

371. WHEATON

1. **Robert¹ Wheaton** was traditionally born in about 1606 in England,^[1] and died in Rehoboth shortly before 11 January 1695/6, the day his widow presented an inventory of his estate. He also left a will, dated 2 October 1687 and proved on 24 February 1695/6. It names his wife Alice, sons Joseph (the eldest), Jeremiah, John, Obadiah, Ephraim, and Benjamin, daughters Bethiah, Hannah, and Mary, and mentions but does not name the children of son Samuel.^[2]

Robert married **Alice Bowen** in about 1640, probably in Salem, Massachusetts. She was born in say 1620, daughter of Richard Bowen by an unidentified wife.^[3]

Children of Robert¹ and Alice (Bowen) Wheaton are:

- i. JOSEPH² WHEATON, b. Salem ca. 1641,^[4] bur. Rehoboth 15 Sept. 1692.^[5]
- ii. SAMUEL WHEATON, b. Salem ca. 1643,^[6] d. Swansea, New Plymouth Colony (now Bristol Co., Mass.), 2 Feb. 1683[4],^[7] m. Swansea 5 Dec. 1678 ELIZABETH WOOD.^[8]
- iii. JEREMIAH WHEATON, b. Salem ca. 1645,^[9] m. (1) ca. 1665 (first child, 8 July 1666)^[10] HANNAH AMMIDOWN, dau. of Roger Ammidown;^[11] m. (2) Rehoboth 12 June 1723 MARY (WILLMARTH) (ROCKETT) GILBERT,^[12] dau. of Ens. Thomas and Elizabeth (Bliss) Willmarth (see 23. *Willmarth*, 1, ii.), and widow successively of Joseph Rockett and Giles Gilbert.
- iv. OBADIAH WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 20 Jan. 1647[8],^[13] d. after 10 Nov. 1713,^[14] m. by 4 March 1683/4 (birth of first child) SARAH _____, who d. after 22 Dec. 1704 (birth of last child).^[15] William B. Saxbe Jr. has recently speculated that she was Sarah Hatch, b. Scituate, New Plymouth Colony (now Plymouth Co., Mass.), 23 May 1664, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Elmes) Hatch.^[16]
- v. JOHN WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 20 April 1650,^[17] d. 25 July 1737, aged 88y, bur. Swansea (now Warren, Bristol Co., R. I.),^[18] m. ca. 1678 (first child, b. 10 Jan. 1679/80) ELIZABETH _____,^[19] who survived

¹ Richard LeBaron Bowen Jr., "The Ancestry, Wives, and Children of Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth, Massachusetts: With Notes on His Sons-in-Law Robert¹ Wheaton and Robert¹ Fuller and on Griffith¹ Bowen of Roxbury, Massachusetts," *American Genealogist* 76 (2001): 263-78, at 272.

² H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Files, 1687-1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1987), 12.

³ Bowen, "Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 277.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 272-3.

⁵ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896: Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths* (Providence, R. I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1897), 886.

⁶ Bowen, "Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 272-3.

⁷ 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), 410; George Ernest Bowman, "Plymouth Colony Vital Records: Transcribed from the Original Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 22 (1920): 92-6, at 96.

⁸ Alverdo Hayward Mason, ed., *Book A, Records of the Town of Swansea, 1662 to 1705* (East Braintree, Mass.: Alverdo H. Mason, 1900), unpagged, citing original p. 108, lines 1-2.

⁹ Bowen, "Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 272-3.

¹⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768.

¹¹ Charles Henry Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts: A Descriptive List, Drawn from Records of the Colonies, Towns, and Churches, and Other Contemporaneous Documents* (Boston, 1900; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 17.

¹² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 151; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island: A Family Register for the People*, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891-1912), 9:592.

¹³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768; Bowen, "Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 273.

¹⁴ William B. Saxbe Jr., "Enigmas #20: Did Sarah³ Hatch Marry Obadiah² Wheaton of Milton and Scituate, Massachusetts?" *American Genealogist* 80 (2005): 68-78, at 69.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, 68; F. Apthorp Foster, ed., *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1909), 1:407.

¹⁶ Saxbe, "Enigmas #20," 71-7. See also Foster, *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:177 (birth), 2:144 (parents' marriage).

¹⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768.

