### 23. WILLMARTH

I am aware of no single work that sets out the descendants of Thomas¹ Willmarth on all male lines. This lacuna has allowed me to sketch my own descent with little recourse to recent or comprehensive publications. All research in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, nevertheless owes a great debt to James N. Arnold, who collected and published the town records of birth, marriage, and death. In my case, by so doing he laid down the basic framework for the first five generations of this line and several closely allied lines as well.<sup>[1]</sup>

My usage of Arnold, dating mainly to 2003, is much the same as that employed in William B. Saxbe Jr.'s recent book on the descendants of Richard Bowen, which is relevant not only for Ruth Kendrick (no. 2), but also the maternal ancestry of Mary Bosworth (no. 5).<sup>[2]</sup> Saxbe uses a more extensive range of documentation than I have—notably the land records, in addition to Arnold and Rounds's probate summaries.<sup>[3]</sup> However, he does not always cover enough of the secondary literature to avoid mistakes that arise from the shortcomings of the printed records. For that reason, it is worth consulting the additions and corrections in the three later volumes. Furthermore, the Willmarth and Wheaton lines in the Bowen genealogy only extend for four generations in America, not long enough to cover this entire lineage.

On 4 June 1645, New Plymouth Colony provided, "That Seacunck be called Rehoboth." [4] By a law that was printed and published in June 1685, Rehoboth was placed under the jurisdiction of Bristol County. [5] Massachusetts Bay Colony assumed jurisdiction over the whole of New Plymouth Colony under a royal charter of 1691, and by an act of 18 November 1692 its General Court continued the existing Bristol County. [6] Thus Bristol County and all its towns are understood to belong to New Plymouth Colony before 7 October 1691, and Massachusetts afterward.

1. Ensign **Thomas¹ Willmarth** was buried 13 May 1694 at Rehoboth.<sup>[7]</sup> His first wife was **Elizabeth Bliss**, baptized 19 September 1615 at Daventry, Northamptonshire, England, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy (Wheatley) Bliss,<sup>[8]</sup> and was buried at Rehoboth in February 1676[/7?].<sup>[9]</sup> He married secondly, 27 November 1678 at Rehoboth, **Rachel** (\_\_\_\_\_) **Read**,<sup>[10]</sup> widow of John Read

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896: Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths* (Providence, R. I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> William B. Saxbe Jr., *Richard Bowen*, 1594?–1675 of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants, 4 vols. (Hope: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2011–7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, comp., *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687–1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992); H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records: Book 2, 1745–1762* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, 12 vols. (Boston: Press of William White, 1855–61; reprint, New York: AMS Press, 1968), 11:45-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> William Brigham, The Compact with the Charter and Laws of the Colony of New Plymouth: Together with the Charter of the Council at Plymouth, and an Appendix, Containing the Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England, and Other Valuable Documents (Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, Printers to the State, 1836), 293, 295.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: To Which Are Prefixed the Charters of the Province, with Historical and Explanatory Notes, and an Appendix (Boston: Wright & Potter, Printers to the State, 1869–1922), 1:1-20, 63, 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The most recent summary of Elizabeth's ancestry is Aaron Tyler Bliss, *The Bliss Family in America*, 3 vols. (Midland, Mich.: author, 1982), 1:20-36, although its treatment of her maternal ancestry is suspect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 900.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403, 903.

Jr. of Rehoboth.[11] She died in Rehoboth on 12 November 1710.[12]

Shortly after his second marriage, on 10 December 1678, Thomas made a will in which he names his wife Rachel; daughters Mary and Elizabeth; sons Thomas, John and Jonathan; and "Brethren in Law Sarjant Jonathan Bliss and Sarjant Thomas Read." The will was sworn 28 May 1694, and the inventory of his estate taken 26 May 1694. [13] On 4 June 1694, receipts for goods belonging to the estate were signed by Rachel Wilmoth, "relict," Jonathan Fuller in behalf of his wife Elizabeth, Mary Gilbert, Mary Wilmoth the relict of the younger Thomas Wilmoth as guardian of his children, and George Robinson Jun<sup>1</sup> as Mary Wilmoth's assistant. [14]

