

STEPHEN HOPKINS OF THE MAYFLOWER*

AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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1. STEPHEN¹ HOPKINS, born in England in 15—, died in Plymouth, Mass., between 16 June and 27 July 1644. He married first —, who died in England; and secondly, in February 1617, ELIZABETH FISHER. This second marriage may have taken place in the parish of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, London, England, but this is not probable. It is known that he was married the second time in England and that his second wife came to Plymouth with him and died there before her husband. (THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, vol. 33, p. 300, asserts that he came to America on a former expedition.) Governor Bradford says, "They lived about 20 yrs. in this place". **

An extended account of Stephen¹ and some account of the descendants of his grandson Joshua, written by Josiah Paine of Harwich, Massachusetts, was published in 1913 as #63 of the Library of Cape Cod History and Genealogy. "The Doty-Doten Family in America", by Ethan Allen Doty, 1897, p. 8, states that Stephen Hopkins was a tanner or leather maker.

Stephen Hopkins came over in the *Mayflower* with his wife Elizabeth and one child by her and two children by his first wife. He was a prominent man in the colony, and the details of his service are published in many places.

Captain Miles Standish and Mr. William Bradford deposed to his will 20 Aug. 1644, and his son Caleb was made executor. This and a full history of his records will be found in the booklet of Mr. James W. Hawes published by the *Yarmouth Register* in 1915 and in a similar booklet by Josiah Paine of Harwich.

His will was dated 6 June 1644 and proved 20 Aug. 1644. In it he mentions his deceased wife Elizabeth; his sons Giles and Caleb; his daughters Constance Snow, Deborah, Damaris, Ruth, and Elizabeth; and his grandson Stephen, son of Giles. His son Caleb was named executor. A copy of the will may be found in THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, vol. 4, p. 281.

*I have no reason to believe that John¹ Hopkins of Hartford was related to Stephen¹ of the Mayflower. I have seen statements that he was the son of Stephen; but as Stephen does not mention him in his will, and Bradford makes no reference to such a son of Stephen, and no one has found any authority which is based upon any fact, I do not think that any faith can be placed in such statements. (Letter of T. H., 28 April 1908.)

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Children by first wife:

- i. **CONSTANCE**,² sometimes written *Constanta*, b. in England ca. 1605; d. in 1670. (Note to Freeman's Cape Cod states that she d. in 1677.) It seems almost positive that she could not have been under 12 years of age when the *Mayflower* landed in 1620, and she was probably 15. She m. prior to 1628 **NICHOLAS SNOW**, who came in the *Ann* in 1623. Governor Bradford says, probably about 1650, "Constanta is also married and hath 12 children, all of them living, and one of them married". There is no positive record of all of their children, but the following are known.
 Children (surname *Snow*):*
 1. *Mark*, b. in 1628; m. (1) *Ann Cock*; m. (2) *Jane Prince*.
 2. *Joseph*, m. *Mary* ———; had children.
 3. *Stephen*, ancestor of the late Dr. *Caleb Hopkins Snow* of Boston, who d. in 1835; m. 28 Oct. 1663 the widow of *Joseph³ Rogers*.
 4. *John*, m. ———; had children.
 5. *Jabez*, m. ———; had children.
 6. *Mary*, b. ca. 1630; d. suddenly 28 April 1704 and was buried in Eastham; m. ca. 1650 *Thomas Paine*. Children (surname *Paine*): (1) *Mary*, m. (1) *Jos. Rogers*; m. (2) *Israel Cole*. (2) *Thomas*, m. (1) *Bennet Freeman*; m. (2) *Alice Mayo*. (3) *Elisha*, m. *Rebecca Doane*. (4) *John*. (5) *Nicholas*, m. *Hannah Higgins*. (6) *James*, m. *Bethia Thatcher*. (7) *Joseph*, m. *Patience Sparrow*. (8) *Dorcas*, m. *Benjamin Vickery*.
 7. *Elizabeth*, m. in 1665 *Thomas Rogers*, b. in 1638.
 8. *Sarah*, m. *William Walker*.
 9. *Ruth*, m. *John Cole*.
 10. *Hannah*, m. *Giles Rickard*.
 11. *Rebecca*, m. *Samuel Rickard*.
2. ii. **GILES**, sometimes written *Gyles*, b. in England ca. 1607.

