded and the birth of another surviving son (Ephraim) may be determined as to month and year. The dates of birth of the other surviving son (John) and the three daughters are unknown. The two eldest children and the youngest child have been identified, but the order of the births of their other five intervening children cannot be determined. The two eldest children were doubtless born in Weymouth, Mass. and the youngest child was born in Rehoboth, Mass. The other five children were probably born in Providence, R.I., Between 1675 and 1692, but their births are not on record there.^{12,60}

The will of Ephraim Peirse, Sr. of Warwick, R.I., dated 18 July 1718, bequeathed "to my beloved son, Michael Pierce, Thirty pounds in mony or in bills of Publick Credit and one Cow." This son Michael Pierce is quite clearly the Mial Pierce of Swansea and Rehoboth, Mass. and Warwick, R.I. as is definitely established by the deeds under date of 21 Oct. 1740 and the discussion there given. On 23 Sept. 1719 the inventory of the estate of Ephraim Pierce, Sr., of warwick, R.I. was taken and included, among other things, "to money Due upon bond bareing Date ye second day of Decembr 1719 from Miell Pirce" for £15. This is doubtless his son Mial Pierce.¹² Record Wills #1, Warwick, RI 1703-1745, pp. 151-152.

On 8 Mar 1670 when Ephraim was 19, he married **Hannah HOLBROOK**^{10,59}, daughter of Capt. John HOLBROOK (abt 1618-23 Nov 1699) & Elizabeth STREAM (abt 1624-25 Jun 1688), in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA.⁶¹ Born abt 1652 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA.²³ Hannah died in Warwick, Kent Co., RI, aft 18 Sep 1721; she was 69.^{12,62}

They had the following children:

- i. Azrikim PIERCE^{63,64} (4 Jan 1672-29 Jan 1748/9)
- ii. Ephraim PIERCE⁶⁵ (Nov 1673-28 Mar 1772)
- iii. Rachel PIERCE⁵² (1675/6-12 Nov 1756)
- iv. Hannah PIERCE⁵¹ (1680-aft 27 Aug 1736)
- v. Experience PIERCE^{51,52} (1681-aft 25 Jun 1722)
- vi. John PIERCE⁶⁶ (1684-aft 25 Jun 1728)
- vii. Benjamin PIERCE⁶⁶ (Died as Child) (1686-12 Aug 1698)
- viii. Deacon Mial PIERCE^{67,68,66} (24 Apr 1693-18 Oct 1786)

7. Anna PIERCE. Born abt 1653 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.^{69,43} Anna died aft 1675; she was 22.

"Abigaiill and Ann Perce bapt" 9 April 1665.⁴⁶

Or Ann.¹⁰

8. Mary PIERCE⁴¹. Born on 6 May 1654 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.^{70,71,72} Mary died in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA, on 26 Apr 1735; she was 80.⁷³

Cohasset VR list her death as Mary Holbrook widow of ___ of Scituate, mother of Samuell, Apr 26, 1735 age 81. Establishing birthdate of 1654.³⁹ [Cohasset VR p. 203] Cohasset is a district of Hingham, MA.

She may have died at Little compton, RI.²³

Samuel Holbrooke married at Medfield, Suffolk co., MA in 23 Jun 1675 Maria Pirce.³⁹ Not named in Savage as a daughter of Michael.¹⁰

Mary Pierce. Noted in Many places, most referring back to an article in The American Genealogist 22:208. She appears in New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Torrey. A handwritten note on a page copy from Ancestry of Joseph Neal by Davis says: Samuel Holbrook m @ Medfield in 1675 Maria Perce. History of the Town of Medfield,

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MA 1650-1886 William S. Tilden, Boston MA, 1887. p. 533.

On 23 Jun 1675 when Mary was 21, she married **Samuel HOLBROOK**⁴¹, son of William HOLBROOK (abt 1620/27-3 Jun 1699) & Elizabeth PITTS (abt 1622-1669), in Medfield, Suffolk, Co., MA.³⁹ Born abt 1643 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA. Samuel died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 29 Oct 1712; he was 69.³⁹ Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.³⁹ Occupation: Constable At Scituate In 1785.⁵¹

They had the following children:

- i. Persis HOLBROOK (11 Oct 1676-12 May 1758)
- ii. Elizabeth HOLBROOK (Died as Child) (14 Dec 1678-bef Apr 1685)
- iii. Bethia HOLBROOK (2 Apr 1681-11 Nov 1703)
- iv. Samuel HOLBROOK⁵³ (9 Feb 1683-)
- v. Elizabeth HOLBROOK (2 Apr 1685-)
- vi. Mary HOLBROOK³⁹ (2 Nov 1686-11 Mar 1759)

9. Capt. Benjamin PIERCE^{74,43}. Born in 1657 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.^{75,43,26} Benjamin died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 3 May 1730; he was 73.^{31,76,77} Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.⁴³ Occupation: Farmer, Saw Mill Owner, Surveyor, Appointed In 1700.