¹⁸ Guy Mannering Fessenden, "Burials at Warren and Barrington, R. I.," *New England Historical and Genealogical*

- him.^[20]
- vi. BETHIAH WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 20 May 1652,^[21] d. Rehoboth 16 April 1709,^[22] m. Rehoboth 4 Sept. 1674 WILLIAM BLANDING,^[23] d. bef. 26 Aug. 1705, when named as deceased in a son's death record.^[24]
- vii. HANNAH WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 18 Sept. 1654,^[25] d. Rehoboth 7 Oct. 1724,^[26] m. Rehoboth 4 Sept. 1674 Capt. JOHN BUTTERWORTH,^[27] b. Rehoboth 8 Sept. 1651, son of Dea. John and Sarah (____) Butterworth,^[28] d. Rehoboth 20 March 1730/1.^[29]
- viii. MARY WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 4 Nov. 1656,^[30] d. between 4 Nov. 1743 (deed) and 26 Nov. 1753 (probate),^[31] m. (1) Rehoboth 3 July 1676 THOMAS MAN,^[32] who d. Providence, Providence Plts. (now Co.), R. I., 18 July 1694;^[33] m. (2) Rehoboth 30 March 1698 EBENEZER DARLING, b. Mendon, Middlesex (now Worcester) Co., Mass., 8 Oct. 1679, son of Dennis and Huldah (Francis) Darling, d. before 4 Oct. 1705.^[34]
2. ix. EPHRAIM WHEATON, b. 20 Oct. 1659, d. 26 April 1734, m. (1) MARY MASON, m. (2) HANNAH (BOSWORTH?) JENCKES.
- x. BENJAMIN WHEATON, b. Rehoboth 28 Feb. 1661,^[35] d. Mendon, Middlesex (now Worcester) Co., Mass., 12 Aug. 1726,^[36] m. by 1696,^[37] prob. by 20 Aug. 1693,^[38] MARGARET ____.

2. Elder **Ephraim² Wheaton** (*Robert*¹) was born in Rehoboth, New Plymouth Colony (now Bristol County, Massachusetts), on 20 May 1652,^[39] and died in Rehoboth on 26 April 1734, aged 75 years.^[40] He married as his first wife, 7 January 1684 at Rehoboth, **Mary Mason**.^[41] She was born

Register 48 (1894): 442-4, at 443.

¹⁹ Mason, *Book A, Swansea Town Records*, citing 25, lines 16-17.

²⁰ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687-1745*, 261.

²¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768.

²² *Ibid.*, 796.

²³ *Ibid.*, 384, 898.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, 796.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, 768.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, 808.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, 384, 898.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, 569.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, 808.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, 768.

³¹ Dean Crawford Smith, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, Part I: The Ancestry of Warren Francis Kempton*, ed. Melinde Lutz Sanborn (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996), 291.

³² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 384.

³³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 2: Providence, 270.

³⁴ Smith and Sanborn, *Kempton Ancestry*, 291.

³⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768.

³⁶ Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1920), 514. See also Richard LeBaron Bowen, *Early Rehoboth: Documented Historical Studies of Families and Events in This Plymouth Colony Township*, 4 vols. (Rehoboth, Mass.: privately published, 1945-50), 3:166.

³⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 203.

³⁸ Benjamin had a child born on this date by an unnamed woman (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769).

³⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 768.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 886; Oscar Frank Stetson, "Burial Place Hill—Rehoboth," *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.

⁴¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 384.

in Rehoboth on 7 February 1660, daughter of Sampson and Mary (Butterworth) Mason,^[42] and died in Rehoboth on 15 November 1727.^[43]

For his second wife, pursuant to intentions dated 28 May 1728 at Rehoboth, he married **Hannah Jenckes** of Providence, Providence Plantations (now County), Rhode Island.^[44] She is perhaps identical with Hannah Bosworth, wife of Captain Nathaniel Jenckes of Providence,^[45] who had died in Providence on 11 August 1723.^[46] This Hannah was born 5 November 1663 at Swansea, New Plymouth Colony (now Bristol County, Massachusetts), daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Howland) Bosworth.^[47] She is the only known Hannah Jenckes in the area who was close in age to Ephraim Wheaton. Providence vital records include no statement that illuminates Hannah's circumstances in 1728, and the standard genealogy of the Bosworth family asserts, on uncertain authority, that she died in 1723.^[48]

Ephraim's will of 20 May 1729 names his second wife Hannah, sons James, Robart, Ephraim and Daniel; daughters Abigail Wheaton; Mary, wife of Richard Bullock; Hannah, wife of Isaac Bowen; Alce, wife of Daniel Barney; and Freelove, wife of Josiah Barney. It was proved on 10 May 1734.^[49]

