

361. PERKINS

To my knowledge, only one genealogy of the family of Edmund Perkins of Boston has been produced, and it is inadequate. It begins with an 11-generation English pedigree, for which H. G. Somerby is credited. This presumably accounts for the compiler's insistence on connecting the immigrant ancestor to another of the same surname who settled in Essex County, Massachusetts,^[1] even though the leading authority on that family shows no such link.^[2] Even the compiler's presentation of the American generations is far from complete. He concentrates on his own lineage, includes little information on ancestors' collateral kin, and expresses most dates in years only. Although the present work similarly centers on a single lineage, it affords ample opportunity to address the shortcomings of the earlier work.

1. **Edmund¹ Perkins** died in 1693, probably in Boston. In 1743 Jonathan Armitage, aged about 67 years, so deposed.^[3] He married, as her second husband, **Susan (Hudson) Howlett**. She born in Boston on 15 December 1645, daughter of Francis and Mary (____) Hudson,^[4] and died after 10 May 1703, when she sold property inherited from her father.^[5] Her first husband, whom she married in say 1670, was **John Howlett**. He was born about 1643 and died in 1675.^[6] After Edmund's death, she married third, by publication of 30 October 1696 at Boston, **Christopher Sleg**.^[7] He died 25 November 1697 in Boston.^[8]

Children of John and Susan (Hudson) Howlett, born in Boston, are:^[9]

- i. MARY HOWLETT, b. 22 Jan. 1670[1],^[10] d. 30 Dec. 1733, aged 63y, bur. Copp's Hill Burying Ground, Boston,^[11] m. (1) by 24 June 1693 (birth of first child) BENJAMIN EMMES;^[12] m. (2) Boston 16 July 1702

¹ [Augustus Thorndike Perkins,] *A Private Proof Printed in Order to Preserve Certain Matters Connected with the Boston Branch of the Perkins Family: Intended Only as an Indication of the Best Points of Future Investigation* (Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, Printers, 1890), 1-21.

² Walter Goodwin Davis, *The Ancestry of Dudley Wildes (1759–1820) of Topsfield, Massachusetts* (Portland, Me.: Anthes Press, 1959), partially reprinted in *Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis (1885–1966): A Reprinting, in Alphabetical Order by Surname, of the Sixteen Multi-Ancestor Compendia (Plus Thomas Haley of Winter Harbor and His Descendants) Compiled by Maine's Foremost Genealogist*, 3 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996), 3:165-82.

³ Henry Ernest Woods, "A Bit of Boston History," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 57 (1903): 415.

⁴ William S. Appleton, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630–1699*, 9th Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1883), 21. On Francis Hudson, see Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995), 2:1036.

⁵ 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, 2000), refcode 39373, citing Suffolk Deeds, 22:23.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 39265.

⁷ Edward Webster McGlenen, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751*, 28th Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1898), 350.

⁸ Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 238.

⁹ This list follows the correction offered by Robert Charles Anderson, "Michael Powell of Dedham and Boston," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 131 (1977): 173-4, at 174.

¹⁰ Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 115.

¹¹ Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, comps., *Inscriptions and Records of the Old Cemeteries of Boston* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2000), 234; Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston, 1700 to 1799*, 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1999), 1:373; Arthur Winfred Hodgman, "The Wife of Thomas Gilbert of Boston," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 128 (1974): 63-4, at 63.

¹² Hodgman, "Wife of Thomas Gilbert," 64.

EDWARD LILLIE,^[13] son of Edward and Elizabeth (____) Lillie, d. between 4 Aug. 1702 (will) and 25 Nov. 1702 (probate);^[14] m. (3) Boston 19 July 1704 CALEB TROWBRIDGE,^[15] d. 10 Sept. 1704;^[16] m. (4) Boston 24 Sept. 1708 Capt. THOMAS GILBERT,^[17] b. ca. 1655, d. 9 Feb. 1718/9 in 64th y., bur. Granary Burying Ground, Boston.^[18] A deed of 15 April 1712 describes her as a granddaughter of Francis Hudson, ferryman.^[19] It has been incorrectly stated that she married Benjamin Emmons,^[20] and that she was an Emmes by birth and not by marriage.^[21]

ii. SARAH HOWLETT, b. 22 May 1674,^[22] d. before 1675.^[23]

Children of Edmund¹ and Susan (Hudson) Howlett Perkins, born in Boston, are:

i. EDMUND² PERKINS, b. 8 May 1679,^[24] d. 14 Sept. 1689 [*sic*], bur. Boston.^[25]

ii. JOHN PERKINS, b. 14 Oct. 1680,^[26] no further information.

