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172. RUTH BISBEE³ (*Mary Oldham¹, Mary Sprout¹, Elizabeth² Samson, Henry⁴*), daughter of John Bisbee and his wife Mary Oldham [43], was born probably at Marshfield about 1712, the first child of her parents and her birth unrecorded. She was living on 3 April 1762 when she signed a deed with her husband.

She married 9 May 1733 at Pembroke (VR 238, 241), **JOB BONNEY**, who was born about 1710 and baptized 26 April 1713 at Pembroke (VR 42), son of James and Abigail (Bishop) Bonney (NEHGR 89:221). His sister Ruth married her brother John Bisbee [#189].

Job Bonney and Ebenezer Bonney, both of Pembroke, on 30 March 1757 quitclaimed to Ichabod Bonney of Pembroke their rights in the 25th and 29th lots of cedar swamp in the second division of commons that belonged to the towns of Duxbury and Pembroke; the deed was acknowledged 15 March 1762 and recorded 12 September 1765 (Plymouth LR 51:12). Job Bonney of Pembroke, housewright, on 3 April 1762 sold, for £500, to Jedediah Beals "of a Place called the Country Grant adjoining to Hardwick in the County of Worcester .. husbandman," 44 acres in Pembroke, part of the 17th and 44th lots in the Major's Purchase, along the highway leading from Pembroke to Halifax; Ruth also signed, using her mark, and the deed was acknowledged the same day and recorded 29 October 1765 (Plymouth LR 51:219). The fact that both deeds were recorded in the fall of 1765 suggests that Job may have died shortly before.

The family probably removed from Pembroke to Hardwick around 1762, but no further record of them has been found. Neither Job nor Ruth is listed as head of a household in the 1790 census in Massachusetts. There are no probate records for them in Plymouth or Worcester Counties.

Children of Job and Ruth (Bisbee) Bonney (*Bonney Gen.*, 11-12*):

1. **JETHRO BONNEY⁶**, b. 1735; d. 1813 Cornwall, Conn.; m. Cornwall (1) 5 Aug. 1761, **RACHEL WALEY** or **BAILEY** (both spellings in VR), (2) 11 May 1780, **DORCAS ALLEN** (Barbour, 301).

Bonney children, b. Cornwall (Barbour, 300-01): 1. *Chloe Bonney*, b. 27 Aug. 1762. 2. *Jotham Bonney*, b. 28 Nov. 1764. 3. *Heman Bonney*, b. 13 Feb.