Children of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Bliss) Willmarth are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> "WILLMOT," b. Braintree, Suffolk (now Norfolk) Co., Mass., 4 April 1647,<sup>[15]</sup> m. Rehoboth 14 Dec. 1664 Jonathan Fuller,<sup>[16]</sup> b. Mass., say 1644, son of Robert and Sarah (Bowen) Fuller,<sup>[17]</sup> d. Attleborough, Bristol Co., 10 Feb. 1708/9,<sup>[18]</sup> and his wife outlived him.<sup>[19]</sup>
- ii. Mary Willmarth, m. (1) Rehoboth 5 Jan 1680/1 Joseph Rockett, [20] son of Nicholas Rockett, [21] bur. Rehoboth 27 July 1683; [22] m. (2) Taunton, Bristol Co., 28 Oct. 1686, Giles Gilbert, [23] b. ca. 1627, son of John and Winifred (\_\_\_\_) (Combe) Gilbert, then of Bridgewater, Somerset, later of Dorchester and Taunton, Mass., [24] d. Rehoboth 8 Jan. 1717/8; [25] m. (3) Rehoboth 12 June 1723, Jeremiah Wheaton, [26] b. Salem, Essex Co., Mass., ca. 1645, son of Robert and Alice (Bowen) Wheaton [27] (see 371. Wheaton, 1, iii.), both res. Rehoboth, 16 Jan. 1723/4. [28]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Family of John Read of Rehoboth," *The Reade Record*, no. V (Boston: Reade Historical and Genealogical Association, 1912), 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Lucy Hall Greenlaw, "Abstracts from the First Book of Bristol County Probate Records," New England Historical and Genealogical Register 62 (1908): 231-7, 345-52, at 236-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Greenlaw, "First Book of Bristol County Probate Records," 346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Samuel A. Bates, ed., *Records of the Town of Braintree*, 1640 to 1793 (Randolph, Mass.: Daniel A. Huxford, Printer, 1886), 628.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 144.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 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 277.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Vital Records of Attleborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1934), 676.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records*, 1687–1745, 45 (undated record).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403, 905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Nicholas Rockett inventory and division agreement, 26 Jan. 1680[/1?]–26 April 1681, "Suffolk County, MA: Probate File Papers," *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2735/suffolk-county-ma-probate-file-papers, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017–9), 1166:3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 871.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929), 2:198.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Geoffrey Gilbert, "The Wives of John Gilbert of Dorchester, Mass.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 111 (1956): 234-8, esp. 236-7. Gilbert's claim that Winifred belonged to the Rossiter family is doubtful: Meredith B. Colket Jr., "Edward Rossiter, Colonist, of Dorchester, Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Rossiter English Lineage," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 138 (1984): 4-16, at 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 826.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 151; James N. Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636–1850: First Series, Births, Marriages and Deaths: A Family Register for the People, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 9:592.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Bowen, "Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 272-3. Alice Bowen was the sister of Sarah Bowen, mother of Jonathan Fuller.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:53.