2. iii. EDMUND PERKINS, b. 6 Sept. 1683, d. 24 May 1761, m. (1) MARY FARRIS; m. (2) ESTHER FROTHINGHAM.

iv. JANE PERKINS, b. 25 Feb. 1686[7],^[27] no further information.^[28]

2. **Edmund² Perkins** (*Edmund¹*) was born 6 September 1683 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts,^[29] died 24 May 1761, aged 78 years, and is buried in King's Chapel Burying Ground, Boston.^[30] He married first, 15 August 1709 at Boston, **Mary Farris**.^[31] She was born about 1688, probably the daughter of James and Mary (____) Farris (see 1445. *Farris*, 1, ii.), died 18 November 1721, aged about 33 years, and is buried in the Granary Burying Ground in Boston.^[32] He married secondly, 8 March 1722 in Boston, **Esther Frothingham** of Charlestown, Middlesex (now Suffolk) County, Massachusetts.^[33] She was born in Boston on 13 October 1695, daughter of William and Esther (____) Frothingham.^[34]

Children of Edmund² and Mary (Farris) Perkins, born in Boston, are:

i. HENRY³ PERKINS, b. 29 Aug. 1710,^[35] d. 30 Aug. 1783 in 73rd y., bur. Granary Burying Ground, Bos-

¹³ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 5.

¹⁴ Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates*, 43090, citing Suffolk County Probate Records, 10:446, and 43091, citing *ibid.*, 15:91.

¹⁵ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 16.

¹⁶ Hodgman, "Wife of Thomas Gilbert," 63.

¹⁷ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 19.

¹⁸ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Old Cemeteries of Boston*, 591; Dunkle and Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston*, 1:374. His will of 5 February 1718[9], proved 16 February 1718[9], names among other heirs his daughter in law [stepdaughter?] Elizabeth Foye (Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates*, 21196, citing Suffolk County Probate Records, 21:293).

¹⁹ Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates*, 21196, citing Suffolk Deeds, 26:274-5.

²⁰ Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates*, 39265.

²¹ Hodgman, "Wife of Thomas Gilbert," 63-4.

²² Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 132.

²³ Hodgman, "Wife of Thomas Gilbert," 64.

²⁴ Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 146.

²⁵ "Old Grave Stones," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 25 (1871): 88-9, at 88.

²⁶ Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 152.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, 170.

²⁸ Hodgman, "Wife of Thomas Gilbert," 64.

²⁹ Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 160.

³⁰ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Old Cemeteries of Boston*, 773.

³¹ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 24.

³² Dunkle and Lainhart, *Old Cemeteries of Boston*, 648.

³³ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 109.

³⁴ Thomas Bellows Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629–1818*, 2 vols. (Boston: David Clapp and Son, 1879), 1:382; Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths*, 222.

³⁵ William S. Appleton, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing Boston Births from A.D. 1700 to A.D. 1800*, 24th Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers, 1894), 72.

