2905, 5823. CLARKE

Although the family record of Jonas Clarke would appear to be a matter of documented history, no source in print sets it out for convenient reference. As it seems the work must begin anew with every proven descent, I must make the attempt myself as follows.

1. Elder Jonas Clarke was born about 1619, presumably in England. He died in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 11 January 1699[1700], aged 80 years.[1] His first wife, Sarah ____, was buried 29 January 1649[50] at Cambridge.[2] He married secondly, on 30 July 1650 at Cambridge, Elizabeth Clarke.[3] She was born about 1632, and died there on 21 or 25 March 1673, aged 41 years.[4] He may have married thirdly, 19 August 1673 at Cambridge, Elizabeth Cook,[5] but she more likely married his son by his first wife.

   The children of Elder Jonas Clarke and Sarah (____) Clarke, order uncertain but probably all born in Cambridge, are:

   
   ii. Mary Clarke, b. say 1640, bur. Cambridge 15 Nov. 1649.[9]
   
   iii. Thomas Clarke, b. 2 Dec. 1642,[10] bur. Cambridge 20 May 1649.[11]


   2. Jonas Clarke, b. 4 Sept. 1646, prob. m. Elizabeth Cook.

   The children of Elder Jonas Clarke and Elizabeth (Clarke) Clarke, probably all born in Cambridge, are:

   vi. Elizabeth Clarke, b. say 1651, d. prob. in Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., shortly bef. 21 Nov. 1717,[16]

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3 Ibid., 2:79.

4 Ibid., 2:505 (21 March); Harris, Old Burying-Ground in Cambridge, 4 (25 March).

5 Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 2:78.


7 Ibid., 57.


10 Ibid., 1:144.

11 Ibid., 2:507.

12 Ibid., 1:144.


m. (1) Cambridge 23 July 1672 JOHN WOODMANSEY,[17] d. between 22 April 1684 (will) and 11 Dec. 1684 (probate).[18] m. (2) GEORGE MONCK, d. Boston 7 Sept. 1698.[19]


ix. MARY CLARKE, b. 6 March 1664/5,[37] d. Cambridge 20 April 1697, aged 32y,[38] m. ca. 1685 (first child, b. Boston 10 Jan. 1685/6)[39] CAPT. JOHN BONNER, b. ca. 1642, d. 30 Jan. 1725/6 or 1726/7 in 84th y.[40]

2. Jonas² Clarke (Jonas¹), born 4 September 1646 in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts,[41] is probably the man of the name who married there, on 19 August 1673, Elizabeth Cook.[42] The histories of two sons of Jonas² lend support to this hypothesis. First, Abigail, wife

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16 Diary of Samuel Sewall, 2:869.
18 Thwing, Boston Inhabitants and Estates, 62528, citing Suffolk County Probate Records, 6:780.
19 Appleton, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 245.
20 Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:144.
21 Vital Records of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1914), 379.
26 Ibid., 2:507.
27 Thwing, Boston Inhabitants and Estates, 17516, citing obituary, Boston Gazette.
28 Diary of Samuel Sewall, 2:1044.
29 Thwing, Boston Inhabitants and Estates, 2977, citing Suffolk County Deeds, 11:225 (dated 11 September 1679); Appleton, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 60.
30 Diary of Samuel Sewall, 2:1044.
31 Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:143.
33 Ibid.; Appleton, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 243.
34 Carney and Harris, “Thrice-Widowed Hannah Paine,” 379; Appleton, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 85.
35 Carney and Harris, “Thrice-Widowed Hannah Paine,” 379, 382; Diary of Samuel Sewall, 2:846.
36 Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:143.
37 Ibid., 1:144.
38 Ibid., 2:475; Harris, Old Burying-Ground in Cambridge, 25.
39 Appleton, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 165.
40 Thwing, Boston Inhabitants and Estates, 6372, citing Boston News-Letter, 3 Feb. 1725/6 or 1726/7.
41 Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:144.
42 Ibid., 2:78.
of John Clarke, died in 1681.\textsuperscript{43} Jonas’s father had had a son John by his second wife, and he would have been of age to marry by then. Jonas’s own son John, born in 1675, was not. Secondly, on the death of his son Nathaniel, the diarist Samuel Sewall wrote: “Mr. Clark of Cambridge had a Son of 9 years old drowned the Tuesday before [21 June 1686].”\textsuperscript{44} Sewall usually called Jonas’s father Elder Clarke, however,\textsuperscript{45} and his use of an alternate title casts serious doubt on any identification of Jonas\textsuperscript{1} Clarke as father of the children born to Jonas and Elizabeth Clark between 1674 and 1682.

The probable children of Jonas\textsuperscript{2} and Elizabeth (Cook) Clarke, born in Cambridge, are:

i. JOHN CLARKE, b. 7 Aug. 1674, d. y.

ii. JOHN CLARKE, b. 3 Nov. 1675,\textsuperscript{46} m. Cambridge 29 Dec. 1709 HANNAH DANE.\textsuperscript{47}

iii. NATHANIEL CLARKE, b. 27 Oct. 1677,\textsuperscript{48} d. 14 June 1686, aged 9y, bur. Cambridge.\textsuperscript{49}

iv. JOSEPH CLARKE, b. 5 Nov. 1679,\textsuperscript{50} m. Charlestown, Middlesex (now Suffolk) Co., Mass., 21 April 1702 ELIZABETH CODMAN of that town,\textsuperscript{51} b. there 24 Dec. 1677, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth (Randall) Codman,\textsuperscript{52} d. 12 April 1705, aged 27y 4m, bur. there.\textsuperscript{53}

v. SUSANNA CLARKE, b. 20 Oct. 1682,\textsuperscript{54} m. Cambridge 14 Jan. 1702/3 EBENEZER HANCOCK,\textsuperscript{55} b. Cambridge 10 March 1680/1, son of Nathanial and Mary (Prentice) Hancock.\textsuperscript{56}

\textsuperscript{43} Ibid., 2:507.
\textsuperscript{44} Diary of Samuel Sewall, 1:117.
\textsuperscript{45} Ibid., 1:420, 2:869.
\textsuperscript{46} Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:141.
\textsuperscript{47} Ibid., 1:78.
\textsuperscript{48} Ibid., 1:142.
\textsuperscript{49} Harris, Old Burying-Ground in Cambridge, 14.
\textsuperscript{50} Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:142.
\textsuperscript{51} Ibid., 2:80
\textsuperscript{52} Wyman, Charlestown Genealogies and Estates, 1:224.
\textsuperscript{53} Ibid., 1:217.
\textsuperscript{54} Baldwin, Vital Records of Cambridge, 1:144.
\textsuperscript{55} Ibid., 1:79.
\textsuperscript{56} Ibid., 1:322 (birth) 2:181 (parents’ marriage).