- iii. THOMAS WILLMARTH, bur. Rehoboth 4 Oct. 1690,<sup>[29]</sup> m. Rehoboth 7 June 1674 MARY ROBINSON,<sup>[30]</sup> b. Rehoboth 30 May 1652, dau. of George and Joanna (Ingraham) Robinson<sup>[31]</sup> (see 2959. *Ingraham*, no. 1, ii.), d. after 4 June 1694.<sup>[32]</sup>
- 2. iv. John Willmarth, d. 1719, m. (1) Ruth Kendrick, m. (2) Hannah (\_\_\_\_) Tyler.
  - v. Jonathan Willmarth, living 1733,<sup>[33]</sup> m. Rehoboth 29 Dec. 1694 Esther Peck,<sup>[34]</sup> b. Rehoboth 7 Jan. 1658/9, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Preston) Peck,<sup>[35]</sup> d. Rehoboth after 15 April 1706 (last child).<sup>[36]</sup>
  - vi. (poss.) Dan Willmarth, bur. Rehoboth 23 Nov. 1676.
  - vii. (poss.) Nathaniel Willmarth, d. Rehoboth 12 Nov. 1676.[37]
- 2. Sergeant **John**<sup>2</sup> **Willmarth** (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) died 1719 in Rehoboth.<sup>[38]</sup> He married first, 6 February 1671/2 at Rehoboth, **Ruth Kendrick**.<sup>[39]</sup> She was born in Rehoboth 16 February 1649/50, daughter of George and Ruth (Bowen) Kendrick<sup>[40]</sup> (see *1473. Kendrick*, 1, ii.), and died there 19 February 1706[/7?].<sup>[41]</sup> He married secondly, 4 October 1708 at Rehoboth, **Hannah** (\_\_\_\_\_) **Tyler**.<sup>[42]</sup> She appears to be the widow of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Tyler (*Job*<sup>1</sup>), of Rowley and Mendon, Massachusetts, who died in 1695. By 1704 this Hannah had removed to Rehoboth.<sup>[43]</sup> She is perhaps the widow Hannah Wilmarth who died at Attleborough, Bristol County, on 19 April 1724.<sup>[44]</sup>

Children of Sgt. John<sup>2</sup> and Ruth (Kendrick) Willmarth, all born in Rehoboth, are:

i. Ruth³ Willmarth, b. 5 Oct. 1673, [45] d. Rehoboth 26 Mar. 1706, [46] m. Rehoboth 16 Feb. 1697/8 Dea. Samuel Cooper, [47] b. Rehoboth 9 Aug. 1669, son of Dea. Thomas (Jr.) and Mary (Kingsbury) Cooper, [48] d. Rehoboth 17 Nov. 1748. [49]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403, 898.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 730 (birth), 207 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Greenlaw, "First Book of Bristol County Probate Records," 346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> N. Grier Parke II, *The Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley and His Wife Emma Arabella Bosworth*, ed. Donald Lines Jacobus (Woodstock, Vt: Elm Tree Press, 1960), 117.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403, 905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 703 (birth), 283 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 658; Bowen, "Richard<sup>1</sup> Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth," 277 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 403; Parke and Jacobus, *Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley and Emma Arabella Bosworth*, 117. Saxbe instead gives this as a first marriage of John<sup>3</sup>, making Hannah Hunt his second wife. Neither gives further documentation on Hannah Tyler, though Saxbe also refers to six deeds in which John<sup>2</sup> was a party between 1698 and 1718, none of them joined by his wife (*Richard Bowen*, 1:222, 233). In view of Hannah's identification as a widow in 1704 (see next), and the absence of any Tyler family in Rehoboth at an earlier date, we regard Parke and Jacobus's placement as more probable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Willard I. Tyler Brigham, *The Tyler Genealogy: The Descendants of Job Tyler, of Andover, Massachusetts, 1619–1700, 2* vols. (Plainfield, N. J.: Cornelius B. Tyler; Tylerville, Conn.: Rollin U. Tyler, 1912), 1:35, 37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Vital Records of Attleborough, 742.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780, 897.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 817.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 110, 403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 595; John Ward Dean, "Genealogy of the Kingsburys of Dedham, Mass.," New England Historical and Genealogical Register 16 (1862): 337-41, at 338.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 817.

