

Ancestors of Margaret Leet who married Philip Dorey

Margaret Leet and Philip Cyrus Dorey are my great-great-grandparents.

Margaret Leet is my starting point, this list of her Leete ancestors is in chronological order

William Leete (1613–1683) married Anne Payne (1621–1668)
Andrew Leete (1643–1702) married Elizabeth Jordan (1650–1701)
Samuel Leete (1677–1751) married Hannah Graves (1699–1770)
Andrew Leete (1731–1808) married (2) Submit Doud (1742–1804)
Andrew Leet (1776–1865) married Mary McPherson
Margaret Leet (1809–1875) married Philip Cyrus Dorey (1799–1863)

These people were among the first settlers of America. I have traced the parentage of these ancestors back to England and Scotland. William Leete (1613–1683) was born in England and immigrated to what became Connecticut. The ancestry of William, through his mother, is known to extend to William I the Lion, King of Scotland (1143–1214).

On 5-20-1639, led by Reverend Henry Whitfield, a group of about 250 Puritans departed London on the *St. John*, under the command of Captain Richard Russell. During the voyage, on 6-1-1639, William Leete, Henry Doude, John Jordan, and 22 other immigrants signed the Guilford Covenant whereby the signers promised to “join ourselves together in one entire plantation, and be helpful to each other in any common work . . .”

They arrived July 10–15, 1639 at New Haven Colony, Connecticut. On 9-29-1639 William Leete, Henry Whitfield, and four other “English planters of Menunchtetuck” bought land from the local Indians and thereafter established the town of Guilford 16 miles to the east of New Haven. Generations of Leetes lived in Guilford, some still do.

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Leete Ancestors of Margaret Leet

The Leete family is adequately addressed elsewhere, see Resources.

My website has a page that summarizes this family:

www.susandoreydesigns.com/genealogy/dorey/leete.html

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Jordan Ancestors of Elizabeth Jordan

Thomas Jordan married Dorothy

Elizabeth Jordan (1650–1704) married Andrew Leete (1643–1702)

I have found two spellings for the surname: Jordon and Jordan.

Thomas Jordan

Born: England

Died: by 1706 England

Married. Dorothy in Guilford, CT

Children:

Elizabeth Jordan, b. 1650, m. 6-1-1669 Andrew Leete, d. 3-4-1704 (also given as 1701).

Mary Jordan, b. 5-27-1652.

Thomas and his brother John Jordan (it is not entirely sure they were brothers) were among the first planters in Guilford, CT. John signed the Plantation Covenant of 6-1-1639, Thomas may have been too young to do so. John died in January 1649–50 leaving a wife and four children. In 1654 Thomas Clarke of Milford married John's widow Ann Jordan, daughter of John Bishop.

Thomas Jordan was a prominent member of Guilford. He was one of the associate Judges of the Particular Court chosen 10-7-1646, and Treasurer from an early period. He was Representative in the Plantation Court 1651–1654, at all sessions.

He returned to England about 1655.¹ I do not know who raised the children left behind, perhaps their mother. In a 1674 letter he wrote from England to his son-in-law Andrew Leete, he gave him his house.

After his death his CT estate was administered by his grandsons William and Caleb Leete in 1706.

Elizabeth Jordan (1650– 1704)

Parents: Thomas Jordan and Dorothy

Born: 1650

Married: 6-1-1669 Andrew Leete (1643–1702) in Guilford, CT

Died: 3-4-1704 (also given as 1701)

Children:

William Leete, b. 4-24-1671; m. Hannah Stone.

Caleb Leete, b. 12-10-1673; m. Mary Hubbard.

Samuel Leete, b. 1677; m. 11-26-1723 Hannah Graves; d. 2-20-1751.

Dorothy Leete, b. 1680; m. John Hopson.

Abigail Leete, b. 1683; m. Abraham Bradley.

Mercy Leete, b. 1688; m. Samuel Hooker.

Graves Ancestors of Hannah Graves

George Graves (1600–1673) married unknown

John Graves (1631–1695) married Elizabeth (Cruttenden) Stillwell (1639–)

Joseph Graves (1672–1714) married Margaret Wilcoxson (1673–1763)

Hannah Graves (1699–1770) married Andrew Leete (1677–1751)

George Graves (1600–1673)

Parents: unknown

Born: abt. 1600 Hertford, Hertfordshire or Braintree, Essex, England

¹ This date is inferred from the fact that he did not appear on the Town or Colony records after 1655.

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Died: 9-1673

Buried: 9-27-1673 Hartford, CT

Married (1): unknown, had 2 children

Married (2): Sarah Ventres, widow and mother-in-law of his son George

Children:

George Graves, b. abt. 1631 England, m. 4-2-1651 Elizabeth Ventres, d. 12-31-1695

John Graves, b. abt. 1633 England, m. 11-26-1657 Elizabeth (Cruttenden) Stillwell, d. 12-31-1695

Sarah Graves, m. 11-21-1660 Jonathan Deming, d. 6-1668

Mary Graves, m. 12-12-1665 Samuel Dow, d. 9-1673

Priscilla Graves, m. William Markham, d. abt. 1668

George was one of the original proprietors of Hartford where he settled about 1636. He was a weaver. He became a Deacon of the Second Church of Hartford after its founding in 1670.

John Graves (1631–1695)

Parents: George Graves (1600–1673)

Born: abt. 1631 England

Died: 12-31-1695 Guilford, CT

Buried: East Guilford, CT

He came to America with his father. He was a blacksmith by trade, living at Hartford until 1657.

Married: 11-2-1657 Elizabeth (Cruttenden) Stillwell in Guilford, CT. She was born about 1639, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Cruttenden of Guilford. She was the widow of Jasper Stillwell, who was buried 11-8-1656. She did not remarry after John's death.

In 1657 John and Elizabeth moved to Guilford where John was Town Clerk from 1673 to 1685.

