

## 187. BRAYTON

The most comprehensive work on this surname is Clifford Ross Brayton Jr., *Brayton Family History*, 2 vols. (Rochester, N. Y., 1978–82). I only gained access to this work after I had largely derived my own lineage from other sources. Therefore, I do not cite Brayton continually, but only notice findings in his work that are either at serious variance with mine or not found elsewhere.

1. **Francis<sup>1</sup> Brayton** died probably in 1692 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island (then in no county). His will of 17 October 1690 was proved 5 September 1692, and names his wife Mary, sons Francis, Thomas, and Stephen, daughters Martha Pearce, Elizabeth Bourne, and Sarah Gatchel, and grandchildren Francis Brayton, son of Francis; Preserved Brayton, son of Stephen; Francis Pearce; and Mary Tallman, wife of James.<sup>[1]</sup>

Children of Francis<sup>1</sup> and Mary (\_\_\_\_) Brayton are:

- i. FRANCIS<sup>2</sup> BRAYTON, of Portsmouth, will of 6 Jan. 1714/5 proved 10 Jan. 1717/8,<sup>[2]</sup> m. Portsmouth 18 March 1671[1/2?] MARY FISH, dau. of Thomas and Mary (\_\_\_\_) Fish;<sup>[3]</sup> her will of 28 April 1742 was proved 11 May 1747 at Portsmouth.<sup>[4]</sup>
- ii. MARY BRAYTON, not named in father's will; m. before 6 Jan. 1671 JOSEPH DAVOL, who d. Westerly, Providence Plantations (now Washington Co.), R. I., 24 Feb. 1716[7?].<sup>[5]</sup>
- iii. THOMAS BRAYTON, named in father's will.
2. iv. STEPHEN BRAYTON, m. ANN TALLMAN.
- v. MARTHA BRAYTON, d. after 9 Sept. 1687 (birth of last child),<sup>[6]</sup> m. ca. 1668 (first child b. 2 Oct. 1669) JOSEPH PIERCE,<sup>[7]</sup> b. say 1643, son of Anthony and Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Pierce of Watertown, Middlesex Co., Mass.,<sup>[8]</sup> prob. the Lt. Joseph Pierce who d. Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass., 21 Nov. 1715.<sup>[9]</sup>
- vi. ELIZABETH BRAYTON, named in her father's will, m. JARED BOURNE, bp. Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., 7 Mar. 1651/2,<sup>[10]</sup> son of Jared and Frances (\_\_\_\_) Bourne, d. 1718.<sup>[11]</sup>
- vii. SARAH BRAYTON, named in father's will, m. before 28 Dec. 1681 THOMAS GATCHELL of Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Mass., b. prob. Marblehead, Essex Co., Mass., say 1654, son of John and Wybro (\_\_\_\_) Gatchell,<sup>[12]</sup> d. Dartmouth 22 June 1732,<sup>[13]</sup> having m. (2) Mary \_\_\_\_.<sup>[14]</sup> Sarah is believed to be the

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<sup>1</sup> Nellie M. C. Beaman, "Abstracts of Portsmouth, Rhode Island Wills," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 3 (1980/1): 22-8, 360-7, at 26, citing Portsmouth town records, 2:313.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 365, citing Portsmouth town records, 2:186-7. Francis is said to have died 30 Jan. 1718 [*sic*] at Portsmouth (Clifford Ross Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 2 vols. [Rochester, N. Y., 1978–82], 1:3).

<sup>3</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island: A Family Register for the People*, 21 vols (Providence, R. I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 4: part 1, 8.

<sup>4</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:3.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:4.

<sup>6</sup> Watertown, Mass., *Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages: First Book and Supplement* (n. p.: n. p., n. d.), 59.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, 32; Frederick W. Wead, "A Brayton–Pierce Relationship," *American Genealogist* 27 (1951): 97-9. Earlier accounts state that Martha was married to John Pearce of Prudence Island (Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:6).

<sup>8</sup> Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts, Including Waltham and Weston*, 2nd ed., 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1855–60), 1:393.