Captain Benjamin Pierce settled on his father's considerable estate and managed it after his father's death in 1676. He lived the life of a wealthy landowner (his lands were most probably in excess of 1000 acres). He managed these lands, no doubt, like a typical colonial plantation. In addition, he owned and ran a saw-mill that was erected on a river running through his lands.

Like his father before him, Benjamin was appointed Captain of the local militia. He probably took this rank following the death of his father when he was 30 years old [age probably not right], not yet married, and the head of his dead father's household.

On February 5, 1678, two years after his father's death, Benjamin married Martha Adams, the daughter of James Adams. They had ten children: Martha, Jerusha, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Persis, Caleb, Thomas, Adams, Jeremiah, and Elisha.

Benjamin's first wife, Martha, died 29 Dec 1717. On July 21, 1718, Benjamin married Mrs. Elizabeth Perry. They had no children.

During his lifetime, Benjamin Pierce saw the total population of the New England colonies grow from a sparse 16,000 persons at the time of his birth in 1646, [?] to well over 200,000 by the time of his death in 1730. Sometime, long before his death, Benjamin deeded his eldest son, Benjamin (born March 11, 1683) a major portion of his land holdings to own, live on, and manage. Working from future generation backwards, it is save to say that the amount of land given to Benjamin was between 400 and 600 acres.

Before his death in he executed a will, dated 13 October 1730. His will shows him to have died a wealthy landowner.

Benjamin's will made sure that his wife and all of his surviving children were well taken care of. In his final will, he appears to have favored his last child, Elisha (born Nov. 24, 1699) by giving him the greatest portion of his remaining land holdings, and making him and his brother, Thomas, the "sole executors" to his last will and testament.

Captain Benjamin Pierce died in 1730 on his estate in Scituate. Scituate Vital Records/ Groveland Cemetery slate engraved gravestone shows he died at age 73^{39,43}. Groveland Cemetery is at Country Way and Studley Royal Road, Scituate, MA. Benjamin was about 21 when he married, and was 19 when his father died, and he was named

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executor along with his step-mother, perhaps a bit young, but nothing seems to contradict this. Savage incorrectly states that he died at age 84. (Savage Vol. 1, p.4).⁷⁸ [one could argue that the gravestone is wrong and should have said in his 83rd year, not his 73rd year]

Benjamin's Will, probated 13 October 1730, stated as follows:

WILL of BENJAMIN PIERCE.- In the name of God Amen. This fourth day of November Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty nine. In the third year of his Majesties Reign, &c.

I Benjamin Pierce of Scituate in ye County of Plymouth in New England, Gent. being of sound mind, and memory (Blessed be God for it) Do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz. First of all I commend my soul to God that gave it and my body to decent Burial at the Discretion of my executor hereafter named.

And as touching my worldly Estate which God hath allowed me.

All my just debts and funeral charges being first and fully paid. I give devise and dispose of ye same in manner and form following viz.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Pierce all that estate or goods which she brought to me in marriage which shall remain at my Decease. I also give to my wife thirty pounds in Bills of Credit or in Goods equivalent thereto in value, as by covenant agreed upon before marriage. I also give her a cow and its keeping winter and summer to be done and performed by my son Elisha one of my Executors. I also give unto my wife five pounds in Bills of Credit or other pay equivalent to be paid to her yearly and every year during her natural life after my decease to be paid by ye aforesaid Executor.

Now in case she quits all claim to the thirty pounds above mentioned I give her for her use as long as she shall remain my widow ye particulars hereafter mentioned viz. I give her ye use of that room in my house wherein we now dwell together with all the furniture thereunto belonging - Except ye Trundle bed my Chest - the Doggs of Iron ye fire shovels and tongs and my small box -I also give her convenient cellar room likewise all the meat and corn and such like provisions as shall be in store for the subsistence of my Family att my Decease, also five bushels of Indian corn and two bushels of Rye to be paid to her yearly, and five cords of good burning solid wood for Fuel to be brought to her door every year so long as she continues to dwell in the Room afore allowed her. I also give her out of my orchard as many apples as she shall need, in the summer and about six bushels for winter. I also give her one hundred weight of good Pork and a quarter of Beef yearly and a convenient horse to ride to meeting on, all which are to be paid and performed by my son Elisha, one of the Executors. Furthermore I give my wife Freely my little irish spinning wheel to dispose of as she pleaseth.