- ton,^[36] m. Boston 9 Feb. 1737 MARY KILBY,^[37] bp. Brattle Street Church, Boston, 9 Sept. 1716,^[38] dau. of Thomas and Mary (Robinson) Kilby,^[39] d. after 6 Jan. 1742/3, when they had a child bp. in the Old South Church, Boston;^[40] poss. m. (2) Hingham, Suffolk (now Plymouth) Co., Mass., 13 Feb. 1746, GRACE THAXTER,^[41] b. Hingham 18 July 1725, dau. of John and Grace (Stockbridge) Thaxter.^[42]
3. ii. WILLIAM PERKINS, b. 19 Nov. 1716, d. before 18 March 1760, m. ELIZABETH PALFREY.
- iii. MARY PERKINS, b. 23 Oct. 1718,^[43] prob. m. Boston 10 Nov. 1737 MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN,^[44] prob. the "Michel Geeahgon" bur. from Christ Church, Boston, 24 Jan. 1742/3.^[45] Mary "Gayhegan" was admitted to full communion of Brattle Street Church, 1 Aug. 1742.^[46] Children of Michael and Michael and Mary³ (Perkins) Geoghegan are:
1. *Anna Geoghegan*, b. Boston 1 Aug. 1738,^[47] bp. as *Mary*, King's Chapel, Boston, 4 Aug. 1738.^[48]
 2. *Joseph Geoghegan*, bp. Christ Church, Boston, 18 Nov. 1739.^[49]

Children of Edmund² and Esther (Frothingham) Perkins, born in Boston and baptized at the First Church, are:

- iv. JOHN PERKINS, b. 22 Dec. 1723,^[50] bp. 22 Dec. 1723,^[51] prob. m. (int. Boston 13 March 1746) SUSANNA TUCK.^[52]
- v. ESTHER PERKINS, bp. 18 Sept. 1725,^[53] d. Boston 20 Nov. 1807, aged 82y,^[54] m. (1) (int. Boston 31 Aug. 1749) JOHN TREVETT;^[55] d. between 1 March 1752 (baptism of child)^[56] and 21 July 1752 (advertisement of estate);^[57] m. (2) Brattle Street Church, Boston, 8 April 1762, THOMAS GREEN,^[58] b. New London, New London Co., Conn., 31 Jan. 1715/[6], son of Dea. Timothy and Mary (Flint) Green,^[59]

³⁶ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Old Cemeteries of Boston*, 648.

³⁷ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 208.

³⁸ *The Manifesto Church: Records of the Church in Brattle Square, Boston, with Lists of Communicants, Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals* (Boston: Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, 1902), 137.

³⁹ Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates, 41662* (Thomas Kilby).

⁴⁰ Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, transcrs., *The Records of the Churches of Boston and the First Church, the Second Parish, and the Third Parish of Roxbury, Including Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Admissions, and Dismissals*, CD-ROM (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002), record 33,995. All citations are keyed to the record that gives the name of the referenced individual.

⁴¹ Edward W. McGlenen, *A Volume of Records Relating to the Early History of Boston, Containing Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809*, 30th Report of the Record Commissioners (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1903), 300.

⁴² George Lincoln, *The History of Hingham, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. in 4 (Hingham: town, 1893), 3:231-2.

⁴³ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700–1800*, 131.

⁴⁴ Anson Titus, transcr., "Marriages of the Rev. Thomas Foxcroft, A.M., Boston, 1717–1769," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 42 (1888): 152-5, 250-4, at 251.

⁴⁵ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 88,313; Dunkle and Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston*, 1:366.

⁴⁶ *Manifesto Church*, 113.

⁴⁷ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700–1800*, 233.

⁴⁸ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 37,030.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, record 85,077.

⁵⁰ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700–1800*, 161.

⁵¹ Richard D. Pierce, ed., *The Records of the First Church in Boston, 1630–1838*, 3 vols., Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vols. 39-41 (Boston: The Society, 1961), 2:392.

⁵² McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 282.

⁵³ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:394.

⁵⁴ *Manifesto Church*, 280; American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries in the Massachusetts Centinel and Columbian Centinel, 1784 to 1840*, 5 vols. (Boston: G. K. Hall, 1961), 2:1933.

⁵⁵ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, 292.

⁵⁶ *Manifesto Church*, 173.

⁵⁷ Thwing, *Boston Inhabitants and Estates*, 58439.

⁵⁸ *Manifesto Church*, 251; McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752–1809*, 327.