<sup>9</sup> Edward F. Johnson, *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages*, 10 vols. (Woburn, Mass., 1890–1900), 2:146.

<sup>10</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*, 7 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1999–2011), 1:362.

<sup>11</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:6.

<sup>12</sup> George Ely Russell, "John<sup>1</sup> Gatchell Family of Marblehead, Massachusetts," *Genealogist* 21 (2007): 3-41, at 11, 12, 29.

<sup>13</sup> *Vital Records of Dartmouth*, 3:31.

<sup>14</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687–1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1987), 270-1, 274.

mother of all of Thomas's children.<sup>[15]</sup>

2. **Stephen<sup>2</sup> Brayton** (*Francis<sup>1</sup>*) married at Portsmouth, on 5 March 1678[/9?], **Ann Tallman**.<sup>[16]</sup> She was born about 1658, daughter of Peter and Ann (Hill) Tallman, of Barbados and Portsmouth.<sup>[17]</sup>

Children of Stephen<sup>2</sup> and Ann (Tallman) Brayton, all but vi born at Portsmouth, are:<sup>[18]</sup>

- i. MARY<sup>3</sup> BRAYTON, b. 12 Feb. 1679[/80?].
- ii. ELIZABETH BRAYTON, b. 8 Dec. 1681, d. Portsmouth 6 Sept. 1749, unm.<sup>[19]</sup>
- iii. ANN BRAYTON, b. 6 July 1683, d. Newport, Newport Co., R. I., 28 Aug. 1747,<sup>[20]</sup> m. JOHN DENNIS, b. Portsmouth 15 Aug. 1682, son of Robert and Sarah (Howland) Dennis, d. Portsmouth, Newport Co., R. I., 4 Aug. 1732.<sup>[21]</sup>
- iv. PRESERVED BRAYTON, b. 8 March 1684[/5?], d. Swansea, Bristol Co., Mass., 21 May 1769,<sup>[22]</sup> m. ca. 1711 (first child b. 4 Feb. 1711/2) CONTENT COGGESHALL,<sup>[23]</sup> b. Portsmouth 14 Mar. 1681/2, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Timberlake) Coggeshall,<sup>[24]</sup> d. before 7 Dec. 1759 (not named in husband's will).<sup>[25]</sup> Among the legatees in the will of Peter Coggeshall of Newport, dated 26 March 1748 and proved 2 May 1748, was a nephew Baulston Brayton.<sup>[26]</sup>
3. v. STEPHEN BRAYTON, b. 20 Aug. 1686, d. 25 May 1753, m. PATIENCE NASON.
- vi. ISRAEL BRAYTON, b. Newport in 1690, d. after 8 May 1756,<sup>[27]</sup> m. Portsmouth, Rhode Island (now Newport) Co., 24 Aug. 1721 ELIPHAL (WILCOX) SANFORD,<sup>[28]</sup> b. ca. 1689, d. after 2 June 1726, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cook) Wilcox.<sup>[29]</sup>

3. **Stephen<sup>3</sup> Brayton** (*Stephen<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 August 1686 at Portsmouth, and died in the

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<sup>15</sup> Russell, "John<sup>1</sup> Gatchell Family of Marblehead," 29-31.

<sup>16</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 8.

<sup>17</sup> G. Andrews Moriarty, "Genealogical Research in England and Germany: The Tallman Family," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 85 (1931): 69-74, at 73. According to Brayton, Stephen died at Portsmouth, 2 April 1694, and Ann m. (2) William Potter and (3) Newport 17 July 1716 William Lee (*Brayton Family History*, 1:5). However, the record of Trinity Church in Newport shows that Ann *Tollman* was the bride in the 1716 marriage (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 10:457); this marriage is unlikely to pertain to Stephen's widow.

<sup>18</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 58.

<sup>19</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:5.

<sup>20</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 7:90; Robert S. Wakefield and Robert M. Sherman, "Henry Howland of Duxbury, Massachusetts, 1633, His Children and His Grandchildren," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 75 (1993): 105-16, 216-25, 278-88, at 285.