Item. I give to my son Benjamin all that Estate of Housings and Lands whereon he now dwells and the meadows thereunto belonging which said Estate I have already given him by Deed, as also one lot of land containing ten acres called meeting House which I took up in said Benjas Right provided the said Benja does pay or cause to be paid out of the sixty pounds in the afore said deed conditioned to be paid by him the sum of twenty-five pounds in manner and form following viz. Fifteen pounds to my son Ebenezer within one year after my decease. Five pounds to my son Jeremiah within two years after my Decease, and five pounds to my Daughter Jerusha Bailey within three years after my Decease all which payments to be made in Bills of Credit or Goods equal in value.

Item. I give to my son Ebenezer one hundred and ten pounds in specie as aforesaid over and above what Estate I have already given him. Fifteen Pounds to be paid by Benjamin as aforesaid and the remainder being ninety five Pounds to be paid by my son Elisha one of my executors in four several yearly purportional payments after my decease.

I give to my son Ebenezer all my wearing clothes.

Item. I give to my son Caleb Peirse over and above what I have already given him fifty Pounds to be paid to him by son Thomas. Thirty Pounds to be paid in a year after my decease and the other twenty in two years.

Item. I give to son Thomas all my lands lying on each side of the way where his house stands also three acres and a quarter of salt meadow lying near ye widow Lincoln also two acres more of salt meadow lying on the southerly side of farm neck so called which I bought Will and Jonathan Peirse. he yealding and paying the Fifty Pounds aforesaid to my son Caleb, and Thirty Pounds to my daughter Jerusha Bailey. Mind ye 50 pounds are to be paid in three several yearly proportional payments and ye Thirty to be paid thus Fifteen within a year and ye other Fifteen at ye

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end of two years after my decease. Mind I give all ye land and meadow mentioned in ye article to my son Thomas his heirs executors and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my son Jeremiah two thirds of ye lands I have not already disposed of lying in ye beech woods joining to ye patent line at a place known by ye name of Mt. Hope, also ye other two acres Will and John Peirse which salt meadow mind I give it to him his heirs and assigns forever. moreover I give to my son Jeremiah Twenty Pounds to be paid in four yearly proportional payments by my son Elisha one of my Executors.

Item. I give to my son Elisha all my Estate of Housings and Lands and meadows and all my other estates both real and personal of every sort and kind whatsoever and wheresoever lying either in Scituate or elsewhere that is not otherwise hereby devised and disposed of. He the said Elisha paying and performing all ye several duties, services and legacies above and beneath required of him. mind I give them to him his heirs, executors and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my Daughter Jerusha Bailey Ninety Five Pounds besides what I formerly gave her. Thirty pounds to be paid by Thomas and five by Benjamin as above mentioned and the other sixty to be paid by my Son Elisha in four yearly proportionate payments after my Decease.

Item. I give to my grandson Benjamin Pierce ye eldest son of my son Ebenezer ten pounds to be paid in Bills of Credit or Goods equal in value by my son Elislia aforesaid when he shall be arrived to ye age of twenty and one years. But in case ye said Benjamin should die before that time then the said ten pounds to be paid in equal proportion among his Brethren and Sisters.

Item. I give to my Grandsons Benjamin and Ebenezer Bailey a certain firelock they now have in custody or the value of it in Bills of Credit to be paid by my son Elisha if he should see fit to take the firelock to himself.

Item. I give to my Grandson Benjamin Pierce son of my son Benjamin a certain firelock which his father hath in custody.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two Sons Thomas and Elisha Pierce to be ye sole executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

BENJAMIN PEIRCE [SEAL] Signed sealed pronounced and declared by said Benjamin Peirse to be his last will and testament in presence of us. Witnesses

EPHRAIM LITTLE,

NATHL. E LLS, JR.

KEZIA PERRY.

October ye 13th I730.

