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1. **William[1] Stevens** was living 25 March 1662, when he and his daughter Mary Goyte, widow, were granted administration over the estate of her husband John Goyte.[1] He predeceased his wife **Philippa ____**, who died 31 August 1681 at Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts.[2]

Children of William[1] and Philippa (____) Stevens are:

2. i. JAMES[2] STEVENS, b. ca. 1630, d. 25 March 1697, m. SUSANNA EVELETH.
ii. ISAAC STEVENS, bp. Salem, Essex Co., Mass., 2 Jan. 1639/40,[3] living 1681; apparently never m.[4]
\+ iii. MARY STEVENS, bp. Salem 2 Jan. 1639/40,[5] d. Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., 7 Nov. 1692,[6] m. (1) Gloucester 25 May 1652 JOHN COIT,[7] son of John and Mary (Jenners?) Coit of Gloucester,[8] d. shortly before 25 March 1662,[9] m. (2) Gloucester 3 Oct. 1667 JOHN FITCH,[10] who d. there 9 May 1715.[11]
iv. RUTH STEVENS, bp. Salem 7 March 1640/1,[12] d. Gloucester 16 Aug. 1664,[13] m. Gloucester 7 Oct. 1663 STEPHEN GLOVER,[14] who d. there 10 Dec. 1686.[15]

2. **James[2] Stevens** (*William*[1]) was born about 1630, probably in England,[16] and died 25 March 1697 in Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts.[17] He married, 31 December 1656 at Gloucester, **Susanna Eveleth**,[18] daughter of Sylvester and Susanna (Nubery) Eveleth.[19]

Children of James[2] and Susanna (Eveleth) Stevens, all born in Gloucester, are:

i. WILLIAM STEVENS, b. 10 March 1657/8,[20] d. Gloucester 24 Sept. 1701,[21] m. there 15 June 1682 ABIGAIL SARGENT,[22] b. there 8 May 1665, dau. of William and Abigail (Clark) Sargent,[23] d. there 8

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[1] *The Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts,* 3 vols. (Salem, Mass: Essex Institute, 1916–20), 1:358-9.

[2] John J. Babson, *History of the Town of Gloucester, Cape Ann, Including the Town of Rockport* (Gloucester, Mass.: Procter Brothers, 1860; reprint, Gloucester, Mass.: Peter Smith, 1972), 166; Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines: A Memorial Volume Containing the American Ancestry of Rufus R. Dawes,* 2 vols. (privately printed, 1931–43), 1:568; *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849,* 3 vols. (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1917–24), 3:299. Ferris includes an outstanding biography of William but does not pursue the male-line descendants of his son James.

[3] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568; Richard D. Pierce, ed., *The Records of the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts, 1629–1736* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1974), 17.

[4] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568.

[5] Ibid.; Pierce, *Salem First Church Records,* 17.

[6] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 3:133.

[7] Ibid., 2:523.

[8] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:193.

[9] *Essex County Probate Records,* 1:358.

[10] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:139; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:195, 568.

[11] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 3:133; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:195.

[12] Pierce, *Salem First Church Records,* 18; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568.

[13] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 3:144; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568.

[14] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:521; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568.

[15] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 3:144.

[16] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568.

[17] Ibid.; Babson, *History of Gloucester,* 166. *Vital Records of Gloucester* gives this as the death date of Deacon John Stevens (3:299).

[18] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:568; *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:523.

[19] See Jonathan B. Butcher, "The Eveleth Family of Colonial New England," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 134 (1980): 299-309, at 302.

[20] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 1:684.

[21] Ibid., 3:300.

[22] Ibid., 2:524; Babson, *History of Gloucester,* 167.

[23] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 1:685 (birth), 2:482 (parents' marriage).

Jan. 1709/10.[24]

ii. JAMES STEVENS, b. 23 Jan. 1660[/1],[25] d. Gloucester 30 Jan. 1660[/1].[26]

iii. JAMES STEVENS, b. 4 Feb. 1661[/2],[27] prob. d. Gloucester 27 Sept. 1688.[28]

iv. ISACKE STEVENS, b. 16 Aug. 1664,[29] d. Gloucester 21 Dec. 1664.[30]

3. v. SAMUEL STEVENS, b. 5 Dec. 1665, d. 17 Nov. 1756, m. MARY ELLERY.

vi. DAVID STEVENS, b. 5 Nov. 1667,[31] d. bef. 1709,[32] m. ca. 1703 (first child, b. Gloucester 17 Nov. 1703) HANNAH ____.[33]

vii. ISAAC STEVENS, b. 11 Nov. 1668,[34] d. Gloucester 27 Nov. 1668.[35]

viii. EBENEZER STEVENS, b. 20 Sept. 1670.[36]

ix. MARY STEVENS, b. 13 June 1672,[37] d. Gloucester 19 Nov. 1724, aged 52y,[38] m. there 24 Jan. 1692/3 FRANCIS NORWOOD JR.,[39] b. there 9 Dec. 1666, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Coldham) Norwood,[40] and survived her.[41]

x. HANNAH STEVENS, b. 9 April 1675,[42] m. Gloucester 7 Feb. 1714/5 Sgt. NATHANIEL WHARFE,[43] b. there 9 March 1684/5, son of Nathaniel and Anna (____) Wharfe.[44]

xi. JONATHAN STEVENS, b. 7 March 1679/80,[45] d. bef. 1709,[46] m. 13 March 1706/7 MARY SARGENT.[47]