<sup>21</sup> Wakefield and Sherman, "Henry Howland of Duxbury," 217, 285.

<sup>22</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts to 1850*, ed. Jane Fletcher Fiske and Margaret F. Costello (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 225.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, 85.

<sup>24</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 64 (birth), 14 (parents' marriage).

<sup>25</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, comp., *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records: Book 2, 1745-1762* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1988), 281-2.

<sup>26</sup> Nellie M. C. Beaman, "Abstracts Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 9 (1986/7): 297-303, at 302. For Baulston's birth record identifying him as the son of Preserved, see also Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 45.

<sup>27</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:5, 18.

<sup>28</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 36.

<sup>29</sup> G. Andrews Moriarty, "A Branch of the Rhode Island Wilcox Family," *American Genealogist* 19 (1942/3): 23-31, at 28. However, this placement is disputed by Jack Minard Sanford, who conjectures that Eliphal actually was the much older daughter of John<sup>2</sup> Sanford (*John<sup>1</sup>*), born in 1666 (*President John Sanford of Boston, Massachusetts, and Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 1605-1965, and His Descendants with Many Allied Families* [East Aurora, N. Y., 1966], 3).

same town, by then in Newport County, on 25 May 1753, in his 68th year.<sup>[30]</sup> He married at Portsmouth, 14 April 1709, **Patience Nason**. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Swain) Nason of Nantucket Island.<sup>[31]</sup> She was born about 1685, and died 8 August 1746, in her 62nd year. They are both buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport, Newport County.<sup>[32]</sup>

Stephen's will, dated 19 August 1749, was proved 4 June 1753, nine days after his death. It names no wife, but mentions his son Isaac Brayton, deceased; daughters Martha Brayton, Patience Brayton, Ann Smith, and Charity Rogers, of whom the latter was deceased; Stephen, Patience, and Mary, the children of his son Isaac; John, Sarah, Abigail, and Charity, the children of his daughter Charity; and a nephew Baulston Brayton, of Smithfield.<sup>[33]</sup>

Children of Stephen<sup>3</sup> and Patience (Nason) Brayton, born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island (now Newport) County, are:<sup>[34]</sup>

- i. CHARITY<sup>4</sup> BRAYTON, b. 24 June 1710, d. Portsmouth 13 Oct. 1712.
4. ii. ISAAC BRAYTON, b. 19 Sept. 1713, d. 6 Jan. 1742/3, m. MARY SANFORD.
- iii. CHARITY BRAYTON, b. 8 May 1716, d. 20 Aug. 1745 in 30th y., bur. Common Burial Ground, Newport,<sup>[35]</sup> m. Newport 1 Dec. 1734 Capt. JAMES ROGERS, mariner,<sup>[36]</sup> b. Newport 9 \_\_\_\_ 1714, son of John and Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Rogers,<sup>[37]</sup> d. 22 Aug. 1776, bur. Common Burial Ground.<sup>[38]</sup>
- iv. MARTHA BRAYTON, b. 10 Sept. 1718, d. 2 Oct. 1763, aged 43y, unm., bur. Common Burial Ground.<sup>[39]</sup>
- v. PATIENCE BRAYTON, b. 30 Aug. 1721, m. Portsmouth 29 March 1752 JOHN BUTTS of Tiverton,<sup>[40]</sup> b. Portsmouth 2 June 1719, son of John and Alice (Woodell) Butts.<sup>[41]</sup>
- vi. ANN BRAYTON, b. 24 Aug. 1724, m. before 19 Aug. 1749 \_\_\_\_ SMITH,<sup>[42]</sup> prob. both living 1763.<sup>[43]</sup>
- vii. MARY BRAYTON, b. 18 Jan. 1726/7, not named in father's will.