He was deputy to the General Court most of the time from 1670 to 1695, representing Guilford 23 times. He was Deacon in the First Church. He was confirmed as Ensign of the train band of Guilford 10-10-1667, was one of the grantees in the Town Patent in 1685, and owned several parcels of land in the town.

Children:

John Graves, b. 2-27-1658/9, m. 1-2-1684/5 Elizabeth Foote, d. 12-1-1726.

Elizabeth Graves, b. 4-11-1661, d. 1662.

Elizabeth Graves, b. 9-16-1665, d. 6-3-1669. Bur. 6-4-1669.

Sarah Graves, b. 3-14-1668, m. 1-17-1694 Thomas Robinson, Jr., d. 9-10-1715.

Abigail Graves, b. 3-6-1670, m. 6-14-1694 (Ensign) Ebenezer Benton, d. 4-10-1753.

Joseph Graves, b. 8-27-1672, m. abt. 1697 Margaret Wilcoxson, d. 1714.

Daniel Graves, b. 9-17-1675, d. 11-8-1675.

Nathaniel Graves, b. 1-27-1678, m. 11-25-1709 Elizabeth Barron, d. 1-1727.

Hannah Graves, b. 1-12-1680, m. 1-6-1709 Nathaniel Stone, d. 3-21-1757 (or May). He was a son of Nathaniel Stone and Mary Bartlett of Guilford, Conn., was born 7 Oct. 1678, and died 6 Aug. 1752

There are a number of conflicting accounts of who John married. Several claim that he married Elizabeth Stillwell, the widow of Jasper Stillwell and the daughter of William and Mary Cruttenden, Chittenden, or Crittenden. Others claim that he married Elizabeth Stillwell, daughter of Jasper Stillwell, and secondly Elizabeth Cruttenden. I am guided by Donald Lines Jacobus who addressed these issues in an article titled "Graves-Cruttenden-Stillwell: A Correction," (The American Genealogist), and quoted by Perry Streeter (see Resources):

In short, John Grave(s) had but one wife, Elizabeth Crittenden [sic], whom he married under the name Stillwell because she was the young widow of Jasper Stillwell and that was then her correct

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surname. Jasper was buried 8 Nov. 1656, and his widow decently waited a year until 26 Nov. 1657 before she married John Graves. She was the mother of all his children. This is proved readily enough by the will of Abraham-1 Cruttenden, dated 14 Sept. 1681 [New Haven Probate, 1: part 2:94], in which he gave L-5 to "my daughter Elizabeth Grave."

The tale of her two subsequent marriages to Sperry and Burwell... is sheer nonsense. The only John Sperry available married 1 Sept. 1676 Elizabeth Post, born 22 Feb. 1655; and after Sperry's early death in 1692 she married second, Benjamin Bunnell [not Burwell], and third 19 Sept. 1700, Edmund Dorman, all thoroughly proved by land and probate records.

Abraham Cruttenden (1610–1681) arrived Guilford on the *St. John* with wife Mary Hinkson (1612–1664). They married 1630 in England and had 6 children, the first two in England. Their third child was Elizabeth who married John Graves.

William Chittenden (1593–1660) also arrived Guilford on the *St. John* with his wife Joanna Shaeffe, with whom he had 10 children. Three are of interest to my story: Son Thomas Chittenden (1635–1683) married Joanna Jordan, daughter of Thomas Jordan. Daughter Elizabeth Chittenden married Thomas Wright in 1657 (and thus not John Graves). Daughter Mary Chittenden (1647–1712) married John Leete, son of William Leete. After William's death, Joanna married Abraham Cruttenden.

Joseph Graves (1672–1714)

Parents: John Graves (1633–1695) and Elizabeth (Cruttenden) Stillwell (1639–)

Born: 8-27-1672 likely Guilford, CT

Died: 1714

Married: abt. 1697 Margaret Wilcoxson. She was born 1673 in Killingworth, CT and died 2-2-1763 in Guilford, CT. Margaret was a daughter of Joseph Wilcoxson (1638–1683) and Anna (married 1658 in Stratford, CT); some accounts say Anna was an American Indian. Joseph Wilcoxson was a son of William Wilcoxson (b. 1601 St. Albans, London, England and d. 1651/2 Stratford, CT) and Margaret (1611–1655). William and Margaret immigrated 1635/6 on the ship *Planter*, William was a founder of Stratford, CT in 1639. William was a son of John Wilcoxson of England. [I found several different accounts of Margaret Wilcoxson's ancestry.]

Children:

Hannah Graves, b. 10-30-1699, m. 11-26-1723 Samuel Leete, d. 3-26-1770.

Abigail Graves, b. 2-22-1702, m. Mr. Way.

Daniel Graves, b. 4-9-1704, m.(1) 1-20-1732 Elizabeth Stevens, m.(2) 12-20-1755 Elizabeth Lee, d. 9-12-1782.

Thankful Graves, b. 2-15 (or 18) 1706 Guilford, CT, m. 10-20-1731 Moses Page (of Branford, CT) in Branford, CT.

Joseph Graves, b. 2-14-1709, m.(1) 6-7-1733 Ann Latimer, m.(2) Elizabeth ?, d. 5-23-1770.

WILCOX The Wilcox family is of Saxon origin and was seated at Bury St. Edmunds, county Suffolk, England, before the Norman Conquest. Sir John Dugale, in the "Visitation of County Suffolk," mentions fifteen generations of the family previous to the year 1600, tracing the lineage to the year 1200, when the surname came into use as an inherited family name. In the old records Wilcox, Wilcocks, Willcox and Wilcockson and Wilcoxson are used interchangeably.

Fig. 1. From *New England families, genealogical and memorial* by William Richard Cutter, 1914

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Hannah Graves (1699–1770)

Parents: John Graves (1672–1714) and Margaret Wilcoxson (1673– 1763)

Born: 10-30-1699 Guilford, CT

Died: 3-26-1770

Married: 11-26-1723 Samuel Leete (1677–1751)

Children:

Sybil Leete, b. 10-18-1724; m. Ebenezer Stone.

