

JOHN SHERBURNE OF PORTSMOUTH, N. H., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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7. **DEA. SAMUEL⁸ SHERBURNE** (*John², John¹*), of "the Plains," Portsmouth, who inherited the homestead from his father, Capt. John, was deacon of the North Church, surveyor, and selectman. He was executor of his father's estate, 1731, and named executor in the will of his father-in-law, Judge Andrew Wiggin, 1753. He married, Feb. 27, 1726, Mercy, born in 1709, died in 1776, daughter of Hon. Andrew Wiggin, speaker of the House of Representatives of N. H., Judge of Probate, and Justice of the Supreme Court, N. H., and his wife Abigail Follett. He died intestate, Nov. 14, 1760. Inventory of his estate £7404 (Probate Papers, Exeter). Besides *Andrew, Mary, Abigail*, and *Elizabeth*, who all died in childhood, his other children were:
- i. **MARTHA**,⁴ b. Feb. 22, 1727; d. 1796; m. ——— Furber of Newington, N. H.
 20. ii. **SAMUEL, JR.**,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1730; d. 1807; of "the Plains"; a Revolutionary soldier.
 - iii. **SARAH**, b. Nov. 15, 1736; d. 1821; m. (1) Apr. 2, 1760, Ebenezer Odiorne; and m. (2) Capt. Richard Talpey. She was member of the North Church, Nov., 1783.
 - iv. **ANDREW**, b. May 22, 1738; d. 1780; m. Dec. 4, 1760, Susanna, dau. of Lieut. George and Elizabeth (Cotton) Knight of Kittery. Lieut. Knight was an officer in Sir William Pepperell's Regt., and was killed at the siege of Louisbourg, 1745. Andrew⁴ lived at Rye, and was a Revolutionary soldier in Capt. Joseph Parsons's Co., of Rye, 1775. (Rev. War Rolls, N. H.) He had thirteen children, six of whom are on birth records of Rye, N. H., among them being *Rev. Andrew*,⁴ b. Rye, Sept. 30, 1765, chaplain of 6th Regt., 1st Brigade, 6th Div., Mass., War of 1812, who published his life, 1831, and whose descendants live in Hayward, Wis.
 - v. **MARY**, b. Jan. 16, 1740; d. 1792, m. Jethro Furber of Newington, N. H. Issue: *Jethro, Jr.*, and *Phebe*.
 - vi. **ABIGAIL**, b. Apr. 11, 1748.
 - vii. **JOHN**, b. Oct. 18, 1747; of Portsmouth, a Revolutionary soldier (Rev. War Rolls, N. H.); m. Sarah Elliott, and had: *Sally*,⁴ and

son *John*, who m. in 1796, Elizabeth Morton, and had: William,⁶ John, Edward, Leonard, Augustus, Thomas Brown, and Benjamin.

