

369. ORMSBEE

1. **Richard¹ Ormsbee** died 14 June 1664 at Rehoboth, New Plymouth Colony (now in Bristol County, Massachusetts).^[1] He married **Sarah Upham**, who was born in about 1609, daughter of Richard and Maria (____) Upham of Bicton, Devon.^[2] She survived her husband and made oath to an inventory of his estate on 1 March 1664[/5].^[3]

Children of Richard¹ and Sarah (Upham) Ormsbee, probably all born in Salisbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, are:

- i. JOHN² ORMSBEE, b. ca. 1641,^[4] d. Rehoboth 10 March 1717/8,^[5] m. Rehoboth 5 Jan. 1664 GRACE MARTIN,^[6] bp. Ottery St. Mary, Devon, England, 21 Sept. 1640, dau. of Richard and Elizabeth (Salter) Martin,^[7] d. Rehoboth 4 July 1710.^[8]
2. ii. THOMAS ORMSBEE, b. 11 Nov. 1645, d. 1716, m. MARY FITCH.
- iii. JACOB ORMSBEE, b. 6 March 1647,^[9] bur. Rehoboth 16 March 1677,^[10] m. Rehoboth 2 Dec. 1670 MARY PERRIN,^[11] b. Rehoboth, Feb. 1649, dau. of John Perrin,^[12] bur. Rehoboth 9 Sept. 1690,^[13] having m. (2) Rehoboth 27 Dec. 1677 Nicholas Ide Jr.^[14]

2. **Thomas² Ormsbee** (*Jacob¹*) was born 11 November 1645 at Salisbury, Essex County, Massachusetts,^[15] and died 27 September 1716, probably at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts. He is buried in the Burial Hill cemetery in that town. His will is dated 3 March 1715/6, and his estate inventory was taken 1 November 1716.^[16] He married 11 May 1667 at Taunton, New Plymouth Colony (now in Bristol County, Massachusetts), **Mary Fitch**.^[17] She was born in say 1647, daughter of John and Mary (Sutton) Fitch,^[18] and survived her husband. She presented the inventory of his estate on 1 November 1716.^[19]

¹ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896: Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 857.

² Harriet Woodbury Hodge, "The Martins of Rehoboth and the Martins of Swansea," *Mayflower Quarterly* 49 (1983): 170-9, at 172.

³ George Ernest Bowman, "Plymouth Colony Wills and Abstracts," *Mayflower Descendant* 16 (1914): 123-8, at 127.

⁴ Hodge, "Martins of Rehoboth and Swansea," 172.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 176; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 857.

⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 271.

⁷ Hodge, "Martins of Rehoboth and Swansea," 176.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 172; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 857.

⁹ *Vital Records of Salisbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1915), 182.

¹⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 857.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 271.

¹² *Ibid.*, 713.

¹³ *Ibid.*, 840; Aaron Tyler Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America*, 3 vols. (Midland, Mich.: author, 1982), 1:36 n. 9.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, 271.

¹⁵ *Vital Records of Salisbury*, 182.

¹⁶ Oscar Frank Stetson, "Burial Hill Place—Rehoboth, Mass.," *Cemetery Transcripts from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections*, database online <<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/cemeteries/default.asp>> (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001–5), accessed 7 May 2005.

¹⁷ *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929), 2:24; Howard Dakin French and William Arthur Whitcomb, "Sutton Family," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 91 (1937): 61-8, at 64.

¹⁸ French and Whitcomb, "Sutton Family," 64; H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 17, 32.

¹⁹ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687-1745*, 72.

Children of Thomas² and Mary (Fitch) Ormsbee are:

- i. THOMAS³ ORMSBEE, b. Taunton 23 Feb. 1668,^[20] d. Rehoboth 27 Sept. 1724,^[21] m. (1) Rehoboth 14 Nov. 1698 REBECCA WHITAKER,^[22] b. Rehoboth 15 March 1672, dau. of Richard and Bathsheba (Cooper) Whitaker,^[23] d. Rehoboth 16 Aug. 1721;^[24] m. (2) Rehoboth 26 April 1722 MARY (SQUIRE) WHITAKER,^[25] b. Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., 12 Oct. 1679,^[26] dau. of Philip and Rachel (Ruggles) Squire,^[27] widow of Samuel Whitaker; she survived Thomas as well. His will of 8 Sept. 1724, proved 20 Oct. 1724, left "To my Daughter in Law Grisel Whittaker all my first wifes wareing Clothes."^[28]
- ii. MARY ORMSBEE, b. Taunton 30 March 1671,^[29] living 10 May 1732, when she and her stepson Richard Salisbury gave their final account of her husband's estate;^[30] m. as second wife, Swansea, Bristol Co., Mass., 27 June 1705, WILLIAM SALSBURY,^[31] b. Dorchester, Suffolk Co., Mass., 14 Aug. 1659, son of William and Susanna (____) Salisbury^[32] (see 743. *Salisbury*, 2), d. Swansea 3 April 1726.^[33]
- iii. REBECCA ORMSBEE, b. Taunton 26 May 1672,^[34] d. Rehoboth Nov. 1707,^[35] m. Swansea 30 May 1706 WILLIAM HAMMOND,^[36] b. Swansea ca. 1675, son of William and Elizabeth (Bartram) Hammond,^[37] d. Rehoboth, Jan. 1729/30.^[38]
- iv. JUDITH ORMSBEE, b. Taunton 8 Jan. 1673/[4],^[39] d. Rehoboth 27 Aug. 1715,^[40] m. Rehoboth 14 Oct. 1714 JOHN GARNZEY.^[41]
- v. JEREMIAH ORMSBEE, b. Taunton 25 Nov. 1676,^[42] d. before 6 Sept. 1748,^[43] m. Swansea 21 Nov. 1705

²⁰ *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:20.

²¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 857.

²² *Ibid.*, 271.

²³ *Ibid.*, 776 (birth), 395 (parents' marriage).

²⁴ *Ibid.*, 857.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, 272.

²⁶ William S. Appleton, *A Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630–1699*, 9th Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1883), 149.

²⁷ See Annie Haven Thwing, *Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800*, CD-ROM (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society and Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001), refcode 53121, citing Suffolk Deeds, 7:78, for proof of Rachel's identity.

²⁸ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 109. Grizzell Whitaker, daughter of Samuel and Mary, was born in Rehoboth on 2 April 1710 (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 776). Mary Squire also had a sister Grizzell (Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 109).

²⁹ *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:20.

³⁰ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 203.

³¹ 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), 207.

³² William S. Appleton, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths, to the End of the Year 1825*, 21st Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers, 1890), 7.

³³ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 228, professes uncertainty as to whether the year of his death is 1726 or 1736, but probate records clearly date his death to 1726 (will 9 March 1726, probate 16 May 1726; Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records*, 134).

³⁴ *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:20.

³⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 832; Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "The Hammonds of Rehoboth and Swansea," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 149 (1995): 211-29, at 224.

³⁶ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 207; Zubrinsky, "Hammonds of Rehoboth and Swansea," 224.

³⁷ Zubrinsky, "Hammonds of Rehoboth and Swansea," 224. See also Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "Elizabeth Bartram, Wife of (1) William Hammond Sr. of Rehoboth and Swansea, and (2) Joseph² Fiske of Lynn and Swansea," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 149 (1995): 230-43.

³⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 832; Zubrinsky, "Hammonds of Rehoboth and Swansea," 224.

³⁹ *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:20.

⁴⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 826.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, 272.

⁴² *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:20.

- MEHITABEL WILLMARTH,^[44] b. Rehoboth 19 June 1675, dau. of Sgt. John and Ruth (Kendrick) Willmarth^[45] (see 23. *Willmarth*, 2, ii.), d. after 6 Sept. 1748.^[46]
- vi. HANNAH ORMSBEE, b. Rehoboth 23 Sept. 1678,^[47] d. before 21 Feb. 1726/7, when her brother Jacob was appointed administrator of her estate,^[48] m. Rehoboth 23 Feb. 1713/4 JOHN THOMPSON,^[49] d. before 7 Oct. 1723, when she was appointed co-administrator of his estate.^[50]
3. vii. JACOB ORMSBEE, b. 13 Sept. 1680, d. 1739, m. HOPESTILL EDDY.
- viii. BETHIAH ORMSBEE, b. Rehoboth 15 April 1682,^[51] d. after 5 Dec. 1732, when she presented her husband's estate inventory,^[52] m. Rehoboth 15 April 1701 THOMAS SHAW,^[53] d. before 1 Dec. 1732 (order for administration).^[54]
- ix. ESTHER ORMSBEE, b. Rehoboth 2 May 1684,^[55] d. before 19 Nov. 1729, when her brother Jacob was appointed administrator of her estate,^[56] m. Rehoboth 30 July 1713 PRESERVED REDWAY,^[57] b. Rehoboth 12 Jan. 1684, son of John and Mary (Fuller) Redway,^[58] d. Rehoboth Feb. 1724/5.^[59]
- x. EZRA ORMSBEE, b. Rehoboth 15 Aug. 1686,^[60] living 25 Oct. 1727, when he appraised the estate of Ebenezer Martin of Barrington, Bristol Co., Mass. (now R. I.),^[61] m. Swansea 25 Dec. 1715 MARY SALSBUURY of that town,^[62] b. say 1696, prob. dau. of Samuel and Mary (Brooks) Salsbury.^[63] (see 743. *Salsbury*, 1, vi.)
- xi. DANIEL ORMSBEE, bur. Rehoboth 8 May 1689.^[64]
- xii. DANIEL ORMSBEE, b. Rehoboth 2 March 1690,^[65] d. before 20 June 1766, when inventories of his estate and his wife's were presented,^[66] m. ca. 1717 (first child, 1 July 1718) RUTH _____,^[67] d. Rehoboth 28 March 1749.^[68]