Samuel Leete, b. 6-25-1726; m. Jane McNemor.

Anna Leete, b. 7-25-1728; d. 10-11-1779 unmarried.

Andrew Leete, b. 11-6-1731; m. (1) 5-12-1763 Esther Blatchley; div. (1) 8-28-1769; m. (2) 10-7-1773 Submit Doud; bur. 5-28-1808 Guysborough, NS

Jared Leete, b. 1-28-1736; m. Hannah Hand.

Lucy Leete, bap. 8-21-1743; m. Samuel Barker.

Doude Ancestors of Submit Doud

Henry Doude (1611–1668) married Elizabeth Dadson (1613–1684)

John Doude (1650–1712) married Hannah Sellman (–1687)

Cornelius Doud (1680–1727) married Jane Hand (1686–1747)

Janna Doud (1707–1792) married Desire Cornwell (1711–)

Submit Doud (1742–1804) married (1) Minard Cockard, (2) Andrew Leete (1731–1808)

There are a number of spellings of this family's surname: Doude (the earliest known), Doud, Dowd. All the surnames in the *Dowd Book* are spelled Dowd. Certainly some were spelled differently by their holders. My spellings are based on the spelling of the immigrant Henry Doude and Submit's divorce and marriage records; I assume that the generations inbetween were spelled in the same way.

Henry Doude (1611–1668)

Parents: Henrie Dowde and Christian (maiden name unknown), married 10-11-1609 at Woodchurch, Kent, England. Christian was the widow of Mr. Cruttenden. This couple lived Tenterdon, Kent, England.

Known siblings: Richard Doude bap. 7-15-1610 and Thomas Doude bap. 1-22-1614/15, both baptized at Woodchurch. Half-sister Mary bap. 5-4-1628, from his father's second marriage to Elizabeth Woollett (mistakenly attributed by some as the wife of immigrant Henry Doude).

Born: 10-27-1611 England, likely Tenterdon

Married: 5-12-1635 Elizabeth Dadson at Langley, Kent. Elizabeth was from Maidstone, Kent; her father was Ambrose Dadson. At the time Henry lived in Tenterden, Kent. Elizabeth was born abt. 1613 and died 10-1684.

Died: 8-31-1668 Guilford, CT

Henry was one of the original settlers of Guilford, CT arriving in 1639 with the Puritan party of Reverend Henry Whitfield.

Children:

Elizabeth Doude, b. England, d. 8-9-1669 unmarried

Mary Doude, b. England

Thomas Doude, d. 2-7-1713, m. Ruth Johnson

John Doude, b. 5-24-1650, d. 2-1712, m. (1) Hannah Sellman and (2) Mary Bartlett

Jeremiah Doude, b. by 1647, d. 8-16-1668 unmarried

Sarah Doude, m. John Bowers

Rebecca Doude, m. Daniel Evarts, d. 10-10-1703

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The first daughters were named in their maternal grandfather's will dated 3-14-1639.

John Doud (1650–1712)

Parents: Henry Doude (1611–1668) and Elizabeth Dadson (1613–1684)

Born: 5-24-1650 Guilford, CT

Married (1): 6-14-1679 Hannah Sellman, who died 4-19-1687 (erroneously identified as Sarah Fallman or Tallman, see below); Hannah may have been born abt. 1653 Southold, Suffolk Co., Long Island

Married (2): 1-1688 Mary Bartlett of Killingworth, CT

Died: 2-1712 (or before 12-12-1711)

Buried: 2-1712 Madison, CT

Lived in Guilford, CT.

Children:

Cornelius Doud, b. 4-4-1680, d. 8-14-1727, m. 1707 Jane Hand

Sarah/Jane Doud, b. 4-7-1682, d. 2-3-1758, m. 1712 Abraham Dowd (son of Thomas, son of Henry)

Mary Doud, b. 10-1688, unmarried

John Doud, b. 2-3-1691, m. Rebecca Higby

Jacob Doud, b. 1-3-1693, d. 10-18-1735 Middletown, m. 6-8-1716 Elizabeth Cornwell (sister to Mary and Desire); his birth also given as 1-3-1691/2

David Doud, b. 3-15-1695, d. 9-6-1740 Middletown, m. 9-14-1718 Mary Cornwell (sister to Elizabeth and Desire)

Abraham Doud, b. 10-1-1697, d. 2-9-1781, m. (1) Abigail Johnson and (2) Phebe Kelsey

Isaac Doud, b. 6-30-1700, d. 1769, m. 1725 Abigail Stevens

Hannah Doud, b. 5-8-1703, m. 8-21-1731 Benjamin Acarly/Acerly (b. 10-20-1731)

Ebenezer Doud, b. 12-3-1706

Elizabeth Doud, b. 5-4-1708, m. Edward/Benjamin Stocker

Regarding the name of John's first wife, Sarah Tallman has been incorrectly given as the name for Hannah Sellman. Hannah Sellman is the correct name based on the Guilford Land Records. John and Sarah were married by Captain John Chester of Wethersfield. Apparently the wrong name originated in W. W. Dowd's book of 1885.

Cornelius Doud (1680–1727)

Parents: John Doud (1650–1712) and Hannah Sellman (1653?–1687)

Born: 4-4-1680 likely Guilford, CT

Married: 2-4-1707 Jane Hand (1686–1747)

Died: 8-14-1727

Lived in Guilford, CT.