4. **Isaac<sup>4</sup> Brayton** (Stephen<sup>3-2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 September 1713 in Portsmouth. He died on 6 January 1742/3, probably at Nassau on New Providence in the Bahama Islands, where he is buried.<sup>[44]</sup> He married at Newport, on 12 February 1737/8, **Mary Sanford**.<sup>[45]</sup> She was born at

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<sup>30</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 58; Alden Gamaliel Beaman, comp., *Rhode Island Vital Records, New Series*, vol. 11, *Births 1590–1930 from Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions* (East Princeton, Mass.: Rhode Island Families Association, 1985), 49.

<sup>31</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 8.; *Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 5 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1923–8), 2:342.

<sup>32</sup> Beaman, *Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions*, 50.

<sup>33</sup> Nellie M. C. Beaman, "Abstracts of Portsmouth, R. I., Wills," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 12 (1989): 66-74, at 67.

<sup>34</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 58.

<sup>35</sup> Beaman, *Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions*, 341.

<sup>36</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 2, 59.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, 4: part 2, 112.

<sup>38</sup> Beaman, *Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions*, 341.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, 50. See also Nellie M. C. Beaman, "Abstracts Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 13 (1990): 35-53, at 43-4, for an abstract of a fragment of what was probably Martha's will.

<sup>40</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:33; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 12.

<sup>41</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:33; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 1, 62 (birth), 11 (parents' marriage).

<sup>42</sup> Beaman, "Abstracts of Portsmouth Wills," 67.

<sup>43</sup> Beaman, "Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills," 44.

<sup>44</sup> Alfred Johnson, "Burial Records and Inscriptions at Nassau, New Providence," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 68 (1914): 238-42, at 239.

<sup>45</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 2, 11.

Newport,<sup>[46]</sup> in 1719, daughter of Capt. Esbon and Mary (Woodward) Sanford,<sup>[47]</sup> and died before 7 July 1757, when thus named in the will of her grandfather, Israel Woodward of North Kingstown, Kings (now Washington) County, Rhode Island.<sup>[48]</sup> She had married secondly, 27 November 1749, **Jeremiah Ross**, as recorded both in Newport and the First Congregational Church in Bristol, Bristol County, Rhode Island.<sup>[49]</sup> Jeremiah was living in Newport in 1774.<sup>[50]</sup>

Children of Isaac<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Sanford) Brayton, according to the will of Stephen<sup>3</sup> Brayton,<sup>[51]</sup> are:

- i. PATIENCE<sup>5</sup> BRAYTON, b. say 1739, m. before 1763 OLIVER READ,<sup>[52]</sup> perhaps the one b. Warwick, Providence Plantations (now Kent Co.), R. I., 25 Dec. 1743.<sup>[53]</sup> If so, she d. before 28 April 1765, when he m. Mary Sherman at Newport.<sup>[54]</sup> The Oliver Read who d. Smithfield, Providence Co., R. I., 23 7 mo [July] 1783,<sup>[55]</sup> might be the same man named in any or all of the other records cited here.
5. ii. STEPHEN BRAYTON, b. 11 Nov. 1741 (new style), d. 23 April 1831, m. (1) AMIE ARNOLD, m. (2) HEART (ALLEN) BROWN.
- iii. MARY BRAYTON, b. say 1743, evidently living in 1763,<sup>[56]</sup> m. Swansea 12 May 1760 JOHN PERRY.<sup>[57]</sup>

Children of Jeremiah and Mary (Sanford) (Brayton) Ross is:

- i. SANFORD ROSS, m. (1) Newport 27 Feb. 1776 HANNAH BRIGGS,<sup>[58]</sup> b. ca. 1752, d. Providence, Providence Co., R. I., 2 May 1809, aged 56y;<sup>[59]</sup> m. (2) Providence 6 Nov. 1809 LYDIA PECK,<sup>[60]</sup> b. Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass., 8 May 1775, dau. of Charles and Lydia (Fry) Peck,<sup>[61]</sup> d. Providence 7 Jan. 1825, aged 50y.<sup>[62]</sup>

5. **Stephen<sup>5</sup> Brayton** (Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Stephen<sup>3-2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 November 1741 (new style), probably in Portsmouth. He died on 23 April 1831 in the Town (*i. e.*, township) of Fairfield, Herkimer County, New York, aged 89 years, 5 months, and 12 days, and is buried in Eaton's Bush Cemetery, near Eatonville in that county.<sup>[63]</sup> He first married **Amie Arnold** on 2 December 1762 in Smithfield, Providence County, Rhode Island.<sup>[64]</sup> She was born in Smithfield on 22 September

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<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, 4: part 2, 112.