8. **EPHRAIM⁴ SHERBURNE** (*John,² John¹*), of Portsmouth, and Kittery, Me., was born in 1702. His tombstone at Lee, N. H., where he died, reads "Ephraim Sherburne died Oct. 1781, aged 79 yrs." He was a successful shipbuilder, and he and his son-in-law Robert Parker were largely engaged in privateering during the Revolutionary war. He owned shipyards at Portsmouth and Kittery, Me. Jan. 14, 1774, he deeded all his estate to son-in-law Robert Parker, to take effect at his decease (*Exeter Deeds*, vol. 107, p. 102). He married, Sept. 8, 1726, Hannah Skilling of Portsmouth (*REGISTER*, vol. 24, p. 358). Kittery records have births: *Sarah,⁴* Jan. 3, 1742, and *Susannah,* Jan. 4, 1747, of whom we hear no more. *Sarah,⁴* "only child" according to family records, married in Goose Creek Church, Kittery, Oct. 30, 1760 (*Records of Goose Creek Church*) Robert Parker, mariner, who was master of the privateer *Portsmouth*, by whom she had twelve children (see *REGISTER*, vol. 54, p. 388).
9. **CAPT. HENRY² SHERBURNE, JR.** (*Henry,² John¹*), of "the Plains," born about 1693, was living in 1771, but no date of his death has been found. This is the "valiant Captain Henry Sherburne, who commanded the advance battery at the west gate," at the siege of Louisbourg, 1745, and who brought the flag of truce to Genl. Pepperell from Gov. Duchambon, who asked time to consider terms of capitulation (see *American Historical Register* for June, 1895, p. 968). He commenced his military life as a scout in Capt. Thomas Westbrook's scouting party, 1712 (*French War Rolls*, N. H. Hist. Colls., vol. i, p. 14). He was a selectman, and later an assessor, of Portsmouth, and a member of the North Church in 1747. He made many deeds styling himself "Gent." In 1739 he was executor of his father's will. He married first, Nov. 3, 1709 (at the age of 17), Mary Larrabee (North Church records); and married second, Margaret, widow of William Nelson of Portsmouth. His only child of record, a son by his first wife, was *John,⁴* of "the plains" and Epping, N. H., baptized at the North Church, Sept. 12, 1714, who died at an advanced age at Readville, Maine. W. B. Lapham, in his *History of the Nock or Knox Family* (1890), confounds this *John⁴* with *John⁴* Sherburne of Northwood, born at Hampton, Feb. 2, 1723, son of Lieut. *John²* (*Samuel,² Henry¹*). That this *John⁴* was son of Henry we know by deeds made to him by his father and his uncle Joseph and cousin Thomas (*Exeter deeds*, vol. 37, p. 323, and vol. 88, p. 443), wherein relationship is shown, and by original deeds in the possession of the compiler. He married (1) in Portsmouth Nov. 26, 1736, *Sarah Manson* (*REGISTER*, vol. 26, p. 377), by whom he had: *Rebecca,⁶* *Polly,* *Elizabeth,* *Sally,* and *Henry,* born in Portsmouth, 1745, of Schoharie Co., N. Y., who died there in 1783, adjutant of Grimes's N. Y. Regt. in the Revolution, who had an only son *John,⁶* from whose son *Henry,⁷* of Esperence, N. Y., I derived the above information, in 1870; and he married (2), about 1746, *Miriam,* daughter of Dea. Richard Shortridge of Portsmouth, by whom he had: *Richard,⁶* *Abigail,* *Job,* baptized in the North Church, Portsmouth, Sept. 4, 1757, a Revolutionary soldier, and *John,* who served in the Revolution. *Job* and *John* died in Readville, Me., about 1840. (*Knox Family*, by Lapham.)