3. **Samuel[3] Stevens** (*James*[2], *William*[1]) was born 5 December 1665 in Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts,[48] and died there on 17 November 1756, in his 92nd year.[49] He married **Mary Ellery** on 12 January 1692/3 in Gloucester.[50] She was born there on 24 February 1676/7, daughter of William and Mary (Coit) Ellery,[51] and died there on 1 June 1758. After Samuel's death she married secondly, 16 March 1758 at Gloucester, **Elder Edmund Grover**, who died there on 5 February 1761.[52]

Children of Samuel[3] and Mary (Ellery) Stevens, probably all born in Gloucester, are:

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[24] Ibid., 3:96; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:195.

[25] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 1:684.

[26] According to the county record, the family had a son *John* who died that day, but the name is probably in error. The town record shows that *James* Stevens died that day, but gives no parents for him (ibid., 3:298).

[27] Ibid., 1:684.

[28] Ibid., 3:299.

[29] Ibid., 1:684.

[30] Ibid., 3:299.

[31] Ibid., 1:685.

[32] Babson, *History of Gloucester,* 169.

[33] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 1:686, 3:300.

[34] Ibid., 1:685.

[35] Ibid., 3:299.

[36] Ibid., 1:685.

[37] Ibid., 1:687.

[38] Ibid., 3:223.

[39] Ibid., 2:523.

[40] Ibid., 1:492 (birth), 2:390 (parents' marriage).

[41] Ibid., 3:223.

[42] Ibid., 1:687.

[43] Ibid., 2:522.

[44] Ibid., 1:754.

[45] Ibid., 1:687.

[46] Babson, *History of Gloucester,* 169.

[47] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:523.

[48] Ibid., 1:684.

[49] Ibid., 3:299.

[50] Ibid., 2:524.

[51] Ibid., 1:235 (birth), 2:193 (parents' marriage).

[52] Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines,* 1:292.

i. MARY[4] STEVENS, perhaps the daughter Mary b. Gloucester, Feb. [1692/3?], of unidentified parents Samuel and Mary;[53] m. there 30 Dec. 1712 JOSIAH INGERSOLL,[54] b. ca. 1687, son of Samuel and Judith (____) Ingersoll, whose will of 1 Oct. 1760 was proved 30 May 1768.[55]

ii. SAMUEL STEVENS, b. 7 May 1696,[56] d. in April 1722 "near Isle Sables," aged 26y,[57] m. Gloucester 23 Oct. 1718 ABIGAIL YORK,[58] b. Gloucester 29 Jan. 1700/1, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (____) York.[59]

iii. JAMES STEVENS, b. 4 April 1699,[60] m. Gloucester 15 July 1717 DEBORAH SAYWARD.[61]

iv. ABIGAIL STEVENS, b. 7 May 1702,[62] m. Gloucester 15 April 1719 JOSEPH HILLER of Boston.[63]

v. ____ STEVENS (son) b. say 1704, d. Gloucester in Aug. 1704.[64]

vi. EBENEZER STEVENS, b. 13 March 1705/6,[65] d. Gloucester 27 March 1705/6.[66]

vii. JOHN STEVENS, b. 11 July 1707,[67] d. Gloucester 13 April 1779, aged 72y,[68] m. (1) Gloucester 12 April 1729 RACHEL ALLEN,[69] b. there 16 Aug. 1711, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Coit) Allen,[70] d. there 22 July 1753 in 42nd y.;[71] m. (2) Gloucester 27 May 1754 ELIZABETH (ALLIN) GORHAM,[72] b. Barnstable, Barnstable Co., Mass., 8 June 1713, dau. of James and Susannah (Lewes) Allin, and widow of Col. John Gorham,[73] d. Gloucester 25 Dec. 1786,[74] widow of Col. John Gorham.[75]

viii. DAVID STEVENS, b. 17 July 1710.[76]

4. ix. WILLIAM STEVENS, b. 9 Jan. 1712/3, d. 10 May 1767, m. ELIZABETH ALLEN.

x. SUSANNA STEVENS, b. 25 March 1717,[77] m. Gloucester 20 Jan. 1735/6 DAVID PEARCE,[78] b. there 5 Oct. 1713, son of Samuel and Mary (____) Pearce.[79]

4. **William[4] Stevens Esq.** (*Samuel*[3], *James*[2], *William*[1]) was born 9 January 1712/3 in Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts,[80] and died 10 May 1767, in his 55th year.[81] He was married in

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[53] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 1:801.

[54] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 2:523. See also F. W. Chapman, *The Coit Family, or Descendants of John Coit* (Hartford, Conn.: Press of Case, Lockwood & Co., 1874), 16 n.