<sup>47</sup> G. Andrews Moriarty, "President John Sanford of Portsmouth, R. I., and His Family," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 103 (1949): 208-6, 271-7, at 272; G. Andrews Moriarty, "Family of Capt. Esbon Sanford of Newport, R. I.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 104 (1950): 73-6, at 74.

<sup>48</sup> Moriarty, "Family of Capt. Esbon Sanford," 74.

<sup>49</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 2, 60, 8:425.

<sup>50</sup> Sanford, *President John Sanford*, 14.

<sup>51</sup> Beaman, "Abstracts of Portsmouth Wills," 67.

<sup>52</sup> Beaman, "Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills," 44.

<sup>53</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: part 2, 111.

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, 4: part 2, 57.

<sup>55</sup> Melinde Lutz Sanborn, "Smithfield, Rhode Island Death Records Culled from Probates," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 146 (1992): 343-51, at 349.

<sup>56</sup> Beaman, "Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills, 44.

<sup>57</sup> *Vital Records of Swansea*, 194.

<sup>58</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 2: part 1, 161, 7:362.

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, 2: part 1, 273.

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, 2: part 1, 161.

<sup>61</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1886: Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths* (Providence, R. I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 707.

<sup>62</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 12:614, 14:238, 19:100, 21:523.

<sup>63</sup> Marilyn Allis, transcr., "Eaton's Bush Cemetery: Eatonville, Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County," online, (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyherkim/cemeteries/eatoncem.htm> : last updated 18 Sept. 1998), alphabetized.

<sup>64</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 20.

1740, daughter of Thomas (Jr.) and Amie (Smith) Arnold.<sup>[65]</sup> She died on 23 November 1795, probably at Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where the family had removed in about 1793.<sup>[66]</sup> On 5 September 1796, Stephen published intentions in Cheshire to marry **Heart (Allen) Brown**.<sup>[67]</sup> She was the daughter of Captain Nehemiah Allen of Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island, and the widow of Jeremiah Brown.<sup>[68]</sup> She is mentioned in Stephen's will, dated 24 June 1819,<sup>[69]</sup> but she seems to have died before 1830. The 1830 census household of Stephen's son Daniel Brayton contain a man of Stephen's age, 80-89 years, but no woman of comparable age.<sup>[70]</sup>

Stephen's will links him with members of his family who had remained behind at Smithfield and Cheshire. In full, it reads as follows.<sup>[71]</sup>

[p. 200] In the name of God Amen; I Stephen Brayton of Fairfield in the County of Herkimer in the State of New York being far Advanced in life, not knowing the time of my departure, & God has yet blessed me with a sound Mind & memory do make this my Last Will & Testament, that is to say first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping through the merits of Jesus my Redeemer to rise in salvation. And as to such worldly estate as ~~it~~ hath pleased God to bless me with I give & dispose of the same in manner & form following.