- ii. MEHITTABELL WILLMARTH, b. 19 June 1675,<sup>[50]</sup> d. after 6 Sept. 1748,<sup>[51]</sup> m. Swansea, Bristol Co., 21 Nov. 1705, JEREMIAH ORMSBEE,<sup>[52]</sup> b. Taunton, New Plymouth Colony (now Bristol Co.), 25 Nov. 1676, son of Thomas and Mary (Fitch) Ormsbee<sup>[53]</sup> (see *369. Ormsbee*, 2, v.), d. before 6 Sept. 1748.<sup>[54]</sup>
- iii. NATHANIEL WILLMARTH, b. 29 Dec. 1677, [55] d. between 20 July 1747 (will) and 1 Dec. 1747 (probate), [56] m. (1) (int. Rehoboth 27 March 1704) JOANNA LUTHER, [57] b. Swansea 16 April 1687, dau. of Theophilus and Lydia (Kennicutt) Luther, [58] d. Rehoboth 31 May 1706; [59] m. (2) Scituate, Plymouth Co., Mass., 5 Sept. 1706, Mary Perry of Scituate, [60] b. Scituate (then New Plymouth Colony) 18 Mar. 1678, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Whiston) Perry, [61] d. Rehoboth as his widow, 30 May 1753. [62]
- iv. Dorothy Willmarth, b. 26 Aug. 1680,<sup>[63]</sup> d. Rehoboth 17 Sept. 1772,<sup>[64]</sup> m. Rehoboth 16 Dec. 1700 Samuel Fuller,<sup>[65]</sup> her second cousin, b. Rehoboth 23 Nov. 1676, son of Samuel and Mary (Ide) Fuller,<sup>[66]</sup> and grandson of Robert and Sarah (Bowen) Fuller,<sup>[67]</sup> d. Rehoboth 19 Dec. 1724.<sup>[68]</sup>
- v. SARAH WILLMARTH, b. 21 Dec. 1682,<sup>[69]</sup> d. Rehoboth 27 March 1729,<sup>[70]</sup> m. Rehoboth 17 July 1710 John Martin Jr.,<sup>[71]</sup> b. Rehoboth 10 June 1682, son of John and Mercy (Billington) Martin,<sup>[72]</sup> d. Rehoboth 3 Nov. 1759,<sup>[73]</sup>
- 3. vi. John Willmarth, b. 11 Dec. 1685; d. 24 July 1771; m. Hannah Hunt.
  - vii. Mercy Willmarth, b. 2 May 1689, [74] res. Easton, Bristol Co., 23 Nov. 1727, [75] m. Rehoboth 13 Nov. 1712 Eleazer Gilbert of Taunton, Bristol Co., [76] b. Taunton, [77] say 1686, son of Eleazer and Eliza-

- <sup>51</sup> Michelle Townsend Amsbury, "The Ancestry of Jeremiah Amsbury of Providence (1741–1812)," *Rhode Island Roots* 21 (1995): 72-4, at 72, cites a Bristol Co. estate petition of that date in which Jeremiah's widow gives her age as more than 70 years. This would appear to rule out her identification as the daughter of Thomas Jr. and Mary, born in 1681, the only other Mehitable Willmarth of marriageable age in 1705 (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth,* 780). Saxbe makes no other mention of that Mehitable—she was not a Bowen descendant—and instead places John's daughter as the wife of Ebenezer Walker (*Richard Bowen,* 1:225-6).
- <sup>52</sup> 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), 181.
  - <sup>53</sup> Vital Records of Taunton, 1:20.
  - <sup>54</sup> Amsbury, "Ancestry of Jeremiah Amsbury," 72.
  - 55 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.
  - <sup>56</sup> Rounds, Bristol County Probate Records, 1745–1762, 30.
  - <sup>57</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 512.
- <sup>58</sup> Rounds, Vital Records of Swansea, 83; Leslie L. Luther, comp., The Luther Family in America: A Genealogy of the Descendants of Captain John Luther of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (Moravia, N. Y., 1976), 73, 74.
  - <sup>59</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.
- <sup>60</sup> Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850, 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1909), 2:233, 330.
  - 61 Vital Records of Scituate, 1:294 (birth), 2:235, 323 (parents' marriage).
  - 62 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890. Also see Rounds, Bristol County Probate Records, 1745-1762, 30, 137.
  - 63 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780, 906.
  - <sup>64</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 13:403.
  - 65 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.
  - 66 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 613 (birth), 143 (parents' marriage).
  - <sup>67</sup> Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:178.
  - 68 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 825.
  - <sup>69</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780, 909.
  - <sup>70</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 848.
  - <sup>71</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 239.
  - <sup>72</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 670 (birth), 239 (parents' marriage).
  - 73 Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 848.
  - <sup>74</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.
  - <sup>75</sup> James W. Lucas, "Easton, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Mayflower Descendant 45 (1995): 33-40, at 39.
  - <sup>76</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.
- <sup>77</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1917), 48. However, the birth date proposed here is too early to accommodate the parents' marriage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