Children:

Janna Doud, b. 10-24-1707, d. 9-15-1792, m. 1735 Desire Cornwell

Cornelius Doud, b. 5-12-1710, d. 9-19-1713

Jane Doud, b. 10-31-1717, m. David Thompson

Thankful Doud, b. 4-18-1714

Rhoda Doud, b. 1717, m. Josiah Wright (1708–1783), son of Benjamin W. and Elizabeth Hand, in Westbrook Church

Cornelius Doud, b. 2-15-1720, m. 1743 (1) Mehitabel Bailey/Bayley, (2) Eleanor Ludington

Jeremiah Doud, b. 4-28-1722, d. 10-12-1798 [one record says Cornelius and Jeremiah were twins]

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Janna Doud (1707–1792)

Parents: Cornelius Doud (1680–1727) and Jane Hand (1686–1747)

Born: 10-24-1707 likely Guilford, CT

Married: 5-7-1735 Desire Cornwell (1711-)

Died: 9-15-1792

Children:

Desire Doud, b. 2-15-1736, d. 2-1-1797, m. Amos Hotchkiss

Noah Doud, b. 2-12-1738, d. 9-18-1742

Amy Doud, b. 4-28-1740

Submit Doud, b. 11-8-1742, d. 10-4-1804, m. (1) 2-8-1764 Minard Cockard, (2) 10-7-1773

Andrew Leete

Janna Doud, b. 5-13-1745, d. 3-8-1767 unmarried

Millicent Doud, b. 8-11-1747

Rachel Doud, b. 12-15-1749, d. 10-2-1774 unmarried

Lived in East Guilford, CT.

Submit Doud (1742–1804)

Parents: Janna Doud (1707–1792) and Desire Cornwell (1711-)

Born: 11-8-1742 Guilford, CT

Married (1): 2-8-1764 Minard Cockard (of New York) in Guilford, CT

Divorced (1): 8-30-1773 on the grounds of desertion beginning 1767. She was deemed “single and unmarried” and resumed her maiden name.

Married (2): 10-7-1773 Andrew Leete (1731–1808) in Guilford, CT. Andrew had previously married (1763) and divorced (1769) Esther Blachley² of North Guilford. Andrew and Esther had a son: Jared Leete b. 1764, m. 1784 Elizabeth Scranton, d. 1844, remained in Guilford.

Died: 1804 Guysborough, NS

Buried: 10-4-1804 Guysborough³, NS

Children:

Cassandra Cockard, b. abt. 1764, m. (1) John Peart in Guysborough (he d.1804), m.(2) Hugh Miller (he d. 10-25-1850 age 91⁴), d. 8-1825, bur. 8-27-1825 Guysborough, NS.

Submit Leete, b. abt 1774 Guilford, m. (1) 6-9-1801 widower Capt. William M. Grant in Guysborough (he died April1804), m. (2) 7-5-1804 Ebenezer Partridge (he died 11-1822). Submit Partridge was buried 12- 31-1837 in Guysborough.

Andrew Leete, b. abt 1776, m. 12-7-1800 Mary McPherson in Guysborough Intervale, NS, d. 1-16-1865 Guysborough, NS age 89.

Jabez Leete, b. abt 1777 Guilford, m. 12-7-1800 Margaret McPherson in Guysborough Intervale, NS, bur. 10-1814 Guysborough, NS.

Lucretia Leete, b. abt. 1780 Guilford, m. 1-26-1804 William Sangster in Guysborough.

² Esther's surname may have been spelled Blatchley. Esther was the daughter of Joseph Blachley (1713–1798) and Esther Collins (1716–1802). Esther, the second of five children, was born 10-31-1742. Joseph was the son of Ebenezer Blachley (1677–), who moved to Huntington, Long Island, and Mary Dodd. Ebenezer was the son of Aaron (1644–) the son of Thomas. Thomas Blachley immigrated from Wales to Boston in 1635 on the ship *Hopewell* with his brother Samuel. In 1640 Thomas moved to CT where he lived in a number of towns: Harford 1640, New Haven 1643, Branford 1645, Guilford 1666. He later returned to Boston where he “followed his mercantile pursuits” until his death in 1674. He married (1) Susanna Bell and (2) Susannah Bishop (1657–1729).

³ In all cases in this document burials in Guysborough, NS are not necessarily specific to the town. It would be more correct to say they were located in Sydney County (for burials between its creation in 1784 and 1836 when it was divided in two forming Guysborough County), but that name is not well known today. The burials that were recorded in the records of the Anglican Christ Church of Guysborough were not necessarily located there, it is likely that one or more family lots near homesteads were used.

⁴ The man who was buried may not be Cassandra's husband. One Cassandra Miller bought property on or before 1820 with no mention of a husband. One family researcher suggests this may reflect a separation or divorce.

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Eunice Leete, b. abt. 1782 Guilford, m. 12-22-1799 James Sangster in Guysborough.

Huldah Leete, b. 5-6-1788 Guysborough, NS; d. abt. 1852 in Guysborough, unmarried.

Andrew's second family (Submit through Eunice) were baptized together on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1782 at St. John's Episcopal Church, North Guilford.

Submit, Andrew, and their six children immigrated to Guysborough, NS in 7-1786.⁵ This departure from a domesticated place to the wilderness that was Nova Scotia is the subject of another story.

The Hinsman family has incorrectly published an account of an Elizabeth Cockard, daughter of Submit (Doud) Cockard, who married Aaron Hinsman in 1790 and had three children. The wife was NOT a Cockard and not a daughter of Submit, nor was she a Leete.

Cornwell Ancestors of Submit Doud

Name spelled Cornwall by family historian, spelled Cornwell by E. L. Leete and others.

William Cornwell (1609–1678) married Mary

John Cornwell (1640–1707) married Martha Peck

John Cornwell (1671–1739?) married (1) Elizabeth Hinsdale, (2) Mary Hilton

Desire Cornwell (1711–) married Janna Doud (1707–1792)

William Cornwell (1609–1678)

Parents: William Cornwell and Margaret Hayward.

Grandparents: George and Joan Cornwell.

Born:

Baptized: 5-25-1609 in Terling, Essex, England

Married (1): 9-27-1632 Joane Ranke in Fairsted, Essex. She died 1633 in Roxbury, MA.

Married (2): 1639 Mary in Hartford, CT

Died: 2-21-1678 Middletown, CT

Buried: Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, CT.