*Imprimis*—I give unto my loving wife Harty Brayton one good horse saddle & bridel & all the estate she brought to me free & clear & one third part of the rents & profits of my real estates as long as she lives that I own in the said Town of Fairfield. I hereby appoint my son Daniel Brayton Executor of this my Last will & Testament. I give my said son Daniel Brayton all my real & personal estate to him his heirs & assigns forever with his paying the following legacies hereafter specified. I give to the heirs of my son Isaac Brayton deceased namely William E. [p. 201] Brayton John T Brayton & Thomas A Brayton one hundred dollas a peace & to Nancy Brayton & Sally [*interlined: M*] Brayton two dollas a peace. I give to my son Stephen Brayton three hundred dollas I give to my son Arnold Brayton thrity dollas. I give to my son Joseph Brayton one hundred dollas I give to my son Jesse Brayton two hundred dollas. I give to my three daughters namely Mary Angell Phebe Brown & Ama Mann twenty dollas a peace. All the above legacies to be paid by my Executor here before named in one year after my decease. Reason I have not given to the heirs of my son Isaac Bryaton my four sons Stephen Brayton Arnold Brayton Joseph Brayton & Jesse Brayton & my three daughters Mary Angell Phebe Brown & Amy Mann in this my last will is [*interlined: because I thought that what I had given them, heretofore & now in this my last Will*] [*interlined: is*] as much as I thought was right. I hereby order that all my just debts & funeral Charges to be paid by my Executor, And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments wills legacies & bequests & Executors by me in any wise before named willed & bequeathed, certifying & confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have herunot set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & Nineteen & forty third year of American Independence.

Signed sealed published pronounced  
& declared by the said Stephen Brayton as his Last Will & Testament in  
the presence of us the subscribers

Stephen Brayton S. S.

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<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 3: part 6, 88 (birth), 12 (parents' marriage).

<sup>66</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:64, 2:29.

<sup>67</sup> Cheshire, Mass, Book to Record Publishments, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 12, FHL microfilm 250,300, item 1.

<sup>68</sup> Carl Boyer 3d, "Brown Families of Bristol Counties, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, from the Immigrants to the Early Nineteenth Century," *New England Colonial Families*, vol. 1, ed. Carl Boyer 3d (Newhall, Calif., 1981), 5-120, at 52.

<sup>69</sup> Stephen Brayton will, 1819, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Surrogate, Record of Wills, E:200-1, FHL microfilm 846,015, item 1.

<sup>70</sup> Daniel Brayton household, 1830 U. S. census, Herkimer Co., N. Y., population schedule, town of Fairfield, page 10, line 7, micropublication M19, roll 91 (Washington: National Archives). However, Brayton states that Heart was born 9 Jan. 1752 and died 1 Feb. 1841 (*Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 2:29).

<sup>71</sup> Herkimer Co. Surrogate, Record of Wills, E:200-1.

William D. Gray  
Nathan Arnold  
Gardner Harris

The will was proved on 20 June 1831.<sup>[72]</sup>

Children of Stephen<sup>5</sup> and Amie (Arnold) Brayton, all but i born in Smithfield, are:<sup>[73]</sup>

- i. MARY<sup>6</sup> BRAYTON, b. Portsmouth 10 Aug. 1764,<sup>[74]</sup> d. Portsmouth, 1 Nov. 1826, aged 63y,<sup>[75]</sup> m. Smithfield shortly before 18 Dec. 1784, JONATHAN ANGELL,<sup>[76]</sup> b. Smithfield 31 July 1757, son of Ezekiel and Ruth (Sprague) Angell,<sup>[77]</sup> d. Smithfield 19 Sept. 1825, aged 69y.<sup>[78]</sup>
- ii. ISAAC BRAYTON, b. 15 Oct. 1765,<sup>[79]</sup> d. Cheshire 5 Feb. 1802, in 36th y.,<sup>[80]</sup> m. Smithfield 16 March 1788 MARY POTTER,<sup>[81]</sup> b. Smithfield 23 July 1766, dau. of William and Lydia (Arnold) Potter, d. Fairfield in 1815.<sup>[82]</sup>
- + iii. PHEBE BRAYTON, b. 19 Oct. 1767, d. Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., 20 Feb. 1830,<sup>[83]</sup> m. Adams or Cheshire 30 Jan. 1794 JOHN BROWN,<sup>[84]</sup> b. R. I.,<sup>[85]</sup> 10 Aug. 1771,<sup>[86]</sup> son of Eleazer and Sarah (Scott) Brown (see 93. *Brown*, 6), d. 1863.<sup>[87]</sup>
- iv. AMIE BRAYTON, b. 4 Jan. 1770, m. Smithfield 4 Sept. 1790 SAMUEL MAN,<sup>[88]</sup> b. Smithfield 2 Sept. 1766, son of John and Mercy (\_\_\_\_) Man.<sup>[89]</sup>
- v. STEPHEN BRAYTON JR., b. 4 June 1772, d. 14 July 1860, bur. Eaton's Bush Cemetery,<sup>[90]</sup> m. (1) Ward (now Auburn), Worcester Co., Mass., 29 May 1796 ABIGAIL EDDY,<sup>[91]</sup> b. Worcester (now Auburn) 4 May 1771, dau. of Levi and Sarah (Stone) Eddy,<sup>[92]</sup> d. 21 Feb. 1825; m. (2) MARTHA \_\_\_\_.<sup>[93]</sup>
- vi. ARNOLD BRAYTON, b. 10 Aug. 1774, d. Adams 7 Aug. 1869,<sup>[94]</sup> m. Cheshire 6 Jan. 1797 PHEBE