The above named Ephraim Little, Nathaniel Ells Jr. and Kezia Peny made oaths that they saw the above named Benjamin Peirse sign seal and declare the above and within written to be his last will and testament and that they are the same time in ye presence of ye said testator set to their hands as witnesses and that according to ye best of there observation he was of a sound and disposing mind and memory before Issac Winslow Judge of Probate.

HERE LYES BVRIED YE BODY OF CAPT BENIAMIN PEIRCE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MAY 8TH
1730 IN YE 73 YEAR OF HIS AGE

Other sources⁷⁹ show this Benjamin mixed up with Benjamin (son of Ebenezer, son of this Benjamin) who went to Westmoreland, NH. (see file)

On 5 Feb 1678 when Benjamin was 21, he first married **Martha ADAMS**^{80,43,39}, daughter of John ADAMS (aft 22 May 1627-) & Jane JAMES (27 Dec 1634-1662), in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.^{81,82} Born on 6 Mar 1658 in Marshfield, Plymouth Co., MA. Martha died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 29 Dec 1717; she was 59.³⁹ Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.^{39,43}

They had the following children:

- i. Martha PIERCE³⁹ (14 Dec 1679-18 Feb 1700)
- ii. Jerusha PIERCE⁸³ (13 Feb 1681-)

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- iii. Benjamin PIERCE Jr.³⁹ (11 Mar 1683-Dec 1772)
- iv. Ebenezer PIERCE⁴³ (2 Apr 1686-)
- v. Persis PIERCE (6 Jun 1688-18 Dec 1717)
- vi. Caleb PIERCE (12 Jun 1690-)
- vii. Deacon Thomas PIERCE³⁹ (12 Nov 1692-10 May 1775)
- viii. Adams PIERCE (11 Jun 1695-19 Jan 1714)
- ix. Jeremiah PIERCE (17 Sep 1697-)
- x. Deacon Elisha PIERCE (24 Nov 1699-15 Jul 1770)

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Vital Records of Scituate Massachusetts to the Year 1850, Volume 2, Marriages and Deaths. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1976, 11

On 23 Jul 1718 when Benjamin was 61, he second married **Elizabeth LOBDELL**²⁴, daughter of Isaac LOBDELL (abt 1633-26 Apr 1718) & Martha WARD (abt 1635-4 May 1708), in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.^{82,84} Born abt 1659 in Hull, Plymouth Co., MA.^{85,86} Elizabeth died aft 13 May 1735; she was 76. Elizabeth died aft 1710; she was 51.

10. Abiah PIERCE⁵¹. Born abt 1658 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.⁸⁷ Abiah died in Abington, Plymouth Co., MA, bef 8 Apr 1725; she was 67.

Children's names and spouses from Andrew Ford's will.⁸⁸ She was unmarried in 1675 based on Michael Pierce's will naming her Abyah Peiarce. Based on marriage in 1679/80, and age at marriage 18 - 21, her birth date would be between 1658- 1661. She has to be born before her sister Persis (1662), so I estimate her birth at abt 1658, and before John b. 1659 based on his gravestone. These also fit with the order of the daughters named in the will.

An estimated birthdate of 1659 is given by Patty Myers.⁵³

She died between 22 Mar 1720/1 and 8 Apr 1725. She is not named in Andrew's will in 1725.

Source: "Descendants of Andrew Ford of Weymouth, Mass., NEHGR, 119:103-4 This source gives about 1654 for her birthdate. She is mentioned twice in the Plymouth records, first in the will of a neighbor, Esther Woodfield on 27 May 1672,⁸⁹ and secondly in her father's will when she was still unmarried.⁸⁸ Note that NEHGR reads the will of Ester Woodfield that has been transcribed Ryah, as Abyah, not Ruth as some others have. However another source estimates 1659, and age at marriage of 20.⁵³[CG 2006]

Sanborn (Melinde L. Sanborn, Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1991) identifies the possible wife of Andrew 2 Ford (Andrew 1) of Weymouth (c1650/1-1725) as Abiah Pierce (ca 1654-1721/5) with a marriage ca 1679/80. The cited reference is to an article by Mrs. Elizabeth (Cobb) Stewart, NEHGR 119:103, Descendants of Andrew Ford of Weymouth, Mass.) which credits Mrs. Florence H. Barclay of Whitman MA as eliminating Abia's other than the daughter of Michael1 and Persis as potential associates of the Fords and as pointing out that Abia 3 Ford, daughter of Andrew 2 and Eleanor 2 Lovell (Robert 1 and Elizabeth Lovell), married James Bearse and gave a son that peculiarly Peirse name of Miall, possibly after Capt. Michael. These findings are tentatively accepted given the reasonableness of the inferences and the credibility of the work of Mrs. Barclay.

