



*THE DAVIS FAMILY
OF*

ACTON TURVILLE, MARLBOROUGH, ENGLAND

NEWBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

HVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DAVIS

The Military Survey of Gloucestershire, England of 1522 lists **John Davys**, born about 1500. He had at least six children: James, Rdmund, John, Robert, Samuel, and a daughter whose name is unknown.

James Davys born about 1535 lived in feudal England with lands in Gloucestershire. He married Agnes Samon and they had three sons, John, Robert, Thomas, and three daughters Deenes, Dorothee, and Margaret. They were all farmers.

John Davys born about 1553 m. Agnes Chandler and they had five sons James, John, Thomas, Samuel, Ephraim, and a daughter Alice. These children lived in an exciting time! A New World had been discovered, with much it being claimed for England. James, John and Thomas decided to make it their home.

James Davis and his brothers Thomas and John came to America on the ship James in 1635, settling in Newbury MA . They are the sons of John Davys b. 1553 in Acton-Turville, Marlborough England.. John Davys is descended from John & Agnes Davys, Samuel Daveys, Ephraim Davys, and Alice Davys. Thomas removed to Haverhill MA in 1642, James with his wife and children removed to Haverhill in 1646.

James Davis b. 1585 d.29 June 1678 at Haverhill MA, m. Cicelly Thayer b. in England, d. 7 April 1668 Haverhill. Their children are Sarah, James b. 28 Jan 1621. John b. 1623, m. Jane Peasley. Judith b. 1625. Ephraim b. 1633. **Samuel** b. 26 Nov 1640.

Samuel Davis b. 26 Nov 1640 d. 10 Sept 1696 m. Deborah Barnes at Haverhill 17 Dec 1663. Children: Amos b. 15 Jun 1683 d. 25 Aoril 1686. Deborah b. 1665, d. 14 June 1718. Ephraim & Sarah b. 8 Nov 1679. Joseph b. 3 May 1673. Mary b. 1685. **Samuel** b. 1666. William b. 20 Feb 1674.

Samuel Davis b. 1666, m. Katherine Hastings b. 1666. Their children are: Elisabeth b. 17 July 1715, Katherine b. 21 July 1705, Rebeccah b. 15 July 1712, **Robert** b. 6 April 1703, Samuel b. 4 June 1718.

Robert Davis b. 6 April 1703 m. Deborah Roberson b. 1707. Their children are: **Nathaniel** b. 17 April 1727, Mary b. 20 June 1728, Judith b. 17 June 1732, Robert b. 9 June 1733, David b. 5 April 1736, Benjamin b. 25 March 1738.

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Nathaniel Davis b. 17April 1727 at Haverhill MA d. 18 September 1783 Hudson, m. 9 November 1749 **Martha Heath** b. 8 Aug 1731 (Nehemiah & Elizabeth of Amesbury MA) d. July 1816 Hudson. Their children are:
 Mary b. 16 May 1750. Elizabeth b. 4 April 1752, Ruth b.13 Jul 1761
 Martha b. 4 April 1752 m. James Whittemore,
Hannah b. 9 September 1754 m. Joseph Blodgett of Hudson.
 Samuel b. 21 December 1757 d. 1775. Sarah b. 8 April 1759.
 Nathaniel b. 7 December 1763 m. Mary Lovejoy. David b. 30 June 1767.
 Amos b. 8 June 1769 m. Hannah Smith.
 John b. 27 March 1771. The first four children were born in Haverhill, the rest in Hudson NH.

Nathaniel, Martha, and son Samuel buried at Blodgett Cemetery NH.
 Nathaniel and Martha's son Samuel was murdered at age 17, by Roland Rideout, a deranged person. That was the first murder to take place in Hudson.

Nathaniel and Martha Heath Davis removed to Hudson NH in 1755, where they had purchased the John Thompson farm near the northeast bank of the Merrimac River. Recommended reading is our library book, "The History of Hudson", by Kimball Webster: in that book, you will not only learn what life was like for the early settlers and founders of our country, but the Indian history of the region as well.

Nathaniel Davis was a member of the NH Militia, and served during the French-Indian War at Lake Champlain NY, prior to his service at the Battle of Lexington during The American Revolution, "the shot that was heard around the world".

I have included my Davis family because I believe that they are related to Samuel Davis, early settler of Pelham NH. I found an entry for Samuel Davis of Pelham in the book "Early Settlers of Amesbury & Salisbury MA". That entry was included in the family of James Davis of Haverhill and I leave it to the Davis family of Pelham to confirm, deny or elaborate upon. If I find more information on Samuel Davis of Pelham, I will forward a page to include in this offering. It will not surprise me to learn that a member of the Pelham Davis family married Rebecca Baldwin, daughter of John & Betsey Baldwin of Pelham, inasmuch as we have not found Rebecca's husband elsewhere. Rebecca was born in 1817 Pelham, so that marriage probably took place about 1835-37. Rebecca died in 1890 Hudson, widowed.