10. CAPT. JOSEPH⁸ SHERBURNE (*Henry,² John¹*), merchant and mariner of Portsmouth, sometimes styled "Jr." to distinguish him from Judge Joseph⁸ (John,² Henry¹). He made a deposition July 4, 1738, as son of Henry² and Sarah (Wiggin) Sherburne, regarding his cousin John Tufton Mason. He and his brother Thomas were named executors of their father's will, but did not serve. He is probably the Capt. Joseph Sherburne who was at the siege of Louisbourg, 1745. He married, Feb. 15, 1721-2, Phebe, daughter of Edward Ayres of Portsmouth (REGISTER, vol. 24, p. 15), who died in 1724, leaving a large estate. Their only child of whom we have any record was:
- i. PHEBE,⁴ m. Bradstreet, son of Judge Andrew Wiggin, who d. before 1753 (see REGISTER, vol. 8, p. 324; and Exeter News Letter for Oct. 29, and Nov. 12, 1839, and Jan. 14, 1840), and had: *Andrew, Abigail, Mary, Martha, Bradstreet, Phebe, and Hannah*, all provided for in their grandfather Judge Wiggin's will, 1753.
11. THOMAS⁸ SHERBURNE (*Henry,² John¹*), of Portsmouth, mariner, born about 1696, was baptized in the North Church, Nov. 22, 1696. He died before 1742, probably lost at sea. In his father's will, 1738, he is mentioned as out of the country and perhaps may not return; but he did return, and in 1739 signed a mortgage. Thomas Sherburne and ——— Ayers were married by Rev. N. Rogers, Feb. 3, 1721 (North Church Records). Their only child was:
- i. THOMAS,⁴ JR., b. about 1726-7. May 20, 1742, Henry Sherburne of Portsmouth was appointed guardian of Thomas Sherburne, a minor, aged upward of 14 yrs., son of Thomas Sherburne late of Portsmouth, mariner, deceased (Probate papers for 1738-1746, Prov. N. H., Concord). He m. Abigail, dau. of Thomas Coss and sister of John Coss of Berwick, Me. Their issue has not been ascertained.
12. NATHANIEL⁴ SHERBURNE (*John,² John,² John¹*), born about 1706, of "the Plains," Portsmouth, farmer, married, Feb. 5, 1729-30 [? 1739-40], Sarah Sherburne (REGISTER, vol. 25, p. 117), probably daughter of Henry² (John¹). He died May 23, 1772.
- Children:
- i. DANIEL,⁴ b. 1740; of Goshen, N. H.
 - ii. NATHANIEL, b. 1741; had the homestead on "the Plains."
 - iii. JOSEPH, b. 1745; of Epsom, N. H.; Revolutionary soldier; d. 1807.
 - iv. WILLIAM, b. 1746; of Epsom, N. H.; d. 1808.
 - v. ELIZABETH, b. 1750; m. Samuel Ham.
 - vi. DAVID, b. 1756; Revolutionary soldier; d. unmarried, at sea.
 - vii. RUTH.
13. JOHN⁴ SHERBURNE (*John,² John,² John¹*), of Kensington, N. H., farmer, born in 1710, married first, Sept. 12, 1736, Elizabeth Sherburne of Portsmouth (REGISTER, vol. 26, p. 377), who died Feb. 11, 1740, without issue; and married second, Apr. 24, 1742, Deborah Batchelder of Kensington, N. H. He died Mar. 3, 1767, at Kensington, aged 57. Besides several who died in childhood, he had by his second wife:
- i. JOHN,⁵ b. 1748; d. 1777.
 - ii. BETSY.
 - iii. ZERRA.
 - iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1756; d. 1788; of Kensington.
 - v. MARY, b. 1759; m. Joseph Fogg, and had a dau. *Elizabeth*, who m. Dr. Joseph Otis Osgood.

vi. HANNAH, b. 1761.

vii. JOSEPH, b. 1767; d. 1823; of Kensington.

14. DEA. JAMES⁴ SHERBURNE, JR. (*James,³ John,² John¹*), of Pelham, Rockingham Co., N. H., styled in deeds "planter" and "chairmaker," was born in 1714, and baptized in the South Church in 1715-16. Like his father, he was a great speculator in lands in Portsmouth and in new townsites, and accumulated a handsome estate. He was chosen deacon of the South Church, in 1755. He removed from Portsmouth to Pelham in 1755-6, in which town, as well as in Nottingham West, Dunstable, and Tyngsboro', Mass., he was a large landholder. He and Ebenezer Odiorne appear to have manufactured "riding-chairs" or gigs, at one time, in Portsmouth. He married first, August 31, 1781, Sarah, daughter of Capt. (and Dea.) John Gray of Biddeford, Me., who died at Pelham, Dec. 9, 1760, aged 48; and married second, Jan. 7, 1762, Anna, daughter of Joseph Hamblet of Pelham, by whom there was no issue. He had nine children by his first wife, but of his five sons only the following two lived to maturity. He died June 1, 1798, at Pelham, aged 84.
- i. BENJAMIN,⁵ b. Aug. 13, 1782; d. 1808; of Pelham, N. H., and Gloucester, Mass.; served at Saratoga 1777, in Capt. Amos Gage's Co., Col. Daniel Moore's Regt. (Rev. War Rolls, N. H., vol 2, p. 859); m. Apr. 22, 1766, Mary, dau. of Capt. Thomas Cavendish, Jr., of Marblehead, and had a son *James,⁶* of Tyngsboro', grandfather of the compiler.
- ii. LIEUT. WILLIAM SHERBURNE, b. 1755; of Pelham; m. in 1776, Sarah, dau. of Capt. Reuben Butterfield of Tyngsboro' (REG. vol. 44, p. 42), and had sons Wm., "John, father of Wm. Sherburne, Esq., of Charlestown, one of the compilers of this record," and Reuben B. of Boston, father of the Boston millionaires, Reuben and Warren Sherburne.