

The Sprague, Winslow, Webster and Bisbee Lines.

These lines came into our family through the Keens.

The Sprague Family

Francis Sprague arrived in Plymouth, Mass. in 1623, with his wife Lydia and daughters on the good ship "Anne" a ship commanded by Wm. Pierce and the same one in which the wife and five daughters of Richard Warren came. In 1637 he was admitted Freeman of the Colony, he owned considerable property and was licensed to sell spirituous liquors, was an Inn Holder as late as 1666. Mr. Sprague did not adhere strictly to the civic code of the Puritan fathers and was several time brought before the Court. His independence did not fully meet with the principles of the Puritans. He must have been a person of worth and great respectability. His children were: Ann and Mary (one of whom married Robert Lawrence) Mercy, m 11-9-1637 William Tubbs, Dorcas, m 10-26-1659 Ralph Earle, and John.

John Sprague, married in 1655 Ruth Basset, dau of William and Elizabeth (Tilden) Basset. They resided for a time in Marshfield, their dau Ruth was born there. He was slain in Pierce's fierce fight at Pawtucket in Phillip's War, 3-26-1676. His widow afterward married a Mr. Thomas. They had seven children: John, b abt 1656; William; Ruth, b 2-12-1659, m 8-12-1680 Elizer Smith of Dartmouth; Eliza, m George Lampson; Desire, b abt 1665, m 11-24-1696 John Gifford of Sandwich, Mass.; Samuel b abt 1670, m Ruth Alden and Dorcas, m 1-10-1710 Joseph Hatch of Falmouth.

William Sprague, married Grace Wadsworth, dau of Dea. John, s(of Christopher) and Abigail (Wait) He was chosen "Surveyor of Highways" 3-17-1708. He was drowned 11-25-1712 by the upsetting of a whale boat. Their children: Jethro, Terah, Ruth and Zerviah.

Ruth Sprague daughter of William and Grace was born 2-22-1701, married 4-18-1719 to Samuel Keen

Ref:

Sprague Families in America, by Warren Vincent Sprague, M.D.

Winslow Family

Showing the ancestry of Lydia Baker, wife of Josiah Keene, Jr. She was born 2-18-1659/60, daughter of Samuel and Elinor (Winslow) Baker, granddaughter of Kenhelm Winslow.

Lineage in England

William Wyncelow, lived in 1391. his son
William Wyncelow, Esq., son
Thomas Wyncelow, of Burton, County Essex. whose son
William Wyncelow, was the father of
Kenelem Winslow, of Lempsey, England, died 1609 in the parish of St. Andrew, Worcester, England. He married Catherine. His estates were "Clerkenleap" and "Newport's Place. His will was dated 4-14-1607, was proved Nov. 9 of same year and may still be seen in Worcester. His son
Edward Winslow of Kempsey and Droitwich, in Co. Worcester, England was born 10-17-1560 at the parish of St. Andrew, Worcester Co., and died before 1631. He probably married 1st Eleanor Pelham of Droitwich, married 2nd at St. Bride's Church, London 11-4-1594 Magdalene Ollyver. The records of this family may be found in the Parish Register of St. Peters, Droitwich. Children of Edward:
a- Richard Winslow, 1585-1659, m about 1605 Alice Hay, daughter of Edward Hurdman. Res. Draycoat in Parish of Kempsey.
b- Edward Winslow, Governor of Plymouth Colony 1595-1655 married 1st at Leyden, 5-16-1648 Elizabeth Barker, m 2nd 5-12-1621 Susanna (Fuller) White. He came to America in the Mayflower. Third signer of the Mayflower compact.
c- John Winslow 1597-1674, Boston, Mass. m 10-12-1624 Mary, daughter of James and Susanna Chilton. She d 1679 in Boston.
d- Eleanor Winslow b 4-22-1598, Droitwich. Remained in Eng.
e- KENELM WINSLOW, b 4-29-1599, d 9-13-1672 Salem; m June 1634 Ellen (Adams) widow of John, 1598-1681 Res. Marshfield, Mass.
f- Gilbert Winslow, 10-26-1600. Came to New England with brother Edward in 1620 Returned to England
g- Elizabeth, 1601-1604. St. Peter's Church
h- Magdalene. b 12-26-1604. Remained in England
i- One other child.

Kenelm Winslow

Kenelm Winslow, b 4-29-1599, d 9-13-1672, brother of Gov. Edward Winslow; from England to Plymouth in 1629, admitted freeman in 1632; surveyor town of Plymouth; original proprietor of Assonet (Freetown), 1659; representative to General Court, 1642 engaged in settlement of Yarmouth and other towns; member of Marshfield military company; married June 1634 Ellen Adams widow of John Adams; born 1598 and bur. 12-5-1681. Res. Marshfield, Mass. Their children were:
a- Kenelm, b abt 1635; d 11-11-1715; m Mercy Worden m 2nd Damaris.