Children by second wife:

- iii. **DAMARIS**,[†] b. in England; m. in 1646 **JACOB COOK**, son of *Francis Cook* of the *Mayflower*.
 Children (surname *Cook*):
 1. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1648; m. *John Doty*, probably the son of *Edward Doty* who came with *Stephen Hopkins* in the *Mayflower*.
 2. *Caleb*, b. in 1651.
 3. *Jacob*, b. in 1653.
 4. *Mary*, b. in 1658.
 5. *Martha*, b. in 1660; m. *Elkanah Cushman*.
 6. *Francis*, b. in 1663; m. *Elizabeth Latham*.
- iv. **OCEANUS**, b. on the voyage in 1620; d. in infancy.
- v. **DEBORAH**, b. in Plymouth in 1622; m. in 1646 **ANDREW RING**.
 Children (surname *Ring*):
 1. *William*, m. *Hannah Sherman*.
 2. *Eleazer*.
 3. *Mary*, m. *John Morton*.
 4. *Deborah*.
 5. *Susannah* (?).
 6. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1652; m. (1) *William Mayo* (?); m. (2) *John Mayo* of Eastham.
 7. *Samuel*.
- vi. **CALEB**, a seaman, b. in Plymouth; d. unm. in the Barbadoes before 1651.

*See THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, vol. 47, p. 83, and "Landmarks of Plymouth" by Davis, p. 246.

†Stephen Hopkins may have had a daughter *Damaris*, b. in England, d. after 1627 and before 1644.

- vii. RUTH, b. in Plymouth; may have d. unm. before 1659.
- viii. A DAUGHTER, b. in Plymouth; d. in infancy.
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. in Plymouth; d. unm. in 1666.

2. GILES² HOPKINS (*Stephen*¹), born in England ca. 1607, died in Eastham, an octogenarian, in 1689 or before 26 April 1690. He married in Yarmouth, 9 Oct. 1639, CATHERINE WHELDEN, died in Eastham after 15 March 1689, daughter of Gabriel Whelden of Yarmouth. See Pope's "Pioneers of Massachusetts", p. 489, for a letter from Catherine Whelden to John Shanvat, dated 1639.

He lived for a time in Plymouth but about 1638 moved to Yarmouth. He was highway surveyor of Yarmouth (Matta-keese), 1642-43, and surveyor of Yarmouth and Eastham (Nauset) until 1662. He was among the first settlers of Eastham 22 May 1655 and in 1655 he was one of the list of freemen of Eastham and one of twenty-nine voters there.

His will, dated 19 Jan. 1682, proved 5 March 1689, mentions his wife Catherine and his sons Stephen, William, Caleb, and Joshua. His son Stephen was made executor.

Of the following children, the first four are believed to have been born in Yarmouth, the remainder in Eastham. Their names are on record in Orleans.

Children:

- i. MARY,³ b. in Yarmouth in November 1640; m. in Hingham, 3 Jan. 1664/5, SAMUEL³ SMITH, bapt. in Hingham 11 July 1641. He is said to have been a merchant and to have died in Eastham 20 March 1696. (Savage says 22 March 1697, ae. 55 years.)
Children (surname *Smith*):
 1. *A child*, b. and d. in March 1667.
 2. *Samuel*, b. 26 May 1668; d. 22 Sept. 1692; m. Bathsheba Lathrop.
 3. *Mary*, b. 3 June 1669 (Savage says 1670); m. Daniel Hamilton.
 4. *Joseph*, b. 10 April 1671; d. 22 Sept. 1692, ae. 21.
 5. *John*, b. 26 May 1673; m. 14 May 1694 Bethia Snow, probably the granddaughter of Nicholas and Constance (Hopkins) Snow.
 6. *Grace*, b. 15 Sept. 1676; d. 1 Dec. 1691, ae. 15.
 7. *Deborah* (?), twin, b. 10 Dec. 1678.
 8. *Rebecca* (?), twin, b. 10 Dec. 1678.
3. ii. STEPHEN, b. in September 1642.
- iii. JOHN, b. in 1643; "and died being three months old."
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. in October 1644; m. 23 May 1667 WILLIAM MYRICK (or MERRICK), son of William Myrick.
Children (surname *Myrick*):
 1. *Rebecca*, b. 28 Nov. 1668.
 2. *William*, b. 1 Aug. 1670; d. 20 March 1670/1.
 3. *Stephen*, d. 11 March 1732; m. 21 Nov. 1706 Deborah Snow.
Children: (1) Joshua, b. 17 April 1708. (2) Snow, b. 15 Jan. 1709/10. (3) Deborah, b. 20 Jan. 1712. (4) Samuel, b. 5 Jan. 1714/15. (5) Oliver, b. 14 Dec. 1716. (6) Thomas, b. 12 Dec. 1718; m. Hannah Hopkins; (7) Simcon, b. in April 1721. (8) Jabez, b. in February 1722/3. (9) Jethro, b. in August 1725.