Children of Elder Ephraim² and Mary (Mason) Wheaton, born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. JAMES³ WHEATON, b. 27 Oct. 1685,^[50] d. Rehoboth 28 Dec. 1742,^[51] m. Rehoboth 15 May 1712 MARY SHAW,^[52] living 4 Sept. 1740, when James made his will.^[53]
- ii. ABIJAH WHEATON, b. 14 March 1686/7,^[54] d. bef. 1765,^[55] m. (int. Barrington, Bristol Co., Mass. [now R. I.], 14 Feb. 1741) JABEZ BROWN,^[56] b. Swansea 9 July 1668, son of James and Lydia (Howland) Brown,^[57] will of 11 April 1746 proved 7 July 1747.^[58]
3. iii. ROBERT WHEATON, b. 14 Feb. 1688, d. 22 Nov. 1780, m. SUSANNA SALSURY.
- iv. EPHRAIM WHEATON, b. 10 Jan. 1690/1,^[59] poss. the man of the name who drowned in Palmer's River 28 July 1770,^[60] m. Swansea 13 Nov. 1718 ABIGAIL MOWRY,^[61] prob. b. Bristol, Bristol Co., Mass. (now R. I.), 27 Feb. 1701/2, dau. of George and Hannah (Lewis) Mowry.^[62]

⁴² *Ibid.*, 675. See also Ira M. Barton, "Sampson Mason, the Baptist and Dragoon in Cromwell's Army," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 18 (1864): 245-57, at 248.

⁴³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 886. According to Stetson, Mary's stone says that she died in 1727, aged 67y ("Burial Place Hill").

⁴⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 508.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, 24.

⁴⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 2: Providence, 269.

⁴⁷ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 7 (birth), 23 (parents' marriage).

⁴⁸ Mary Bosworth Clarke, *Bosworth Genealogy: A History of the Descendants of Edward Bosworth Who Arrived in America in the Year 1634: With an Appendix Containing Other Lines of American Bosworths*, 6 vols. (San Francisco, Calif., 1926-40), 3:235, 237. Clarke frequently cites "Nathaniel Jenckes' Family Bible," *Mayflower Descendant* 20 (1918): 175-7, but this source gives no death date for Nathaniel or his wife.

⁴⁹ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687-1745*, 229.

⁵⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, 886.

⁵² *Ibid.*, 384.

⁵³ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687-1745*, 323-4.

⁵⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁵⁵ George Ernest Bowman, *Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants: The Bowman Files* (Boston: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1970), Howland fiche 17, 8th frame.

⁵⁶ Carl Boyer 3d, "Brown Families of Bristol Counties, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, from the Immigrants to the Early Nineteenth Century," in Carl Boyer 3d, ed., *New England Colonial Families*, vol. 1 (Newhall, Calif., 1981), 21.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, 17, 21; Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 8.

⁵⁸ Bowman, *Bowman Files*, Howland fiche 17, 4th frame.

⁵⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁶⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 14:404.

- v. MARY WHEATON, b. 23 Feb. 1693/4,^[63] m. Swansea 4 Nov. 1718 RICHARD BULLOCK,^[64] prob. b. Rehoboth 1 July 1692, son of Dea. Samuel and Thankful (Renef) Bullock.^[65]
- vi. HANNAH WHEATON, b. 4 March 1695/6,^[66] m. Swansea 7 March 1720/1 ISAAC BOWEN,^[67] b. Rehoboth 3 Jan. 1695/6, son of Thomas and Thankful (Mason) Bowen.^[68]
- vii. DANIEL WHEATON, b. 24 Aug. 1698,^[69] d. prob. Rehoboth 9 Dec. 1760, bur. Burial Hill,^[70] m. Rehoboth 3 Feb. 1731/2 TABITHA BOWEN,^[71] b. Rehoboth 17 Feb. 1710/1, dau. of James and Elizabeth (Garnzey) Bowen,^[72] d. Rehoboth 20 March 1787 in 77th y.^[73]
- viii. ALICE WHEATON, b. 26 Nov. 1700,^[74] d. prob. Rehoboth 31 July 1766, aged 66y,^[75] m. Rehoboth 24 Feb. 1726/7 Capt. DANIEL BARNEY,^[76] b. Rehoboth 20 Nov. 1697,^[77] son of Joseph and Constance (Davis) Barney, d. 2 Feb. 1784, aged 87y.^[78]
- ix. FREELove WHEATON, b. 1 June 1703,^[79] d. 26 April 1734,^[80] m. Little Compton, Bristol Co., Mass. (now Newport Co., R. I.), 21 July 1724, JOSIAH BARNEY,^[81] b. Rehoboth 7 Dec. 1699, son of Israel and Elizabeth (Barrett) Barney.^[82]