Children of Andrew 2 and Abiah 2 (Peirse) Ford; all possibly born Ford's Farms, Plymouth, Abington (formed from Bridgewater 1712) MA where vital data for the Ford's do not appear until 1724.

Abiah Pierce, b Scituate c1659; d. bef. 8 Apr 1725, date of her husband's will in which she is not mentioned; m. c1679/80 Andrew Ford, b. Weymouth, Mass., c1650/1; d. Abington 24 Aug 1725, s/o Andrew Ford and Ellinor

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Lovell. Children (FORD): Andrew b. c1682, m/1 Mercy Whitmarsh, d/o Ebenezer Whitmarsh and Christian Bayley, m/2 Alice Whitmarsh, prob. d/o Simon Whitmarsh and Elizabeth Bicknell; Sarah b. c1684, m. Joseph Josselyn; Hezekiah b. 28 Apr 1687, m/1 Ruth Whitmarsh, d/o Ebenezer Whitmarsh and Christian Bayley, m/2 his first cousin Sarah Magoun, d/o James Magoun and Sarah Ford; Thankful b. c1689, m. Shubael Bearse; Lydia b. c1693/5, m. Richard Whitmarsh; Abiah b. c1697/8, m. James Bearse. (NEHG Register 119:103-4, 108, 116, 119, "Descendants of Andrew Ford of Weymouth, Mass.")⁵³

RUTH 2 (Michael1), born say 1661 Scituate, which was read as Ryah by Mr Justin Winsor when he abstracted the will of Ester/Hester Woodfield of Scituate, widow of John. John's will was made 4 Jun. 1669, Nic (Nicholas) Baker and Micaell Peirse witnesses. Ester's will (27 May 1672) named Nic Baker Sr, Ryah Peirse and Pensis Peirse "and to Philip, the servant of Michael Peirse", among others ⁹⁰ No further record. [I think this Ryah is Abyah. Ruth and Persis are the last two daughters named in his will - CG 2006]

abt 1679/80 when Abiah was 21, she married **Andrew FORD Jr.**⁹¹, son of Andrew FORD (abt 1620-4 Mar 1693) & Ellinor LOVELL (abt 1628-bef 1692), in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA.⁹² Born abt 1650/1 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA.⁹³ Andrew died in Abington, Plymouth Co., MA, on 24 Aug 1725; he was 75.⁹⁴

They had the following children:

- i. Andrew FORD⁹⁵ (abt 1682-12 Mar 1750)
- ii. Sarah FORD^{53,95} (20 May 1684-3 Dec 1734)
- iii. Hezekiah FORD⁹⁶ (28 Apr 1687-3 Nov 1721)
- iv. Thankful FORD^{53,95}
- v. Lydia FORD^{53,95} (abt 1693/5-)
- vi. Abiah FORD^{53,24} (abt 1695/7-bef 1763)

11. Elder John PIERCE^{97,26,55}. Born in 1659 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.⁹⁸ John died in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA, on 8 Sep 1750; he was 91. Buried in Family cemetery, Marble street, Swansea, Bristol, MA (Now Somerset). Religion: Ordained As Elder In The Nonsectarian Christian Church Of Swansea In 1715, Assistant To Joseph Mason.⁹⁹

John Pierce of Scituate, son of Capt. Michael. m. 1683 Patience, dau. of Anthony Dodson. Marriage record spelled John Peirse.

Children: Michael (Mial), John, Jonathan, Ruth, Jael, David and Clothier. Reference: ^{39,26,28}
[His will also names daughter Mary Norton, and son Samuel]

On 1 Nov. 1676 'Mr. John Jacob, of Hingham, is allowed and approved by this Court to be guardian to John Peirse, the son of Capt. Peirse, deceased.'" John Jacob (1630-1693) married, for his first wife, Margery Eames, a daughter of Anthony and Margery () Eames, and was thus a brother-in-law of Capt. Michael Pierce before this date as she would normally have been guardian of this child. ^{100, 12}

25 Jun 1684, Scituate:

"John Pearce, Husbandman of Scituate" stated he sold 20 acres of land to John Vinall of Scituate. The land was an allotment of Conihasset land previously owned by John Williams who had given it to his daughter Mary (Williams) Dodson, who then gave the land to Jonathan Dodson, who then sold it to John Pearce. This land was "bounded northerly to the upland of Williame Peakes to the upland of John Vinall Easterly Southerly towards a nooke of the great swamp to the west to the land of Thomas Curtis."¹⁰¹