Children: 9 born in Hartford, CT 1640–1652

William was a sergeant at arms and one of 16 body guards of King Charles I.

First record in America is in a list of members of the Roxbury, MA church in 1633 with wife Joane.

In May 1637 he was one of a group of 77 soldiers who attacked and all but exterminated the Pequot Indians in Mystic.

In 1638 he was one of an expedition sent by the Colony of Connecticut to purchase Stratford from the Indians.

By 1639 he was living in Hartford, where he owned a house lot of eight acres in the village.

In 1650 or 1651 he removed with the first settlers to Middletown, 15 miles below Hartford on the Connecticut River. He eventually had 903 acres there.

His eldest son moved to Rochester, NY.

In the earliest known autograph he spelled his surname "Cornall." It appears erroneously in other records as "Cornell." One source says "the common spelling of the family name today is Cornwall, though in early spellings it was Cornwell, which is how he signed his will."

John Cornwell (1640–1707)

Parents: William Cornwell (1609–1678) and Mary

Born: 4-1640 Hartford, CT

⁵ The date of immigration is based on the last sale of property in Guilford and the first purchase of property in Nova Scotia.

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Married: 7-8-1665 Martha Peck, daughter of Deacon Paul Peck and Martha Hale of Hartford, CT.
Martha was born 1641 in Hartford. Her father Paul was born abt. 1618 in England, and arrived in Boston on the ship *Defence* in 1635. Martha Hale was born abt. 1621 in England. Martha Cornwell died 3-1-1708.

Died: 11-2-1707

Lived in Middletown, CT next to his father's house. He was a sergeant in the militia.

Children: 10, all born Middletown, CT

John Cornwell (1671–1739?)

Parents: John Cornwell (1640–1707) and Martha Peck

Born: 8-13-1671

Married (1): 9-15-1695 Elizabeth Hinsdale

Married (2): 3-23-1699 Mary Hilton

Will dated 5-29-1746.

Died before 6-8-1746 in Middletown, CT (date of first court action re: his estate)

Children: all born Middletown, CT

Elizabeth Cornwell, b. 8-21-1696; m.(1) 6-18-1716 Jacob Doud (son of John Doud and Mary Bartlett); m.(2) 10-1736 Isaac Lane (will d. 2-28-1745)

Mary Cornwell, b. 8-25-1700; m. 1718 David Doud (son of John Doud and Mary Bartlett)

Miriam Cornwell, b. 9-27-1702

John Cornwell, b. 4-7-1705

Eunice Cornwell, b. 11-30-1708

Desire Cornwell, b. 3-16-1711; m. 1735 Janna Doud

Hannah Cornwell, b. b. 11-13-1715

Desire Cornwell (1711–)

Parents: John Cornwell (1671–1739) and Mary Hilton

Born: 3-16-1711

Married: 5-7-1735 Janna Doud (1707–1792)

Hand Ancestors of Submit Doud

John Hand (1611–1660) married Joan Simmons (1575–before 1630)

Joseph Hand (1638–1724) married Elizabeth/Jane Wright (1634–1724)

Jane Hand (1686–1747) married Cornelius Doud (1680–1727)

John Hand (1611–1660)

Parents: John Hand (1575–1634) and Joan Simmons (1575–before 1630), married abt. 1594.

Born: abt.1611 in Stanstede, Maidstone, Kent, England

Married: 1633 Alice Elizabeth Hatcher Grandsen at Tunbridge⁶, Kent, England. Alice born 11-28-1613 Tunbridge, Kent, daughter of Henry Grandsen and Alice Harris Hatcher.⁷ Alice Grandsen Hand remarried Captain Edward Codner (1610–1670) in 1662 in Lynn, CT.

Died: 1-24-1660 or 1659 Easthampton, Long Island

Siblings: 15

Children:

John Hand, born 1633 in Tunbridge, Kent, England; died before 1687 in Richmond, MA.

⁶ The spelling of the town has changed over time. It was recorded in the Domesday Book 1087 as Tonebrige. The historic spelling of the town was Tunbridge which lasted until 1870. The modern spelling is Tonbridge.

⁷ Alice Harris (1578–1645) married (1) Walter Hatcher (1575–1606) on 6-10-1599 in Tunbridge. She married (2) Henry Grandsen (1562–1623) on 6-12-1609 in Westminster, Middlesex.

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Stephen Hand, born 1635 in MA; died 1693 in East Hampton, NY.

Mary Hand, born 1636 in MA; died in CT. Mary married Charles Barnes.

Joseph Hand, born 1638 in MA; died 1724 in East Guilford, CT.

Shamgar Hand, born 1642 in MA; died 1728 in Cape May, NJ.

Benjamin Hand, born 1644 in Southampton, NY; died about 1700 in Cape May, NJ.

Thomas Hand, born 1646 in Southampton, NY; died 1714 in Cape May, NJ.

James Hand, born 1651 in Southampton, NY; died 1733 in East Hampton, NY.

Alice Hand, born 1653 in Southampton, NY.

John Hand, his wife, and father came as Puritans to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in America in 1635. His father returned to England "and was murdered on the high seas on his return to America."

The Puritans went first to Lynn, MA, later in 1640 to Long Island where they settled in Southampton. In 1648/9 John was one of the founders of Easthampton, Long Island (originally named Maidstone).

Alice Grandsen Hand Codner died in Saybrook, CT after 7-25-1687.

Joseph Hand (1638–1724)

Parents: John Hand (1611–1660) and Alice Elizabeth Hatcher Grandsen (1613–), married 1633 Tunbridge, Kent, England.

Born: 1638 MA (probably Lynn)

Married: 1644 Elizabeth/Jane Wright, daughter of Benjamin Wright and Jane Meigs of

Killingworth, in Guilford, CT. She was born 1643 East Guilford, died 12-1724 in Madison, CT.