3. Deacon **Robert³ Wheaton** (*Ephraim², Robert¹*) was born 14 February 1688[9?] in Rehoboth, Bristol County, New Plymouth Colony (now Massachusetts),^[83] and died 22 November 1780, probably in Rehoboth, aged 92 years.^[84] He married, 25 December 1712 in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, **Susanna Salsbury** of that town.^[85] She was born in Rehoboth on 29 March 1692, daughter of William and Hannah (Cole) Salsbury^[86] (see 743. *Salsbury*, 2, iv.), and died 7 March 1777 in Rehoboth, aged 85 years.^[87]

Children of Dea. Robert³ and Susanna (Salsbury) Wheaton, born in Rehoboth, are:

⁶¹ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 175.

⁶² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 6: Bristol, 90. See also Alverdo Hayward Mason, comp., *Genealogy of the Sampson Mason Family* (East Braintree, Mass.: author, 1902), 22.

⁶³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁶⁴ Mason, *Sampson Mason Family*, 22; Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 201.

⁶⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 563 (birth), 67 (parents' marriage); Mason, *Sampson Mason Family*, 22.

⁶⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁶⁷ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 183.

⁶⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 545, gives the date of birth as "Nov. 3, 1695-6," which suggests that he was momentarily confused by the "eleventh month" in the record. For the identification of Isaac's mother, see also Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687-1745*, 64, 327.

⁶⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁷⁰ Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

⁷¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 384.

⁷² *Ibid.*, 546 (birth), 42 (parents' marriage).

⁷³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 14:405; Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

⁷⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁷⁵ Stetson, "Burial Hill Place." Mason states that her date of death is 3 July (*Sampson Mason Family*, 23).

⁷⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 384.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, 529.

⁷⁸ Mason, *Sampson Mason Family*, 23; Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

⁷⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁸⁰ Mason, *Sampson Mason Family*, 23.

⁸¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: Little Compton, 66.

⁸² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 529 (birth), 20 (parents' marriage)

⁸³ *Ibid.*, 769.

⁸⁴ Mason, *Sampson Mason Family*, 22; Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

⁸⁵ Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 201.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, 19 (birth), 201 (parents' marriage).

⁸⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 886; Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

- i. ANNA⁴ WHEATON, b. 9 Oct. 1713,^[88] m. Rehoboth 22 June 1749 EPHRAIM MARTIN,^[89] b. Rehoboth 19 April 1704, son of Ephraim and Thankful (Bullock) Martin.^[90]
- + ii. PATIENCE WHEATON, b. 15 May 1717,^[91] d. Rehoboth 4 July 1780, aged 64y,^[92] m. (1) Rehoboth 14 Aug. 1740 JOSEPH BOSWORTH,^[93] b. Rehoboth 8 May 1714, son of Jabez and Susannah (____) Bosworth,^[94] d. Rehoboth 5 Jan. 1754,^[95] m. (2) Rehoboth 25 Nov. 1756 Capt. DANIEL HUNT,^[96] b. Rehoboth 6 April 1712, son of Daniel and Dorothy (Ballard) Hunt^[97] (see 737. *Hunt*, 3, i.), d. Rehoboth 1 April 1781.^[98]
- iii. ANDREW WHEATON, b. 15 Aug. 1721,^[99] d. prob. Rehoboth 10 April 1796, aged 75y,^[100] m. Rehoboth 29 Dec. 1745 LYDIA CARPENTER of Barrington, Bristol Co., Mass (now R. I.),^[101] b. ca. 1721, d. prob. Rehoboth 23 May 1815, aged 91y; both bur. Burial Hill Place.^[102]
- iv. ROBERT WHEATON, b. 22 June 1728,^[103] poss. the one of this name who d. Rehoboth in 1793, aged 66y, and was bur. Burial Hill.^[104]

⁸⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, 385.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 671 (birth), 239 (parents' marriage).

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, 769.

⁹² Clarke, *Bosworth Genealogy*, 4:425. Stetson gives the year of her death as 1788 ("Burial Place Hill"), but both her age at death and her 1782 probate proceedings, from which Clarke quotes, contradict this statement.

⁹³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 385.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, 551.

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, 803.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, 201.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, 647 (birth), 464 (parents' intention). There is a fuller biography of Daniel Hunt in Bowen, *Early Rehoboth*, 2:93-4, though Bowen confuses this Patience for Joseph Bosworth's first wife, Patience Toogood.

⁹⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 839; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 13:512.

⁹⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

¹⁰⁰ Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

¹⁰¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 385.

¹⁰² Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."

¹⁰³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 769.

¹⁰⁴ Stetson, "Burial Place Hill."