26 Jan 1669/1700 John Pierce bought one acre plus of land that was adjacent to Benjamin Pierce's land, from Isaac Chittenden. On the 19th of February, an agreement of the Conihasset partners was made to establish a burying place of about 1/2 acre between the land of John Pierce and Thomas Hiland with a way to it from the Country Road.¹⁰²

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16 Aug 1698 John Pierce and Nathaniell Winslow were granted lot seven "in ye Great Neck ye third Division".^{103,104} For 500 pounds "current money", John purchased 120 acres from Nathaniel Winslow which was a part of Lot 13 on 20 May 1712, (Bristol County Deeds, Book 7, page 443-4).

John Pierce and Jonathan Dodson both petit jurors in Plymouth Court of common Pleas, Sept. 1701.¹⁰⁵

They moved to Swansea about 1711, and he was ordained as an Elder in the church there in 1715, and was assistant pastor to Joseph Mason. In January 1738, they requested the church to appoint a colleague, and successor. Job Mason, a nephew of Joseph was selected.¹⁰⁶

John Pierce 2 in a 1722 deed of land in Swansea to Clothier 3, in which a burying ground is reserved "where hill son John Peirces child is buried" (Bristol County Deeds, Book 18, page 22). None of the named sons are known to have been deceased at that time, thus it must have been another son of John Pierce and Patience who died young.

John Peirse Sr. Will 26 Jun 1738 , proved 6 Nov 1750
Bristol Co., MA Probate records Vol 12:429-432¹⁰⁷

In the name of god Amen - Then twenty eight day of June in twelfth year of his Majestys reign George the Second, King of Great Brittain Anno domini 1738 [see note below*]

I John Peirse of Swansey in the County of Bristoll in ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman: being in reasonable and in perfect Disposing mind and memory thanks be to god: And knowing it is appointed for all men to die being desirous to settle my estate that God hath been pleased to give me: do make and ordain this my last will and testament: Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named - Nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same at the ? by the mighty power of god; and a touching my worldly estate as the Lord hath let me: I give devise and dispose of in manner and form following vis-
Imprimis. I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged by my executor
Item

I give unto Patience my well beloved wife the room in my house that I now dwell in during the time she remains my widow together with the use of my Garding to be kept well fenced summer and winter and so much of the Celler as she shall have accation for the use of ye well Orchard and Yard room as much as she needeth north free pasiage for the improvement of the sd premises
Item

I give an bequeath unto Patience my well beloved wife one cow which shall be kept for her both winter and summer by my son David so long as she remains my widow and also the bed and bedding that we now lodge upon, and also one third part of all my household goods
Item

I give and bequeath unto Patience my well beloved wife the sum of ten pounds in good and lawfulll publick bills of credits yearly and every year while she remains my widow; or in such things as she needeth for her support which shall be paid or supplyd by my son David who also shall provide for her sufficient firewood carted to the door
Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Miel Peirse five shillings (I having given him his portion before) which shall be paid him by my Executor
Item

I give and bequeath unto my son John Peirse five shillings (I having given him his portion before) shall be paid by my executor
Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Peirse five shillings (having given him his portion before) Which shall be paid by my executor
Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Clother Peirse five shillings (having given him his portion before) Which shall be

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paid by my executor

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Peirse five shillings (having given him his portion before) which shall be paid by my executor

Item

I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Namely Ruth Cornwell Jael Chase and Mary Norton all my salt marsh meadow lying at a place called Labour in Vain in Swansey afor'sd to be equally divided amongst them Each one part and part alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever. Together with two third parts of my household goods and all my Neet? Cattle, Sheep and hogs hind? To be equally divided amongst them each one part and part alike to them their heirs and assigns

Item

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ruth Cornwell and to her heirs and assigns the sum of forty three pounds in good lawfull publik bills of credit which shall be paid by my executor

Item

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jael Chase and to her heirs and assigns the sum of twenty three pounds in good lawfull publik bills of credit which shall be paid by my executor

Item

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Norton and to her heirs and assigns the sum of forty three pounds in good lawfull publik bills of credit which shall be paid by my executor