Died: 1-1721 East Guilford, CT

Siblings: 8, all but the first born in America

Joseph came to CT from East Hampton, Long Island between 1660 and 1672 when he was listed for the third division of land.

Children: 9, all born in Guilford, CT

Sarah Hand, born 02 Mar 1664/1665 in Guilford, CT. She died 01 Aug 1751 in Guilford, CT.

Jane Hand, born 19 Sep 1668 in Guilford, CT; died 13 Dec 1683.

Joseph Hand, born 02 Apr 1671 in Guilford, CT; died about 1699.

Benjamin Hand, born 08 Feb 1672/1673 in Guilford, CT; died Aug 1744.

Stephen Hand, born 08 Feb 1672/1673 in Guilford, CT died 14 Aug 1755.

Elizabeth Hand, born 12 Mar 1676/1677 in Guilford, CT.

Silence Hand, born Mar 1678/1679 in Guilford, CT.

Ann Hand, born 10 Jul 1683 in Guilford, CT.

Jane Hand, born 25 Apr 1686 in Guilford, CT; died 27 Oct 1747. She married Cornelius Doud.

Jane Hand (1686–1747)

Parents: Joseph Hand (1638–1724) and Elizabeth/Jane Wright (1644–1724)

Born: 4-25-1686 Guilford, CT

Married: 2-4-1707 Cornelius Doud in Madison, CT

Died: 10-27-1747

Siblings: 8

McPherson Ancestors of Mary McPherson

James McPherson (?) married Mary

Mary McPherson (1782–1875) married Andrew Leete (1776–1865)

This family and the children's spouses were members of the Christ Church (Anglican) of Guysborough, Nova Scotia. The surname has also been spelled MacPherson, but this is by living descendants.

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Much of this information is drawn from the work of Barbara Gray Dorey (no relative of my Dorey family!). She is a descendant of Paul McPherson.

In her story of Paul McPherson, she wrote that, disabled and injured as he was by the wounds suffered in the Revolutionary War in New York, he came with his regiment to Nova Scotia where he was rewarded with land.

Paul arrived in the Guysborough area with a wife, Mary, and step-child, Mary McPherson. After their arrival and establishing a family home, Paul and Mary began their own family. Paul raised his step-daughter as his own.

From this sketch, others have assumed some details I have come to doubt.

Paul's wife and step-child had belonged to a man named James McPherson. (No relationship is claimed between Paul and James based on their surname, it was fairly common in the New World at that time.) James and Mary had married in New York and had a daughter there — before James died of unknown causes. Mary was a widow when she took up with Paul McPherson.

James McPherson

Parents:

Born: ? Scotland

Married: Mary

Died: New York

Children:

Mary McPherson, b. abt. 1782 New York; m. 12-7-1800 Andrew Leet.

The evidence for James McPherson being the father of the Mary McPherson who married Andrew Leet is Mary's death record in 1875. It said she was age 93, born New York, and her father was James McPherson.

James is believed (by Barbara Dorey) to have died in New York during the Revolutionary War. His widow is believed to have remarried Paul McPherson who was in The King's 17th Regiment of Foot.

I have yet to see any evidence of this marriage.

There was a James McPherson in Guysborough in the early days. He was likely Dr. James McPherson was the surgeon of the Duke of Cumberland's Regiment. Members of that regiment arrived Chedabucto on June 20, 1784. *Guysborough Sketches and Essays* cites on p. 291

Children of Dr. James McPherson and Ann

Elizabeth, b. 5-5-1785

Mary, b. 11-6-1786

Isabella, b. 4-22-1788

Ann, b. 4-7-1790

John, b. 11-15-1791

A. C. Jost found no connection between this McPherson family and any other. The children were born in Guysborough. There are a number of facts here that make it unlikely that this Dr. James was the father of the Mary McPherson who married Andrew Leete.

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A marriage license was issued 9-3-1783 in New York to James McPherson, merchant of New York, and Mary McNeil, New York spinster, This couple could very well be Mary (McPherson) Leet's parents. A Mary McNeil was baptized 1761 New York City; this woman was 22 in 1783. Without supporting evidence, any relationship to my Leete family is circumstantial. But the connections are possible.

Paul McPherson

Parents:

Born: about 1734 Banffshire or Inverness, Scotland

Married: Mary, born England 1754⁸, died 3-10-1848 Guysborough, NS age 90; death recorded at Christ Church, Guysborough (believed by some to be Mary Oliver)

Died: 5-28-1828, death recorded Christ Church Anglican in Guysborough

Paul enlisted in The King's 17th Regiment of Foot in 1761. His regiment served in New York during the Revolutionary War. From the summer of 1776 to December 1778 he was a prisoner of war. He received serious injuries to one arm, leaving him slightly disabled. He was discharged in 1781 in New York after 20 years of service as a Private Soldier because of his disabled arm; in addition to the regular pay, he was given two months of pay so that he could return to England and enter Chelsea Hospital. Apparently he did not go to England, but chose to stay on the muster roll of the 17th and went to Halifax, Nova Scotia from Long Island and was disbanded there in 1784.

By 1785 Paul had been granted one town block in the town of Guysborough, NS and other front and back lands in the county in lieu of receiving a Chelsea pension back in Britain. Paul, his wife Mary, and her daughter Mary⁹ settled in Guysborough where Paul and his wife had several children.

Paul McPherson and wife Mary are believed to have had 8 children;

- i. **Mary McPherson (aka Molly/Polly) 1782–1875, m. Andrew Leet 1800 (son of Andrew and Submit) — this child had a different father, James McPherson**
- ii. Margaret McPherson (1785–1869), b. 8-17-1785 Manchester-Guysborough, m. Jabez Leet 1800, m. John McDonald 1815
- iii. Daniel /Donald McPherson (1788–1868), b. 5-14-1788, m. Margaret McLeod 1809, first children born 1813 and 1815
- iv. James McPherson (1790–1878), b. 12-19-1790, m. Ann Catherine Whitman 1816, fourteen children, first child born 1819
- v. John Murdoch McPherson (1793–1871), b. 6-29-1793, m. Elinor McKay 1818, eight children, first child born 1818
- vi. Robert McPherson (1795–1893), b. 6-24-1795; (no information)
- vii. Isabella McPherson (1797– 1894), b. 11-12-1797, m. James Alexander Keay 1823, nine children, first child born 1823
- viii. Hibbert McPherson (1800–1865), m. Ann Imlay 1828, twelve children, first child born unknown

While Paul was not the father of Mary McPherson, mother of Margaret Leet, he did raise her.