Kenelm Winslow continued

- b- Eleanor or Ellen, b abt 1637; d 8-27-1676, m Samuel Baker of Marshfield 12-29-1656
- c- Nathaniel Winslow, b abt 1639; d 12-1-1719, m Faith Miller
- d- Job Winslow, b abt 1641; d 7-14-1720; m Ruth

Children of Ellen or Eleanor and Samuel Baker

- 1- Kenelm, b 3-23-1657, m Sarah Bradford
- 2- Lydia, b 2-18-1659 married Josiah Keen, Jr.
- 3- Elizabeth, b 3-18-1661
- 4- Alice, b 5-19-1663
- 5- Eleanor, b 1665
- 6- Mary, b 5-9-1667
- 7- Two more.

Ref:-

Immigrants To America before 1750, page 132
The Compendium of American Genealogy..Virkus, page 74
Winslow Memorial, Volume I, pages 73-79.

Webster Family

(Showing the lineage from Gov. John Webster to Hannah Webster)

Webster, as a surname is derived from the Anglo-Saxon webbestre, meaning a female weaver, thus is of occupational origin. John Webster was the progenitor of Noah Webster, the lexicographer, who claimed, in part that the Websters settled in Yorkshire at an early period, held the manor of Lockington, Yorkshire in the time of Richard II(1389-99). The family was founded by John Webster, of Bolover. One of his descendants, also named John Webster received large grants of land from Henry VI upon the dissolution of the monasteries (1509-47). From him is descended in the third generation the John Webster who came to New England from England about 1630.

John had married Agnes Smith in England November 7, 1609 and she came with him to Massachusetts around 1630. He removed to Hartford, Conn. and in 1636 was listed as one of the original proprietors. He was one of ten out of 153 original settlers accorded the honor of being addressed as "Mr." He held many high governmental offices and as Governor of the Colony in 1656.

His will recorded in Northampton, Mass., mentioned his wife Agnes; sons Matthew, William, Thomas, Robert; daughters Marsh, Markham and Mary. His wife survived him by six years.

Robert Webster, his son also held many public offices in Middletown, Conn. Served in the War of 1675. He married in 1652 Susannah Treat, said to have been the daughter of Richard and Alice (Gaylord) Treat who were married in England, April 27, 1615. She died in 1705. In her will the children are named as; John, Sarah, Jonathan, Susannah, Samuel, Robert, Joseph, Benjamin, William, Mary and Elizabeth, the first four were born in Middletown, the rest in Hartford.

From Jonathan the line follows thru Jonathan, Jonathan, the miller, Ashbel, Ashbel to the father of Hannah, another Ashbel. This Ashbel, a farmer, was born Feb. 15, 1783, died at the home of his parents March 7, 1823. He married 1st at DeRuyter, Madison Co., N.Y., Nov. 2, 1804, Lois Page who died there June 17, 1807. He married 2nd Avis Burton who was born Sept. 15, 1791. She died April 9, 1820 in Susquehanna Co., Pa. Children by first wife, Justin Page, b 9-18-1805. By second marriage: Jerus Lamphere b 3-16-1809, Eliza Lucretia, b 4-25-1811, Mercy b 3-3-1814, Hannah Jane, b 9-15-1816, Madison Co., N.Y., John Burrton b 2-15-1819. These children, orphans, were raised by friends and relatives.

Hannah Jane Webster, m Zebulon Keene... page 13.

Ref; Governor John Webster and His Family.. Myrtle M. Lewis
Gen. Dictionary of the Settlers of New England.. Savage

BISBEE FAMILY RECORDS
(Ancestry of Ruth Bisbee Keen)

(Various methods of writing this name are found in the old records: Besbedge, Besbidge, Besbeech, Beesbeech, Besbitch, Bisbe, Besbey, Bisby and Bisbee.)

JOHN BESEECH (Bisbee)

John Beseech was the father of the original immigrant to New England, Thomas Bisbee. He lived and was buried in Biddenden, County Kent, England; buried Feb. 26, 1609, he married Mrs. Dorothy (Austin) Foster, daughter of Mary Austin, widow of Thomas Foster, Oct. 31, 1586/7. She was buried in Biddenden Jan. 1, 1619. Their children were:

John, Jr. baptised in All Saints Church, Oct. 8, 1587

Thomas, baptised in All Saints Church, Mar. 3, 1589

Sarah, baptised in All Saints Church, Aug. 13, 1592

"Will of John Besbeech"

of Biddenden in the County of Kent, Yeoman, June 28th, 7, 1609. To be buried in the Parish Churchyard of Biddenden.

To my wife, Dorothy, a cow, half my corn, all my leases and a bedstead which standeth in the house where Richard Foster, her son, now dwelleth.

To Richard Foster and Patience, his wife, Thomas Foster and Elizabeth, his wife and Thomas Stocke and his wife, to each a gold ring, of value 10s.

To young John Beale, my godschild, 20s.

The residue of my goods and chattels, unbequeathed, to my two sons, John Besbich and Thomas Besbeech, and them I make my executers.

My will Regarding My Lands

To my wife, Dorothy, for her dowry, 20 pounds a year out of my lands, but if she marry again, only 14 pounds.