3. **Jacob³ Ormsbee** (*Jacob², Thomas¹*) was born 13 Sept. 1680 at Rehoboth, New Plymouth Colony (now in Bristol County, Massachusetts),^[69] and died in March or April 1739, probably in Rehoboth. His will of 1 March 1738/9 was not proved until 15 May 1739, but on 17 April his widow Hopestill was ordered to administer his estate. His will names her, sons Samuel and Jacob,

⁴³ Michelle Townsend Amsbury, "The Ancestry of Jeremiah Amsbury of Providence (1741–1812)," *Rhode Island Roots* 21 (1995): 72-4, at 72; Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 46.

⁴⁴ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 181.

⁴⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 780.

⁴⁶ Amsbury, "Ancestry of Jeremiah Amsbury," 72.

⁴⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 903.

⁴⁸ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 141.

⁴⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 272.

⁵⁰ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 96.

⁵¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 693, 908.

⁵² Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 213.

⁵³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 272.

⁵⁴ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 210.

⁵⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 693.

⁵⁶ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 165.

⁵⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 272.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, 729 (birth), 318 (parents' marriage).

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, 870.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, 693.

⁶¹ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 203-4.

⁶² Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 175.

⁶³ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 65.

⁶⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 857.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, 693.

⁶⁶ H. L. Peter Rounds, "Bristol County Probate Abstracts," *Mayflower Descendant* 49 (2000): 22-33, at 24.

⁶⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 694.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, 857.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, 693.

daughter Dorothea Wilmouth, wife of John Wilmouth, and grandchildren Waitstill, Jacob, and Ruth Fuller.^[70]

He married, 24 January 1705/6 at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, **Hopestill Eddy**. She was the daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Bullock) Eddy,^[71] and as before noted, she survived her husband. Her birth was not recorded, and her death date is not known.

Children of Jacob³ and Hopestill (Eddy) Ormsbee, all born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. WAITSTILL⁴ ORMSBEE, b. April 1707,^[72] d. Rehoboth 1 Sept. 1738,^[73] m. Rehoboth 10 May 1726 CHRISTOPHER BROWN,^[74] b. Rehoboth or Attleborough, Bristol Co., Mass., 17 June 1699, son of Joseph and Hannah (Fitch) Brown.^[75]
- + ii. DOROTHY ORMSBEE, b. 25 July 1715,^[76] res. Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., 7 June 1797,^[77] m. Rehoboth 16 Dec. 1736 JOHN WILLMARTH JR.,^[78] b. Rehoboth 5 July 1714, son of Dea. John and Hannah (Hunt) Willmarth^[79] (see 23. *Willmarth*, 4).
- iii. SAMUEL ORMSBEE, b. 8 May 1718,^[80] named in father's will; no further information.
- iv. JACOB ORMSBEE, b. 18 Aug. 1720,^[81] m. (int. Rehoboth 2 Feb. 1744/5) MARY BARNEY,^[82] b. Rehoboth 13 Dec. 1727, dau. of Daniel and Alice (Wheaton) Barney.^[83] (see 371. *Wheaton*, 2, viii.)

⁷⁰ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 279.

⁷¹ Hopestill is named as a daughter in the will of Caleb Eddy of Swansea, dated 18 May 1710, proved 6 April 1713. Although she had been married for four years by the time this will was made, it does not give her married name (*ibid.*, 58).

⁷² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 694.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, 825.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, 60, 272; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island: A Family Register for the People*, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 9:538, 573.

⁷⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 555 (birth), 59 (parents' marriage); *Vital Records of Attleborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1934), 51 (birth).

⁷⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 694.

⁷⁷ Shubael Willmarth will (1797), Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Probate Files, 14:462-4 at 463; FHL microfilm 873,448.

⁷⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 403.

⁷⁹ *Ibid.*, 780.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, 694.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*

⁸² *Ibid.*, 481.

⁸³ *Ibid.*, 529 (birth), 384 (parents' marriage).