⁸ Her birth information is from the 1817 census. Errors are fairly common in the census, so I do not consider the birth location in England as reliable.

⁹ This statement is at odds with the identity of Paul's wife. If she was the mother of Mary (Polly) McPherson, and if James did marry Mary McNeil in New York, then Paul's wife is Mary McNeil and she was born New York, not England as the 1817 census states. It then matters if Paul was married when he came to Guysborough. And where would Paul and Mary have met if not New York? Could they have baptized their children if they could not prove their marriage?

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Mary McPherson

Parents: James McPherson and Mary

Born: abt. 1782 New York

Married: 12-7-1800 Andrew Leete (1776–1865) in Guysborough Intervale, NS

Died: 5-28-1875 Guysborough Intervale, NS age 93¹⁰

Children:

Submit Leet, b. 4-14-1802 Guysborough, NS; m. Rory McDonald (b. abt. 1800).

Jannah H. Leet, b. 2-18-1804 Guysborough Intervale, NS; d. aft. 1896, Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. (1) Honora Ryan; d. 10-25-1881 Guysborough.

Mary Leet, b. 6-19-1807 Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. 12-10-1824 John Anderson; d. 1-31-1881 Muskoka, ON.

Margaret Leet, b. 6-3-1809 Guysborough-Intervale, NS; m. 5-7-1829 Philip Dorey in Guysborough, NS.

Andrew Leet, b. 5-7-1811; m. Margaret Bears.

Cassandra Leet, b. 3-9-1813 Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. 2-27-1832 Henry Varley in Guysborough, NS. They moved to New Harbor, ME.

James Augustus Leet, b. 4-9-1815 Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. (1) Miss McDonald; m. (2) Lucy Burril Stevens (b. 6-17-1818 Providence, RI, d. 10-21-1855 Bristol, RI); m. (3) 8-10-1858 Harriet L. Stevens in Ipswich, MA; d. 1-30-1881 Ipswich, MA of dropsey.

John Zadoc Leet, b. 7-9-1817 Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. Abigail McKay.

Isabella Leet, b. 5-12-1820 Guysborough Intervale, NS; d. 6-7-1910 age 90 years 1 month of old age and after 2 weeks of illness, unmarried.

Harriet Leet, b. 7-22-1823 Guysborough Intervale, NS; m. John Connors.

Alexander Tyrus Leet, b. 2-15-1826 Guysborough Intervale, NS; d. killed 11-16-1854 in Boston, MA.

The European Settling of Connecticut

In 1614 the first European, a Dutch explorer named Adrien Block, sailed along the Connecticut coast and up the Connecticut River and claimed the area for the Dutch. By 1632 the Dutch established trading posts along the coast and the Connecticut River. The next year they founded a settlement at modern Hartford. The English colonists first began to explore the Connecticut lands in 1632, and within a year settlers had arrived. The first English settlers came from Plymouth, Massachusetts and founded the town of Windsor. More colonists arrived thereafter, founding the towns of Hartford and Wethersfield. In 1636 the three towns united to form the Colony of Connecticut. In 1638 a group of Puritans, led by the Reverend John Davenport, established the town of New Haven; they had sailed from England on the ship *Hector*¹¹. In 1639 they were followed by a second group of about 250 Puritans led by Reverend Henry Whitfield. It was this last group that included William Leete and Henry Doude.

¹⁰ There is a death record for Mary Leet, daughter of Paul and Mary McPherson, who died 5-28-1873 age 93. The numbers imply a birth year of 1780.

¹¹ The *Hector* arrived in Boston on 6-26-1637 after a voyage of about two months. The immigrants remained there for nine months before sailing on to what became New Haven, then called Quinnipiac. The immigrants gave goods to the local Indians, selected a town site, laid out lots, and assigned the lots to planters, all without a charter to settle the area. A year later, on 6-4-1639, the immigrants formed a civil government which they formalized with a contract.