Item

I will that all the cash that I have in hand or coming to me by bond (except two bonds one of fifty pounds from my son Samuel and one bond of sixty pounds from my son Clother which two bonds I leave in the hands of my executor to pay my three daughters as I before have ordered) shall be equally divided between Patience my wife and my sd three daughters each one part and part alike after all charges is paid and discharged all which gift and bequeath that I have herein given and bequeathed unto Patience my loving wife is in lieu of her thirds or dowry

Item

Whereas I have sold a parcel of land to my son clother out of which I have reserved three rod, and half sqare as may appear by the deed of sd land which shall lye and remain for ever for a burying place for me and my posterity and a convenient way from the road to the burying place.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my grandson David Peirse my gun

Item

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Clother Peirse my rapier

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son David Peirse five shillings and all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal not otherwise disposed of whom I also nominate constitute appoint and ordain to be my sold executor of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written - John Peirse

Signed sealed published pronounced and delivered

By the sd John Peirse as his last will and testament

William Slead, Sibell Slead, William Hart

Presented for probate 6 Nov 1750

* the 12th year of King George the 2nd would have been 1738-39. He became King in 1727.

An order to David Peirse to execute the estate was ordered 6 Nov 1750 [12/433]

Inventory 03 DEC 1750 Swansea, Massachusetts. The inventory of the estate of John Peirse was presented by executor, David PIERCE. The personal estate was valued at 44£ 16s 4p, no real estate. Appraisers: William Hart, Jonathan Slead, and Joshua Alger.²³

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The will of John Peirse of Swansea is also abstracted in H.L. Peter Rounds, "Bristol County Probate Records" I:94, 97 & 111

Family cemetery in Swansea, Headstone reads " In memory of Elder John Pierce. He died Sept ye 8th A.D. 1750 in ye 91st year of his Age."

The town of Swansea, founded in 1667, lies in a key geographical position at the head of Narragansett and Mount Hope Bays, originally encompassing land now in Somerset, Massachusetts, and Barrington and Warren, Rhode Island. Through it passed many Plymouth and Bristol County families, often Mayflower descendants, heading west into Rhode Island and beyond.

On 12 Dec 1683 when John was 24, he married **Patience DODSON**⁵¹, daughter of Capt. Anthony DODSON (-bef 1682) & Mary WILLIAMS (-aft 1695), in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.^{39,108,82} Born abt 1664 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA. Patience died in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA, on 3 Nov 1738; she was 74. Buried in Family Cemetery, Marble Street, Swansea, (Now Somerset) Bristol Co., MA.

They had the following children:

- i. Mial PIERCE¹⁰⁹ (24 Sep 1684-1 Jan 1770)
- ii. John PIERCE Jr.^{98,39} (12 Apr 1686-after 22 May 1765 - bef 4 May 1766)
- iii. Jonathan PIERCE (24 Feb 1688-aft 1738)
- iv. Ruth PIERCE⁵¹ (6 Sep 1689-aft 1750)
- v. Jael PIERCE^{110,51} (24 Feb 1692-aft 19 Jun 1738)
- vi. David PIERCE³⁹ (1 Jun 1695-)
- vii. Clothier PIERCE¹¹¹ (5 May 1698-)
- viii. Samuel PIERCE⁵¹ (4 Jun 1699-4 Jun 1785)
- ix. Mary PIERCE^{51,112,66} (abt 1700-)
- x. Unnamed PIERCE (-bef 1722)

12. Ruth PIERCE¹. Born abt 1661 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA. Ruth died aft 1675; she was 14.

Not named in her fathers will in 1676.

She is named only in Savage.¹⁰, and Dean's Scituate.

RUTH 2 (Michael1), born say 1661 Scituate, which was read as Ryah by Mr Justin Winsor when he abstracted the will of Ester/Hester Woodfield of Scituate, widow of John. John's will was made 4 Jun. 1669, Nic (Nicholas) Baker and Micaell Peirse witnesses. Ester's will (27 May 1672) named Nic Baker Sr, Ryah Peirse and Pensis Peirse "and to Philip, the servant of Michael Peirse", among others ⁹⁰ Ruth was the seventh daughter named in Michael's will. No further record.²⁵ [I think this Ryah is Abyah. Abyah and Persis are the last two daughters named in his will - see notes under Abyah Pierce- CG 2006]

Savage suggests this child was Abigail, which has been disproven.¹⁰

Is this the Ruth Pierce who married on 14 Oct 1677 Philip Kyrtland, probable son of Nathaniel b. 1616 who arrived on the Hopewell and settled at Lynn, MA. also lived in Southhold, LI, NY. (Nathaniel3, Philip2, John1). Philip Kyrtland was a soldier in King Philips war.¹¹³

13. Persis PIERCE^{114,51}. Born on 26 Dec 1662 in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony, MA.¹¹⁵ Persis died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, on 14 Dec 1715; she was 52.³⁹ Buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, MA.¹¹⁵

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Name is spelled Peiarses Peiarce in her father's will in 1676.