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- 1767; d. 27 Oct. 1783. 4. *Ann Bonney*, b. 29 July 1769. 5. *Lucy Bonney*, b. 3 Feb. 1772. 6. *Levi Bonney*, b. 10 Sept. 1774.
- ii JONATHAN BONNEY, bp. 13 March 1737 Pembroke (VR 42), where his death on 25 Dec. 1756 "in ye Army" was recorded in the church records (NEHGR 136:33). He was a colonel in the Crown Point Expedition (*Bonney Gen.*).
- iii BENJAMIN BONNEY, bp. 6 May 1739 Pembroke (VR 39); d. 4 Sept. 1803 Chesterfield, ac 64 (White, 1:321); m. (1) Pembroke, 3 April 1759 (VR 240), SILENCE WHITE, b. 13 Oct. 1737, dau. Nathan White, d. 1764 Chesterfield, the first person to die there (Chesterfield Cem., 1235A); m. (2) 29 Nov. 1765 Killingly, Conn., HANNAH DAY, b. there 5 Sept. 1746 (Barbour, 232, 233), d. 21 March 1839 Hamilton, N.Y. (pension rec.) "on the Bonney Farm," ac 92, dau. David and Bathsheba (Burch) Day. The will of David Day of Worthington, yeoman, dated 21 Oct. 1785, proved 21 Oct. 1787, names among others daughter Hannah Bonney and appoints son-in-law Benjamin Bonney executor (Hampshire PR 15:225). Benjamin served in the Revolution and in the Mass. Legislature, and was one of the first selectmen of the town of Chesterfield (*Chesterfield Fam.*, 56). Hannah applied for a widow's pension 23 Nov. 1838, living then with her widowed daughter-in-law in Hamilton, N.Y. Only two children, David and Walter, survived their father Benjamin F. Bonney, probably a grandson, was adm. of Hannah's estate in Madison Co., N.Y., in 1839 (pension rec.).
- Bonney* children with first wife (*Chesterfield Fam.*, 56-57): 1. *Marcy Bonney*, b. 17 June 1759 Pembroke; d. 6 March 1817. 2. *Rizpah Bonney*, b. 15 Dec. 1761 Northampton; m. Christopher Page.
- Bonney* children with second wife, all b. Chesterfield (*ibid.*, omits Peter): 3. *Walter Bonney*, b. 20 Oct. 1766; m. Betsy Sprague; res. Conneaut, Pa., 1838. 4. *Paulina Bonney*, b. 5 Feb. 1770; m. Caleb Healy. 5. *David Day Bonney*, b. 26 Oct. 1772; m. (1) Eunice Wilder, (2) Nancy House. 6. *Peter Bonney*, b. 1 May 1773. 7. *Benjamin Bonney*, b. 23 Dec. 1781; to Hamilton, N.Y. 8. *Hannah Day Bonney*, b. 26 Jan. 1784. 9. *Ralph Bonney*, b. 13 May 1786. 10. *Marshall Bonney*, b. 18 Jan. 1789; d. Hamilton, N.Y. 11. *Triphosa Bonney*, b. 10 April 1791.
- iv MARY BONNEY, bp. 7 June 1741 Pembroke (VR 44); m. there 17 Jan. 1760 (VR 242), WEBSTER HAYFORD, b. Pembroke 3 Nov. 1736, son of Daniel and Deliverance (Boles) Hayford (VR 104); res. New Braintree 1789, Worthington 1790, later Boonville, N.Y.
- Hayford* children, first 4 bp. Pembroke (VR 104), 2 youngest m. New Braintree as Hefford (VR 90): 1. *Mary Hayford*, bp. 16 Nov. 1760. 2. *Webster Hayford*, bp. 1 Aug. 1763. 3. *Jonathan Bonney Hayford*, bp. 1 Sept. 1764. 4. *Deliverance Hayford*, bp. 22 Feb. 1766. 5. *Ruth Hayford*, m. 16 Dec. 1789 Timothy Higgins. 6. *Samuel Hayford*, m. int. 4 Feb. 1795 with Polly Rice.

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- v LEVI BONNEY, b. ca 1743; d. 24 May 1824 prob. Canaan, N.Y.; m. Cornwall, Conn., 4 Oct. 1764 (Barbour, 301), MARY MAY, b. 25 Dec. 1746, dau. Edward May. He was a carpenter and farmer and served in both the French and Indian War and in the Revolution. The family moved from Salem, Washington Co., N.Y., to Hamilton, N.Y., and later to Homer, Cortland Co., where their daughter Lucretia lived (*Bonney Gen.*, 27).

Bonney children, b. Cornwall, Conn. (Barbour, 301): 1. *Edward Bonney*, b. 24 June 1765. 2. *Ruth Bonney*, b. 3 April 1768. 3. *Jeibro May Bonney*, b. 15 March 1771. 4. *Lucretia Bonney*, b. 13 March 1774; m. Benjamin Cleveland. 5. *John Birbee Bonney*, b. 13 March 1777. 6. *Mary Bonney*, b. 28 April 1779. 7. *Respah Bonney*, b. 13 April 1782. 8. *Sally Bonney*, b. 25 Dec. 1786.

- vi RUTH BONNEY, b. 1746; d. 12 April 1809 Chesterfield, ac 63; m. Hardwick, 24 Feb. 1767 (VR 147), ABIEL STETSON, b. Scituate 23 Oct. 1738, son of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson (VR 1:348, 2:266), d. Chesterfield 28 Aug. 1819. *Stetson Gen.* quotes their grandson: "My grandfather wintered in Chesterfield the first winter, in company with a man named Benjamin Bryant, also from Scituate; and I have heard him say that they lived in a log house, covered with bark obliged to watch, and keep a good fire burning all night, to prevent freezing to death."