⁵⁹ William C. Kiessel, "The Green Family, a Dynasty of Printers," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 104 (1950): 81-93, at 87; Annie Holt Smith, "Green Family Items from the Records of New London, Conn.," *Genealogical Advertiser* 4 (1901): 51. Cf. New London, Connecticut, First Church of Christ Records, 1670–1888, vol. 1 (Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1935), 132, FHL microfilm 1,011,943, item 1; and Joshua Hempstead, *Diary of Joshua Hemp-*

- d. Boston 12 Sept. 1794, aged 78y, bur. Granary Burying Ground.^[60]
- vi. EDMUND PERKINS, bp. 26 March 1727,^[61] prob. m. (int. Boston 23 March 1762) HANNAH LAMONT.^[62]
- vii. SUSANNA PERKINS, bp. 31 Aug. 1729,^[63] d. y.
- viii. SUSANNA PERKINS, bp. 8 Aug. 1731,^[64] d. y.
- ix. JAMES PERKINS, bp. 7 Jan. 1733,^[65] d. Boston 8 May 1773, in his 41st y.,^[66] m. Boston 29 Dec. 1755 ELIZABETH PECK,^[67] b. Boston 14 Feb. 1735, dau. of Thomas Handasyd and Elizabeth (____) Peck,^[68] res. 1796 at the corner of Purchase Street and Belcher Lane in Boston.^[69]
- x. SAMUEL PERKINS, bp. 11 May 1735,^[70] as Capt. Samuel Perkins d. at sea, "on passage from St. Croix," before 18 April 1774, aged 39y;^[71] prob. m. Boston 24 May 1768 SARAH BLODGET.^[72]
- xi. SUSANNA PERKINS, b. 26 July 1737,^[73] bp. 31 July 1737,^[74] prob. m. (int. Boston 14 Oct. 1758) JOSEPH WELCH.^[75]

3. **William³ Perkins** (*Edmund*²⁻¹) was born 19 November 1716 in Boston,^[76] and died before 18 March 1760. He married, 4 June 1741 at the New South Church in Boston, **Elizabeth Palfrey**.^[77] She was born in Boston on 11 November 1719,^[78] daughter of William and Abigail (Briscoe) Palfrey (see 723. *Palfrey*, 2, ix.), and probably, as "Mrs. Hartley," died in Boston on 20 March 1775, aged 55 years.^[79] After her first husband's death she remarried, 18 March 1760 in Boston, **Thomas Hartley**.^[80]

There are three known eighteenth-century Bostonians named *Thomas Hartley*, each of whom apparently represent a different generation in the same family. The eldest was evidently married for the first time in 1727,^[81] and admitted to the First Church in Boston in January 1728.^[82]

stead of New London, Covering a Period of Forty-Seven Years, from September, 1711, to November, 1758, Containing Valuable Genealogical Data Relating to Many New London Families, References to the Colonial Wars, to the Shipping and Other Matters of Interest Pertaining to the Town and the Times, with an Account of a Journey Made by the Writer from New London to Maryland (New London: New London County Historical Society, 1901), 53. See also Austin W. Spencer, "Abdication and Succession: Thomas⁴ Green of Boston and the 'Dynasty of Printers,'" *Genealogist* 17 (2003): 209-22.

⁶⁰ American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries*, 2:1941; Dunkle and Lainhart, *Old Cemeteries of Boston*, 595.

⁶¹ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:396.

⁶² McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752-1809*, 419.

⁶³ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:398.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, 2:400.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, 2:401.

⁶⁶ John Boyle, "Boyle's Journal of Occurrences in Boston, 1759-1778," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 84 (1930): 142-71, 248-72, 357-82; 85 (1931): 5-28, 117-33, at 84:364; Dunkle and Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston*, 2:709, 710.

⁶⁷ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752-1809*, 259.

⁶⁸ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700-1800*, 222.

⁶⁹ *John Haven Dexter's Memoranda of the Town of Boston in the 18th & 19th Centuries*, transcr. Robert J. Dunkle and Ann Smith Lainhart (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1997), 399.

⁷⁰ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:403.

⁷¹ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston*, 2:711.