Persis Peirce who married Richard Garrett, 3 Dec. 1695 [Vital Records of Scituate Massachusetts to the year 1850 - NEHGR, p. 232]³⁹ and died 14 Dec 1715, [Persis Garret] "W. Richehird, a. 53" (thus born about 1662), as revealed by a gravestone in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate (Scituate VR- Deaths, page 391).^{39,25}

Hobart's journal entry 26 Dec 1662 - "Michaell Perces daughter borne". Entry 31 Dec 1662 "Michaell Perces wife dyed"¹¹⁶

Clearly this Persis was that child born 26 Dec. 1662, five days before the death of her mother Persis on 31 Dec. 1662 (Hobart's Journal, both film and Egan) and not Elizabeth as claimed by Pratt (H.H. Pratt, The Early Planters of Scituate, Scituate Historical Society, 1929, page 326, hereafter Pratt's Scituate), nor Abigail as suggested by Savage (James Savage, A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, four volumes, Boston, 1860-1862, repr. Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1987, III:430, hereafter Savage). Persis was named in the Woodfield will (also see Abyah) and was the last-named daughter in her father's will.²⁵

4 Jun. 1669 - Michaell Peirse and Nic[olas] Baker [Minister] witnessed the will of John Woodfield, who named his wife, Hester, Executrix.²⁰

It was Ester Woodfield of Scituate whose will of 27 May 1672 named Nic Baker Sen, Isaac Buck and wife Frances, Experience Litchfield, Judith wife of William Peakes Senior, Israel and William Peakes, Elizabeth wife of Francis James of Hingham, Robert Whetcome Senr of Scituate, servant Hannah Ewell, Elizabeth wife of Nic Coade, Saml Jackson, the wife of Thomas Hiland, Ryah [Abyah] Peirce, Pensis [Persis] Peirce, and Philip, the servant of Michael Peirce.¹¹⁷

Ester/Hester and John Woodfield may not have had children.^{10 118} She names two Pierce daughters in her will, and a servant of Michael Pierce. The two daughters are probably the two youngest daughters of Michael and Persis Eames Pierce; Abyah and Persis.

Associations: Judith, wife of William Peakes is the mother of Experience Litchfield and Josiah Litchfield, the latter adopted by Ann and John Allen after Lawrence Litchfield died in 1650. Ann would later become the 2nd wife of Michael Pierce. Nicholas Baker is the father of Sarah Baker who was the wife of Josiah Litchfield.

This would indicate that the last child of Michael and Persis was Persis. When Michael dies in 1767, John (abt 17) has a guardian appointed for him. Persis (age 14) is not which makes me think that perhaps a record is lost, or she was a female and dealt without documentation by one of the Eames sisters, perhaps even Margery whose husband John Jacob was named the guardian of John Pierce. But what about the other un-married daughters in 1676 of Michael: Abigail, Elizabeth, Sarah, Anna, Mary, Abiah? They would all have to be taken care of by some older relative, although their older brother Benjamin was between 20-30 at the time of his father's death and could have been responsible for his younger female siblings. Further, it appears that the birth order may actually follow the order in which the daughters were named in his will. [CG Jul 2006]

On 3 Dec 1695 when Persis was 32, she married **Richard GARRETT**^{114,119}, son of Deacon Richard GARRETT (1 Feb 1624/5-29 Mar 1662) & Lydia TILDEN (abt Sep 1625-aft 30 Oct 1666), in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.^{120,121,122} Born on 3 Nov 1661 in Boston, Suffolk Co., MA.^{123,26,51} Richard died in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA, in 1742; he was 80.⁵³

They had the following children:

- i. Anne GARRETT (8 Oct 1696-)
- ii. Deborah GARRETT³⁹ (22 Feb 1697/8-)
- iii. John GARRETT⁵³ (23 Dec 1706-)

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Marriage record also adds: [R]obart and Mercy Hetch [int. Marcy Hatch], Mar. 15, 1756. What does this mean?

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