Stetson children (*Stetson* 1847, 25): 1. *Mary Stetson*, b. ca 1768; m. Elias Parsons. 2. *Cynthia Stetson*, b. March 1772, m. Dean Franklin; to Wisconsin. 3. *Bela Stetson*, b. Oct. 1776. 4. *Hannah Stetson*, m. Nathan Henly; to Marcellus, N.Y.

- vii ELIZABETH BONNEY, probably the Elizabeth Bonney "of a gore of land adjoining Ware" who m. Ware, 17 Sept. 1772, JAMES TACKELS of Ware (Ware VRs 44).

- viii JOB BONNEY, bp. 22 April 1750, Second Church, Pembroke (VR 42); d. by 1 May 1801 when adm. on his estate was granted to his widow (Worcester PR #6246); m. Ware 3 Nov. after mt. 1 Sept. 1772 (VR 44, 207), CHRISTEN TACKLES, who d. Brookfield, "Christian w. of Job," 6 July 1829 ac 82 and is buried in Ragged Hill Cemetery, Brookfield (VR 466). His m. rec. calls him "of a gore of land adjoining Ware"; it was prob. his sister Elizabeth who m. James Tackels the same year. They are not found in 1790 census, but in 1800 res. Hardwick, Job and wife 45+, 1 young woman and 1 young man 16-26, 2 boys 10-16, and 1 little girl under 10 (p.295).

Inventory of Job's estate taken 7 Aug. 1804 included 61 acres with dwelling and barn in Hardwick on the east side of the Ware River, and one other piece of land in Ware (Worcester PR 223:214). Dower was set off to Christina (*vid*) Bonney 23 Oct. 1804 by Asa Bams, John Bleason, and Ephraim Adams (*ibid.*, 34:26-27), and on the same day Elijah Clapp was appointed guardian of minors William and Job Bonney (Worcester PR Files 6247, 6249).

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On 5 April 1805 at Brookfield, Christina Bonney, Isaac Bonney, and Elijah Clapp as guardian for William and John Bonney, signed receipts.

Bonney children (prob. incomplete): 1 *Isaac Bonney*⁷. 2 *William Bonney*. 3. *John Bonney*.

- ix CHARLES BONNEY (twin), bp. 21 June 1752, Second Church, Pembroke (VR 39). He was "of a Gore of Land joining to Hardwick and New Bramtree" when he m. (1) at Brookfield, 29 Oct. 1776 (VR 275), BARSHEBA ANDROSS, b. Ware, d. there between 1786 and 1792; m. (2) at Ware, 12 June 1793 after mt. 8 April, OLIVE ROOD (VR 212, 252). He is listed at Ware in 1790 with a household consisting of a man over 16, 3 boys under 16, and 2 females (*Heads of Fam.*, 126).

Bonney children with first wife, Barsheba, rec. Ware (VR 85): 1 *Sally Bonney*⁷, b. 25 Oct. 1777. 2. *Lacy Bonney*, b. 18 July 1778; m. Luther Curns; res. Chesterfield. 3. *Harvey Bonney*, b. 9 July 1781. 4. *John Bonney*, b. 4 Oct. 1782. 5. *Ruth Bonney*, b. 27 April 1786.

Bonney children with second wife, Olive, rec. Ware (VR 85): 6. *Nathan Bonney*, b. 7 Sept. 1793.** 8. *Luke Bonney*, b. 6 Feb. 1795. 9. *Bathsheba Bonney*, b. 17 Oct. 1796. 10. *Olive Bonney*, b. 17 July 1798. 11. *Eliza Bonney*, b. 23 March 1800.

