

Maurice (or Morris) Hobbs, according to tradition, left his native country under the following singular circumstances. He had been paying his addresses to a young lady, who, from some cause not mentioned, turned him off; and thereupon, he determined to emigrate to America. When the lady knew of it, she relented, and, knowing he would pass her residence as he proceeded to embark, placed herself in his view, hoping to bring about a reconciliation. To her grief, she found him inexorable; and although she accosted him with the affectionate enquiry, "Whither goest thou, Maurice?" yet he deigned not to turn his head or to look upon her. And they never saw each other more.

I. MORRIS HOBBS, born about 1615, came to Hampton between 1640 and 1645; married Sarah, daughter of William Eastow (1); lived with his father-in-law on the present homestead of Horace Hobbs (29), one of his descendants, of the seventh generation. He died Jan. 4, 1706. Children:

- William, b. about 1642; lived in Topsfield, Ms.
- John (2), b. ab. 1644; m. Sarah Colcord; d. Jan. 27, 1718.
- Sarah, m. Abraham Drake (4).
- Nehemiah (3), b. ab. 1648; m. Mary Holmes; d. Feb. 7, 1780.
- Morris (4), b. Jan. 15, 1652; m. Sarah Swett; d. Apr. 6, 1740.
- James (5), m. Sarah Fifield; d. Sept. 22, 1679.
- Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1657; m. Joseph Cass (2); d. July 3, 1692.
- Bethia, b. Feb. 28, 1659; m. John Tuck (3); d. May 29, 1738.
- Hannah, b. Apr. 9, 1662; m. David Wedgwood (8).
- Abigail, b. July 29, 1664; m. Samuel Dow (5); d. May 12, 1700.

IV. MORRIS HOBBS, son of Morris (1), married June 13, 1678, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Swett (1), and lived on the homestead (Eastow lot). Children:

- Esther, b. Apr. 12, 1679; m. Peter Johnson (5); d. Aug. 24, 1741.
- Morris (8), b. Sept. 13, 1680; m. Theodate Batchelder; d. May 7, 1789.
- Benjamin (9), m. Mary (Marston). Sarah, m. Joseph Towle (8).
- Mary, b. Mar. 5, 1687.
- John (10), b. Dec. 12, 1688; m. Abigail Dow; d. at No. H., Mar. 17, 1783.
- James (11), b. May 16, 1691; m. Lucy Dow; d. Jan. 16, 1756.
- Joseph, b. May 15, 1693; d., prob. unm., Dec. 21, 1717.
- Jonathan, b. Feb. 11, 1695; d. Oct. 20, 1715.

XI. JAMES HOBBS, son of Morris (4), married Jan. 1, 1720, Lucy, daughter of Capt. Jabez Dow (7), and settled on the old Hobbs place, as it is still known, at Little River. The house is not now standing. The last occupants were Benjamin and Olive Hobbs, his great-grandchildren. Children:

- Esther, b. Oct. 9, 1720; m. Reuben Dearborn (18).
- Jonathan (15), b. Apr. 17, 1722; m. Mary Berry; d. Jan. 3, 1756.
- Sarah, b. Apr. 11, 1724; d., unm., Aug. 17, 1749.
- James, clergyman, b. June 6, 1726; grad. Harv. Col. 1748; m. Elizabeth Batchelder; ord. first pastor of chh. in Pelham, Nov. 18, 1751; d. June 20, 1765.
- Benjamin (16), b. Apr. 18, 1728; m., 1st, Deborah Batchelder; 2d, Elizabeth Fogg; d. Apr. 22, 1804.
- Morris (17), b. June 27, 1730; m. Theodate Page; d. June 20, 1810.
- Lucy, b. Dec. 14, 1732; m. Daniel Sanborn, son of Dea. Daniel (35); d. in Sanbornton, July 15, 1813.
- Patience, b. Mar. 10, 1734; m. Simon Lamprey, son of Benjamin (3).
- Comfort, b. Mar. 28, 1736; m., 1st, John Shepard; 2d, Benjamin Lamprey (7); d. Apr. 8, 1830.