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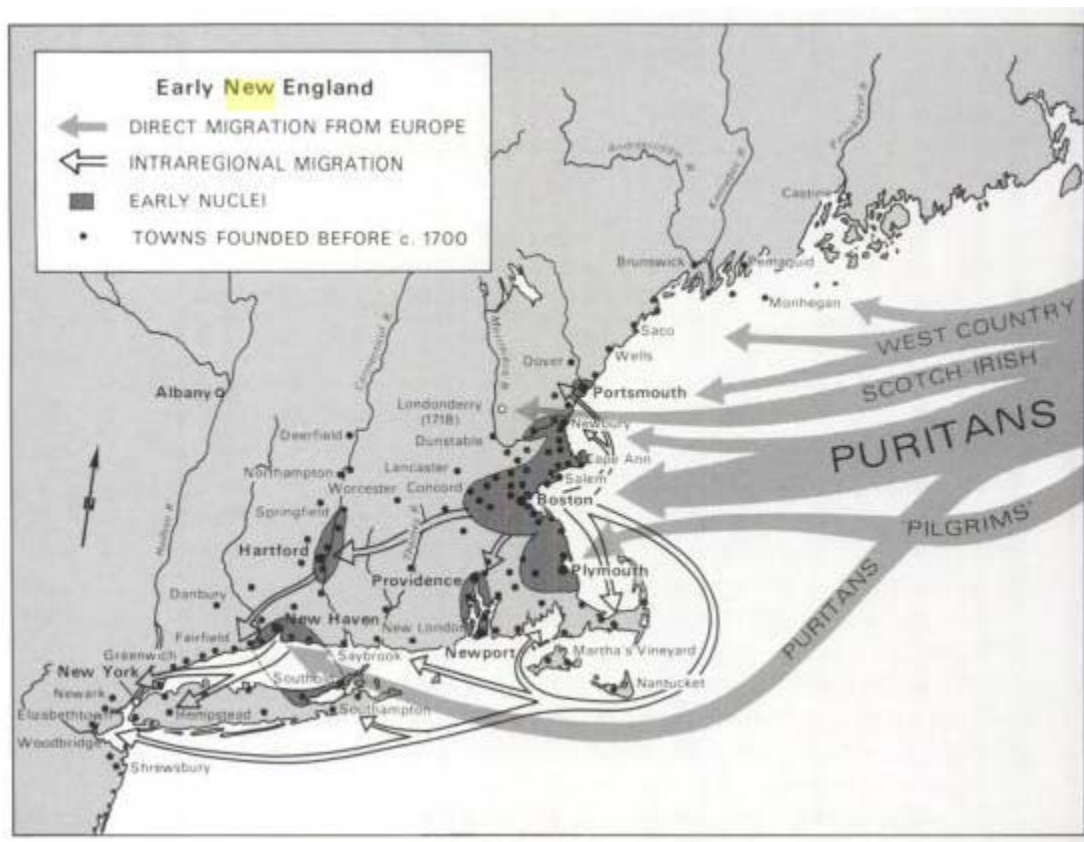
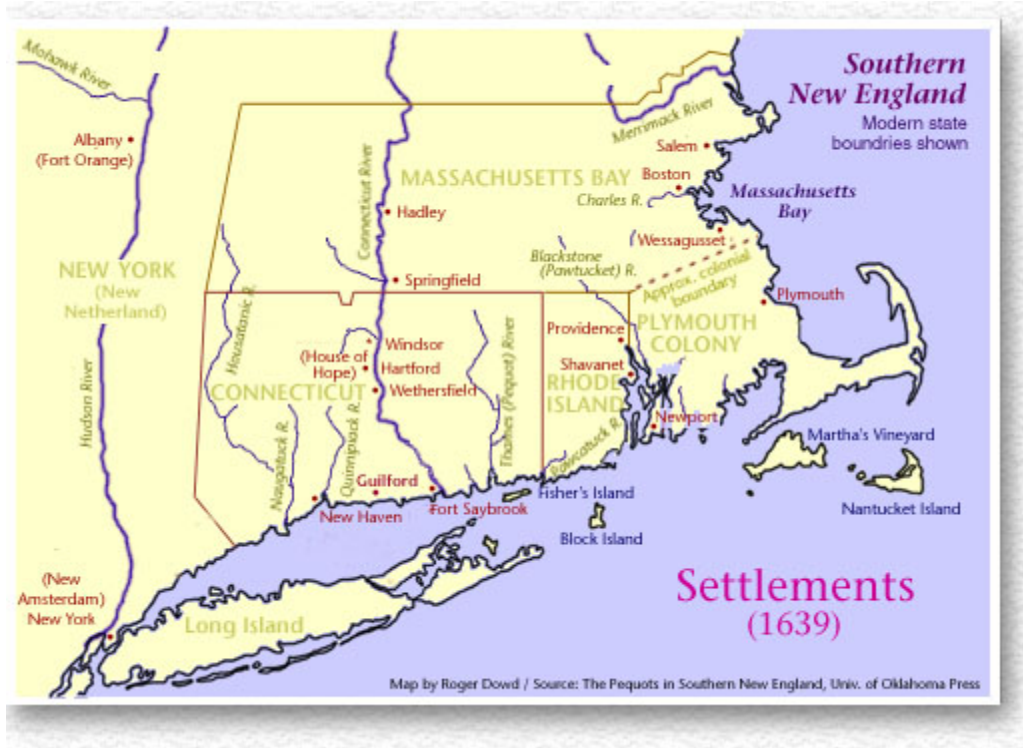


Fig. 2. From *The Shaping of America* By Donald William Meinig (1986)

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COVENANT. We, whose names are hereunder written, intending by God's gracious permission to plant ourselves in New England, and, if it may be, in the southerly part, about Quinnipiac: We do faithfully promise each to each, for ourselves and families, and those that belong to us that we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves together in one intire plantation; and to be helpful each to the other in every common work, according to every man's ability and as need shall require; and we promise not to desert or leave each other or the plantation, but with the consent of the rest, or the greater part of the company who have entered into this engagement. As for our gathering together in a church way, and the choice of officers and members to be joined together in that way, we do refer ourselves until such time as it shall please God to settle us in our plantation. In witness whereof we subscribe our hands, the first day of June, 1639.

Robert Kitchell, John Stone, Thomas Norton, John Bishop, William Plane, Abraham Cruttenden, Francis Bushnell, Richard Gutridge, Francis Chatfield, William Chittenden, John Hughes, William Halle, William Leete, Wm. Dudley, Thomas Naish, Thomas Joanes, John Parmelin, Henry Kingsnorth, John Jurdon, John Mephram, Henry Doude, William Stone, Henry Whitfield, Thomas Cooke.^[1447]

Fig. 3. The Guilford Covenant signed at sea onboard the *St. John* on 6-1-1639

Weather

The Little Ice Age is commonly assigned to the 16th century to the mid 19th century. It is generally agreed that there were three minima, beginning about 1650, about 1770, and 1850, each separated by slight warming intervals. The New York Times reported in 1988: In colonial times, Long Island Sound froze over, the Hudson River froze over. It was certainly colder in Connecticut during the times addressed here than in modern times.

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"In *The Descendants of Henry Doude*, Willis Wedworth Dowd made a number of errors and omissions that were reprinted many times and passed along as fact to this day. His scholarship was phenomenal for the time. However, he did not have access to databases and the research tools we have now. In an attempt

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