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<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, 212.

<sup>73</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 92.

<sup>74</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 121, 2:29, 74. The standard transcript of the birth record shows the year as "1754" and mother as "Annie" (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 92).

<sup>75</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 18:228.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, 14:536, citing *Providence Gazette*, 18 Dec. 1784.

<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, 3: part 6, 87 (birth), 9 (parents' marriage).

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, 12:404, 18:228.

<sup>79</sup> *Ibid.*, 3: part 6, 92, gives year as 1755.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*, 15:480.

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, 3: part 6, 20.

<sup>82</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 2:75.

<sup>83</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 20:621.

<sup>84</sup> Cheshire Book, 8; Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 8 vols. (New Haven, Conn., 1897–1914; reprint in 1 vol., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1968), 3:135. Brayton consistently, and erroneously, calls him James Brown (*Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 2:29, 76).

<sup>85</sup> John Brown household, 1850 U. S. census, Berkshire Co., Mass., population schedule, town of Adams, page 47, dwelling 573, family 573, micropublication M432, roll 305 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>86</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 2:76.

<sup>87</sup> Rollin Hillyer Cooke, ed., *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Berkshire County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1906), 2:441.

<sup>88</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 20.

<sup>89</sup> *Ibid.*, 3: part 6, 103.

<sup>90</sup> Allis, "Eaton's Bush Cemetery."

<sup>91</sup> Franklin P. Rice, comp., *Vital Records of the Town of Auburn, (Formerly Ward), Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass., 1900), 60.

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*, 30 (birth); *Vital Records of Oxford, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 162; *Vital Records of Charlton, Massachusetts, the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 153 (parents' marriage).

<sup>93</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 2:76.

<sup>94</sup> Adams, Mass., Register of Deaths, 4:31, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 6.

- POTTER,<sup>[95]</sup> b. R. I., 2 June 1778, dau. of William Potter, d. Adams 18 Oct. 1856, aged 78y 4m 16d.<sup>[96]</sup>
- vii. ELIZABETH BRAYTON, b. 29 June 1776, d. Oct. 1778.<sup>[97]</sup>
- viii. MERCY BRAYTON, b. 5 Jan. 1778, d. Oct. 1778.<sup>[98]</sup>
- ix. JOSEPH BRAYTON, b. 6 Dec. 1779,<sup>[99]</sup> bur. North Gage Cemetery, Town of Deerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., 20 Dec. 1869,<sup>[100]</sup> m. Cheshire 26 Sept. 1802 LILLIS WORDEN,<sup>[101]</sup> b. Cheshire 10 Oct. 1782, dau. of Peter Worden,<sup>[102]</sup> bur. North Gage Cemetery 11 July 1891.<sup>[103]</sup>
- x. JESSE BRAYTON, b. 3 Nov. 1781, d. 14 June 1870, bur. Poland Cemetery, Town of Russia, Herkimer Co., N. Y.,<sup>[104]</sup> m. Cheshire 3 Oct. 1802 OLIVE WHITAKER,<sup>[105]</sup> b. Mass., 13 April 1786,<sup>[106]</sup> dau. of William and Amy (Clemence) Whitaker,<sup>[107]</sup> d. 5 July 1868, aged 82y, bur. Poland Cemetery.<sup>[108]</sup>
- xi. DANIEL BRAYTON, b. 7 Jan. 1786,<sup>[109]</sup> d. 4 Feb. 1860, bur. Eaton's Bush Cemetery,<sup>[110]</sup> m. (1) (int. Cheshire 5 Feb. 1808) LYDIA BROWN,<sup>[111]</sup> his stepsister, b. 16 Dec. 1789,<sup>[112]</sup> dau. of Lt. Jeremiah and Heart (Allen) Brown,<sup>[113]</sup> d. 20 April 1835, bur. Eaton's Bush Cemetery;<sup>[114]</sup> m. (2) 10 Nov. 1836 JULIA GORDON,<sup>[115]</sup> b. Conn.,<sup>[116]</sup> 22 May 1797, d. 24 Oct. 1865, bur. Eaton's Bush Cemetery.<sup>[117]</sup>