Thomas Besbedge

Thomas Besbedge, the common ancestor of the New England Family of Bisbee, was the son of John and Dorothy (Austin, Foster) Besbeech. He was born in Biddenden, County Kent, England, was baptised, All Saints Church, Mar. 3, 1589/90; died in Sudbury, Mass. Mar. 9, 1673/4; married in Biddenden to Anne Baseden, who died in Frittenden, County Kent, England, Apr. 21, 1634. In 1635 he sailed to New England on the ship "Hercules". He had obtained a certificate of conformity as required by law in order to emigrate. He took with him his two daughters and seven servants. He apparently was a man of some wealth and position in the old country, and a man of influence in Plymouth Colony. He became a member of Lothrop's Church, the first gathered at

Scituate, and was chosen one of its first deacons. (Elder Nathaniel Tilden, ruling elder of this church, had also come on the "Hercules.") He remained in Scituate but a short time, for in 1638 he bought a house of Wm. Palmer in Duxbury and moved there. In 1643 he was chosen Representative from Duxbury to the General Court. He was one of the grantees of Seipicon, (now Rochester) but the grant was not accepted and Mr. Bisbee subsequently moved to Marshfield, where his name appears on a petition to the General Court. He afterwards moved to Sudbury, where he lived several years before his death. His will, dated Nov. 25, 1672, bequeaths all his houses and lands to Hedcorn and Frittenden, Old England, to his grandson, Thomas Brown, and makes two other grandsons, William and Edward Brown, executors. His children:

Elisha
Sarah, born Frittenden, 1-6-1621
Mary
Elizabeth, born Frittenden in 1622
Alice, baptised, Frittenden, 6-29-1624

Elisha Bisbee, no record of birth, probably son of Anne Basden B., died in Duxbury, Mass., 11-12-1695, married Joanna. In 1644 he kept a ferry in Scituate, where Union Bridge now stands. His house stood near the bridge, on the west side of the river and on the south side of the road. His house was a tavern. Their children:

Hopestill, born 9-7-1645, (Bapt.) m Sarah, no children
John, bapt. 12-21-1645, married Joanna Brooks
Mary, bapt. 9-10-1648, married Jacob Beals Bacon.
Elisha, bapt. 10-29-1654; m 1st Sarah King, 2nd Mary/
Hannah, bapt. 12-7-1656, m Thomas Brooks
Martha, bapt. 4-27-1651, m Jonathan Turner, 1677

John Bisbee, bapt. Second Church, Scituate, Mass. 12-21-1647; died at Pembroke, Mass. 9-4-1726; married in Marshfield, Mass. 9-13-1687 to Joanna Brooks, dau of William Brooks, she was born in 1659, died 8-17-1726. Their children:

Martha, baptized 10-21-1688
John, Jr. born 9-15-1690, m Mary Oldham
Elijah, born 1-29-1691/2, m Eleanor Pierce
Mary, born 3-28-1693
Moses, born 10-20-1695, m Mary Reed, 7-30-1716
Elisha, born 6-3-1699, m Patience Soanes
Aaron, born April 1700, married Abigail
Hopestill, born 4-16-1702, m Hannah Churchill, Plymton

John Bisbee, Jr., born 9-15-1690, died in Pembroke, Mass., 8-2-1773, married Mary Oldham, of Marshfield, 1-31-1710/11. Their children:

John 3rd, b Pembroke, 11-7-1714
Jonah, b Pembroke, 3-14-1716/17
Gideon, b Pembroke, 5-23-1719
Elizabeth, b Pembroke, 4-14-1720
Mary, b Pembroke, 2-6-1727

Married 2nd Abiah Bonney, dau of James & Desire Bonney, 9-6-1733, who was born 5-4-1702 or 1712 Their children:

Abner, born Pembroke, Mass., 7-31-1734
Mercy, born Pembroke, Mass. 10-28-1736
Elizabeth " Pembroke, Mass., 9-20-1741
Sarah, born, Pembroke; Mass. 3-9-1744/45
John 3rd, " Pembroke, Mass. 3-23-1749

Jonah Bisbee, son of John Jr. & Mary Oldham Bisbee, born 3-14-1716/17 in Pembroke,, died 2-12-1800, married in Pembroke, 8-24-1738 to Ruth Bryant, dau of Stephen and Bathsheba (Briggs) Bryant, born 5-15-1714 died 4-23-1777. Their children:

Ruth, born Pembroke, Mass., 4-25-1739
Sarah, " Pembroke, Mass., 3-16-1740
Hannah, " Pembroke, Mass., 4-7-1742
Jonah, Jr. Pembroke, Mass., 5-22-1744
Gamaliel, Bapt., Pembroke, 10-3-1749
Eleazar, born, Pembroke 9-8-1754

Ruth Bisbee, daughter of Jonah and Ruth (Bryant) Bisbee. born 4-25-1739 in Pembroke, died 1783, married Isaiah Keen. They had eight children. See Chart # A6.

Ref: Thomas Bedbidge, Scituate, Mass., 1634, by Wm. B. Lapham M.D., with corrections by W. W. Bryant. and the Genealogy of the Bisbee Family of Scituate, Duxbury, Sudbury, Mass., by Frank J. Bisbee, 1956.