⁷² McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752-1809*, 60.

⁷³ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700-1800*, 230.

⁷⁴ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:406.

⁷⁵ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752-1809*, 30.

⁷⁶ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700-1800*, 116.

⁷⁷ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 79,088; McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700-1751*, 345.

⁷⁸ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700-1800*, 138.

⁷⁹ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Deaths in Boston*, 1:438.

⁸⁰ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752-1809*, 379.

⁸¹ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1700-1751*, 138. His wife, Eleanor Jones, was born in Dorchester in December 1705, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia (____) Jones (William S. Appleton, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of*

By these indicators, he must have been at least a decade older than Elizabeth. His namesake son was born 25 May 1729 in Boston^[83] and baptized 1 June 1729 at the First Church.^[84] He is apparently the one who intended marriage to Sarah Phillips of Marshfield, Massachusetts, on 30 January 1752.^[85] On 5 November 1752, Thomas Hartley junior “publicly recognized the Baptismal Covenant”^[86] and had a son John, by wife Sarah, baptized in the First Church.^[87] Because Sarah does not appear again, it is likely that this Thomas also married Mary Smith on 5 May 1757 at Trinity Church, Boston.^[88] They had two children baptized in that church: *Thomas*, the third, on 2 April 1758,^[89] and Mary on 3 February 1760.^[90] Mary (Smith) Hartley thereafter disappears from the records, notably only a month before Elizabeth (Palfrey) Perkins’s second marriage. Despite their difference in age and the prevailing tendency of men to marry younger women, there is little to militate against a marriage between Elizabeth (Palfrey) Perkins and the second Thomas Hartley.

One Thomas Hartley was buried from Trinity Church on 23 April 1763.^[91] This record might refer to either of the first two of the name and sheds no light on which, if either, married Elizabeth. In the same way, the Boston town record of 1 May 1765, which refers to a “now deceased” Thomas Hartley, not only suffers from the same lack of definition but also might well refer to the same man as the 1763 Trinity Church burial record.^[92] In any case, that Elizabeth remarried is proved by her father’s will of 1 April 1766, which names his daughter Elizabeth Hartley.^[93] She had no evident issue by her second husband.

Children of William³ and Elizabeth (Palfrey) Perkins, born in Boston and baptized at New South Church:

- i. WILLIAM⁴ PERKINS, bp. 18 April 1742,^[94] d. Boston, Oct. 1802, aged 60y,^[95] m. Brattle Street Church, Boston, 20 Dec. 1763 ABIGAIL COX,^[96] b. ca. 1742, d. Boston March 1800, aged 58y.^[97]
- ii. EDMUND PERKINS, bp. 22 Jan. 1744/5,^[98] d. y.
- + iii. ELIZABETH PERKINS, bp. 9 March 1745/6,^[99] d. between 20 Jan. 1826 (will) and 22 Aug. 1831 (probate),^[100] m. Boston 1 Jan. 1786 Capt. JOHN MATCHETT,^[101] b. Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., 22 May

Boston, Containing Dorchester Births, Marriages and Deaths to the End of 1825, 21st Report of the Record Commissioners [Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1890], 51).

⁸² Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 1:112.

⁸³ Appleton, *Boston Births, 1700–1800*, 192.

⁸⁴ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:398.

⁸⁵ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752–1809*, 2.

⁸⁶ Pierce, *Records of the First Church in Boston*, 2:440-1.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, 2:417.

⁸⁸ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752–1809*, 395; Andrew Oliver and James Bishop Peabody, eds., *The Records of Trinity Church, Boston, 1728–1830*, 2 vols., Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vols. 47-8 (Boston: The Society, 1982), 2:725.

⁸⁹ Oliver and Peabody, *Records of Trinity Church*, 2:546.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 2:548.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, 2:779.

⁹² Thwing, refcode 37302, citing Town Records, 20:149.

⁹³ Thwing, refcode 3649, citing Suffolk County Probate Records, 65:208.

⁹⁴ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,084.

⁹⁵ American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries*, 4:3514, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 27 Oct. 1802.