[55] A. W. Greely, "Richard Ingersoll and Some of His Descendants," *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* 45 (1909): 185-203, at 201.

[56] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 1:688.

[57] Ibid., 3:299.

[58] Ibid., 2:524.

[59] Ibid., 1:794; William M. Sargent, "York Family," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* 3 (1886): 17-25, at 18.

[60] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 1:686.

[61] Ibid., 2:523.

[62] Ibid., 1:685.

[63] Ibid., 2:522.

[64] Ibid., 3:300.

[65] Ibid., 1:685.

[66] Ibid., 3:298.

[67] Ibid., 1:686.

[68] Ibid., 3:299.

[69] Ibid., 2:523.

[70] Ibid., 1:65 (birth), 2:62 (parents' marriage).

[71] Ibid., 3:299.

[72] Ibid., 2:523.

[73] Frank William Sprague, "Col. John Gorham's 'Wast Book,'" *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 52 (1898): 186-92, at 192.

[74] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 3:298.

[75] Sprague, "Gorham's 'Wast Book,'" 192; George Ernest Bowman, "Barnstable, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 32 (1930): 148-56, at 155.

[76] *Vital Records of Gloucester*, 1:685.

[77] Ibid., 1:688.

[78] Ibid., 2:524.

[79] Ibid., 1:531.

[80] Ibid., 1:688.

[81] Ibid., 3:300.

Gloucester on 22 November 1733 to **Elizabeth Allen**,[82] who was born there on 12 October 1713, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Coit) Allen,[83] and died 18 August 1778, in her 65th year.[84] They are both buried in the Bridge Street Cemetery in Gloucester.

Children of William[4] and Elizabeth (Allen) Stevens, born in Gloucester, are:

i. WILLIAM[5] STEVENS, b. 8 Sept. 1734,[85] d. Gloucester 16 April 1735.[86]

ii. ELIZABETH STEVENS, b. 28 March 1736,[87] d. Gloucester 8 July 1738.[88]

iii. WILLIAM STEVENS, b. 22 March 1737,[89] d. y.

iv. WILLIAM STEVENS JR., b. 21 March 1737/8,[90] d. 27 Sept. 1763, in 26th y., bur. Bridge Street Cemetery, Gloucester.[91]

\+ v. ANNA STEVENS, b. 6 Jan. 1739,[92] m. (1) Gloucester 12 May 1760 Capt. JOSEPH SANDERS,[93] b. there 9 April 1737, son of Capt. Thomas and Judith (Robinson) Sanders,[94] d. there 23 Dec. 1761;[95] m. (2) Gloucester 17 Nov. 1763 Dr. SAMUEL PLUMMER,[96] b. there 24 Dec. 1725, son of Dr. David and Ann (Newman) Plummer,[97] d. there 3 Jan. 1778, aged 53y.[98]

vi. JOHN STEVENS JR., b. 1 June 1741,[99] d. St. Eustatius, West Indies,[100] m. Gloucester 3 Oct. 1769 JUDITH SARGENT.[101]

vii. MARY STEVENS, b. 6 March 1742/3.[102]

viii. SAMUEL STEVENS, b. 12 March 1748,[103] d. 9 Dec. 1795,[104] m. Gloucester 12 Oct. 1773 ELIZABETH ALLEN,[105] b. Gloucester 27 Oct. 1752, dau. of Col. William and Mary (Ingalls) Allen,[106] d. Portland, Cumberland Co., Me., 4 April 1850, aged 97y 4m 8d.[107]

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[82] Ibid., 2:524.

[83] Ibid., 1:65 (birth), 2:62 (parents' marriage).

[84] Ibid., 3:299.

[85] Ibid., 1:688.

[86] Ibid., 3:300.

[87] Ibid., 1:685.

[88] Ibid., 3:298.

[89] Ibid., 1:688.

[90] Ibid.

[91] Ibid., 3:300.

[92] Ibid., 1:685.

[93] Ibid., 2:522.

[94] Ibid., 1:622 (birth), 2:480 (parents' marriage).

[95] Ibid., 3:272.

[96] Ibid., 2:480.

[97] Ibid., 1:544 (birth), 2:428 (parents' marriage). See also Sidney Perley, "The Plumer Genealogy," *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* 50 (1914): 17-40, 169-92, 265-88, 337-56, at 274-5, 353-4.

[98] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 3:244.

[99] Ibid., 1:686.

[100] Babson, *History of Gloucester,* 168.

[101] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:523.

[102] Ibid., 1:687.

[103] Ibid., 1:688.

[104] John J. Babson, *Notes and Additions to the History of Gloucester, Part I: Early Settlers* (Gloucester, Mass.: M. V. B. Perley, Telegraph Office, 1876), 79.

[105] *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 2:524.

[106] Babson, *Notes and Additions,* 79; *Vital Records of Gloucester,* 1:59 (birth); *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850,* 3 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1910–7), 2:20 (parents' marriage).

[107] Babson, *Notes and Additions,* 79.