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<sup>95</sup> Cheshire Book, 18.

<sup>96</sup> Adams, Mass., Register of Deaths, 3:10, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 3.

<sup>97</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 2:30.

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>99</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>100</sup> "North Gage Cemetery, North Gage Road, Deerfield: Interment Records of North Gage Cemetery," online (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyoneida/cemeteries/deerfield/northgage.html> : accessed 29 May 2003).

<sup>101</sup> Cheshire Book, 47, 59.

<sup>102</sup> Cheshire, Mass., Book to Record Births and Deaths, 1797, 3, in Jay Mack Holbrook, *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850: Cheshire, 1782–1900* (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), fiche 4.

<sup>103</sup> "North Gage Cemetery: Interment Records."

<sup>104</sup> Betsy Voorhees, transcr., "Poland Cemetery, Town of Russia," online (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyherkim/cemeteries/polancem.html> : updated 27 Nov. 1999), viewed 8 June 2002; John A. Brayton, "Brayton Family Record, Herkimer County," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 138 (2007): 300 (birth), 301 (death).

<sup>105</sup> Cheshire Book, 42.

<sup>106</sup> Brayton, "Brayton Family Record," 300. Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:125, 2:78, gives 14 April.

<sup>107</sup> William Whitaker of Hancock, Mass., died testate. His heirs included his widow Joanna and daughter Olive, but he had been married to Amy from at least 1772 to 1785, and probably through 1800 or later. Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Thomas Clemence of Providence, Rhode Island, and his descendants to the year 2007* (Greenville: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2007), 116, 117; Gordon L. Remington and Roberta Stokes Smith, "Thomas Clemence of Providence, Rhode Island, and Four Generations of His Descendants," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 155 (2001): 131-66, at 152-3 and n. 180.

<sup>108</sup> Brayton, "Brayton Family Record," 301; Voorhees, "Poland Cemetery."

<sup>109</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 126, 2:30, 78. Date omitted in Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 92. In 1850, Daniel's age is given as 66 years (Daniel Brayton household, 1850 U. S. census, Herkimer Co., N. Y., population schedule, Town of Fairfield, page 193, dwelling 208, family 210, micropublication M432, roll 512 [Washington: National Archives]).

<sup>110</sup> Allis, "Eaton's Bush Cemetery."

<sup>111</sup> Cheshire Book, 60. They reportedly married 7 Feb. 1807 (Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:126, 2:78).

<sup>112</sup> Allis, "Eaton's Bush Cemetery."

<sup>113</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:126, 2:78.

<sup>114</sup> Allis, "Eaton's Bush Cemetery."

<sup>115</sup> Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 1:126, 2:78.

<sup>116</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Herkimer Co., N. Y., population schedule Town of Fairfield, page 193, dwelling 208, family 210.

<sup>117</sup> Allis, "Eaton's Bush Cemetery."