- x LUKE BONNEY (twin), bp. 21 June 1752 Second Church, Pembroke (VR 43); m. 5 Nov. 1772 Hardwick (VR 147), MERCY THOMAS, b. 6 April 1752 Hardwick (VR 111), dau. Amos and Abigail (____) Thomas. Luke was clerk of the Baptist Church in Chesterfield in 1789, and a delegate to the convention that formed the State Constitution 1779-1780. Capt. Luke Bonney is listed in the 1790 census at Chesterfield with 1 man over 16, 6 boys under 16, and 3 females (*Heads of Fam.*, 106).

Bonney children (*Bonney Gen.*, 29; *Chesterfield Fam.*, 57-58, omits Benjamin, Amos, and Sophia): 1 *Luke Bonney*⁷, b. 5 Oct. 1774 "at Brantley in Hardwick." 2 *Mercy Bonney*, b. 5 May 1777 [sic prob. 1776] Worthington; m. David Norton. 3. *Benjamin Bonney*, b. May 1777 in Conn. 4. *Abigail Bonney*, b. 13 Jan. 1779 Chesterfield; m. Joseph Cushman. 5. *Lewis Bonney*, b. 25 Oct. 1781 Chesterfield; m. Hannah French. 6. *Amos Bonney*, b. 1783. 7. *Jonathan Bonney*, b. 30 July 1787 Chesterfield; d. 1848, a physician in Illinois. 8. *Josiah Sears Bonney*, b. 18 Feb. 1789 Chesterfield. 9. *Sophia Bonney*, b. ca Aug. 1795; d. 18 Feb. 1796 at 6m; bur. Ireland Street Cemetery, Chesterfield.

- xi MERCY BONNEY, bp. 20 Oct. 1754 Second Church, Pembroke (VR 44).

* *Bonney Gen.* adds another Jonathan, "d. y.", as the second child, but he is probably a confusion with the Jonathan who d. in military service.

** Nathan was probably the 17-yr. old mentioned in *Hardwick Hist.*, 309, who foolishly lifted a 600-lb. triphammer in a test of strength and died not long afterward on 13 April 1811.

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He married 6 September 1733 at Pembroke (VR 238), ABIAH BONNEY, daughter of James and Abigail (Bishop) Bonney, and sister of Job Bonney who married John's sister Ruth Bisbee [#188].* Abiah was born 4 May 1712 at Pembroke (VR 38), and died after 23 March 1749/50 when her last known child was born.

Children of John and Abiah (Bonney) Bisbee, b. Pembroke (VR 34-35; *Giles Mem.*, 197n):

- i ABNER BISBEE⁶, b. 31 July 1734; d. Springfield, Vt., 28 Sept. 1805; m. in 1767 Charlestown, Vt., MARY HALL, b. 1752 Brattleboro, Vt., d. 27 July 1825 Springfield, Vt., dau. John Hall.

Bisbee children, b. Springfield, Vt. (*Giles Mem.*, 197; *Bisbee Gen.*, 42):

- 1 *Elizabeth Bisbee*⁷, b. 18 Feb. 1769. 2. *Abner Bisbee*, b. 24 Sept. 1773. 3. *John Bisbee*, b. 3 Sept. 1777. 4. *Eliza Bisbee*, b. 25 April 1780. 5. *Sarah Bisbee*, b. 18 Oct. 1782. 6. *Elijah Bisbee*, b. 26 April 1786. 7. *Gad Bisbee*, b. 2 Jan. 1789.

- ii MERCY BISBEE, b. 28 Oct. 1736; d. Sheridan, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., 1 March 1821; m. 1755 HEZEKIAH HOLMES, a 4th-generation descendant of Henry Samson [#92, q.v.].

Holmes children, b. Pembroke (VR 108) (these are also 5th generation Samsons; see Families #379-383):

- 1. *Lucinda Holmes*, b. 24 April 1756. 2. *Orsamus Holmes*, b. 11 Oct. 1757. 3. *Cynthia Holmes*, b. 24 June 1760; d. 23 May 1761. 4. *Laurana Holmes*, b. 17 Jan. 1762. 5. *Abiah Holmes*, b. 6 Jan. 1765.

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