⁹⁶ *Manifesto Church*, 252.

⁹⁷ American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries*, 4:3504, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 14 March 1800.

⁹⁸ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,159.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, record 76,254.

¹⁰⁰ Elizabeth Matchett will (1826), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, Probate Records, 129, pt. 2:136-7; FHL microfilm 493,982, item 2.

- 1714,^[102] d. Boston, Nov. 1793.^[103]
- iv. HENRY PERKINS, bp. 25 June 1749,^[104] d. New Bedford, Bristol Co., Mass., 18 Feb. 1836, aged 87y,^[105] m. Dartmouth, same county, 28 Jan. 1778 REBECCA GRAY,^[106] b. ca. 1752, d. New Bedford 25 June 1835, aged 80y or 83y.^[107] In her will, Elizabeth (Perkins) Matchett calls him "my Brother Henry Perkins residing now or late in Dartmouth, County of Bristol."^[108]
- v. EDMUND PERKINS, bp. 4 Aug. 1751;^[109] not listed in sister Elizabeth's will.
- vi. MARY PERKINS, b. 20 April 1754,^[110] bp. 21 April 1754,^[111] d. Groton, Middlesex Co., Mass., 6 Sept. 1847, aged 93y 4m 22d,^[112] married ca. 1776 (first child, b. Watertown, Middlesex Co., Mass., 22 Jan. 1777) JOHN CASSELL,^[113] b. ca. 1754, d. Groton 27 Feb. 1818, aged 64y.^[114] In her will, Elizabeth (Perkins) Matchett refers to "my esteemed sister, Mary Capell [Cassell] of Groton."^[115]
- vii. GRACE PERKINS, bp. 27 Aug. 1758,^[116] d. Boston 8 Feb. 1813, aged 56y,^[117] m. Boston 1 Nov. 1778 JOHN KNEELAND,^[118] b. 8 Oct. 1754, son of John and Abigail (Martin) Kneeland,^[119] d. Westford, Essex Co., Mass., 30 Aug. 1790.^[120]

¹⁰¹ Charles Knowles Bolton, *Marriage Records, 1785–1794, for the Whole United States* (Salem, Mass.: Eben Putnam, 1900), 83, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 4 Jan. 1786; *Dexter's Boston Memoranda*, 347. McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752–1809*, 96, gives the year as 1785.

¹⁰² *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1917–24), 1:467.

¹⁰³ *Massachusetts Magazine* 5 (1793): 768.

¹⁰⁴ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,394.

¹⁰⁵ *Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1932–41), 3:126 (gravestone); *Index of Obituaries*, 4:3508, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 24 Feb. 1836.

¹⁰⁶ *Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929–30), 2:355.

¹⁰⁷ *Vital Records of New Bedford*, 3:125 (gravestone; aged 80y); *Index of Obituaries*, 4:3512, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 27 June 1835 (aged 83y).

¹⁰⁸ Suffolk County Probate Records, 129, pt. 2:136.

¹⁰⁹ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,486.

¹¹⁰ *Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1926), 2:209. This source calls them *Capell*, evidently resulting from confusion of a long s–short s pair with a lower-case p.

¹¹¹ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,583.

¹¹² *Vital Records of Groton*, 2:209.

¹¹³ Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts*, 2nd ed., 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1860), 1:150. Cf. *Vital Records of Groton*, 1:48-9.

¹¹⁴ *Vital Records of Groton*, 2:209.

¹¹⁵ Suffolk County Probate Records, 129, pt. 2:136.

¹¹⁶ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Churches of Boston*, record 76,754.

¹¹⁷ *Dexter's Boston Memoranda*, 308; American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries*, 3:2666, citing *Columbian Centinel*, 10 Feb. 1813.

¹¹⁸ McGlenen, *Boston Marriages, 1752–1809*, 88.

¹¹⁹ Stillman Foster Kneeland, *Seven Centuries in the Kneeland Family* (New York, 1897), 55.

¹²⁰ *Ibid.*, 54; American Antiquarian Society, *Index of Obituaries*, 3:2666.