- beth (Crane) Gilbert, [78] d. Sharon, Suffolk (now Norfolk) Co., Mass., ca. 1760. [79] As a resident of Norton, Eleazer executed receipts from his father's estate, 4 Feb. 1717/8 and 13 Jan. 1719/20. [80] Children recorded at Norton and Easton, Bristol Co. [81]
- viii. Noah Willmarth, b. 5 May 1691,[82] bur. Rehoboth 9 May 1691.[83]
- ix. Timothy Willmarth, b. 4 Nov. 1692, [84] d. Rehoboth 10 Jan. 1715/6. [85]
- 3. Deacon **John**<sup>3</sup> **Willmarth** (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 December 1685 in Rehoboth,<sup>[86]</sup> and died in Rehoboth on 24 July 1774.<sup>[87]</sup> He married at Rehoboth on 8 March 1710/1 **Hannah Hunt**.<sup>[88]</sup> She was born in Rehoboth on 12 July 1693, daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca (Ward?) Hunt<sup>[89]</sup> (see 737. *Hunt*, 3, iv.), and died in Rehoboth on 1 December 1781.<sup>[90]</sup>

Children of Dea. John<sup>3</sup> and Hannah (Hunt) Willmarth, all born in Rehoboth, are:

- 4. i. JOHN<sup>4</sup> WILLMARTH, b. 5 July 1714, d. after 6 June 1786, m. DOROTHY ORMSBEE.
  - ii. TIMOTHY WILLMARTH, b. 15 July 1717,<sup>[91]</sup> d. Glocester, Providence Co. R. I., 19 April 1781, aged 63y 11m 4d,<sup>[92]</sup> m. Rehoboth 22 April 1743 MARY WALKER,<sup>[93]</sup> his third cousin (*Mary*<sup>4</sup> *Abell*, *Sarah*<sup>3</sup> *Bowen*, *Richard*<sup>2-1</sup>),<sup>[94]</sup> b. Rehoboth 11 Sept. 1720, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Abell) Walker,<sup>[95]</sup> d. Glocester 14 May 1760, aged 40y.<sup>[96]</sup> On 7 Dec. 1748 they entered a receipt from the estate of her mother.<sup>[97]</sup>
  - iii. REBECKAH WILLMARTH, b. 24 Jan. 1718/9,<sup>[98]</sup> d. Rehoboth 10 Dec. 1782,<sup>[99]</sup> m. Rehoboth 13 March 1739/40 Amos Brown,<sup>[100]</sup> b. Rehoboth 28 May 1714, son of William and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Brown,<sup>[101]</sup> d. Rehoboth 31 Oct. 1771.<sup>[102]</sup>
  - iv. Thaddeus Willmarth, b. 23 Nov. 1721, [103] d. Rehoboth before 4 Aug. 1789, [104] m. (1) Rehoboth 25 hand (1000) m. (1000)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Emily Wilder Leavitt, "Henry Crane of Dorchester, Mass., and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 46 (1892): 216-8, at 217; *Vital Records of Taunton*, 1:176 (Eleazer also father of Elizabeth, b. 4 or 9 Mar. 1683, and Mercy, b. 13 Oct. 1684).

<sup>79</sup> Baldwin, Vital Records of Hardwick, 297.

<sup>80</sup> Rounds, Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745, 90-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Vital Records of Norton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1906), 62, 63; Lucas, "Easton, Massachusetts, Vital Records," 39.

<sup>82</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>83</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>84</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>85</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>86</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>87</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>88</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.

<sup>89</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 646.

<sup>90</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>91</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>92</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 3: part 1, 67.

<sup>93</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>94</sup> Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:236, 2:340, 341, 342, 676.

<sup>95</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 762 (birth), 373 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 3: part 1, 67.

<sup>97</sup> Rounds, Bristol County Probate Records, 1745–1762, 107.

<sup>98</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>99</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 804.

<sup>100</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 555. Saxbe at first named Amos's mother as Elizabeth Follett, but later withdrew this statement (*Richard Bowen*, 1:236, 2:676).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 804.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Thaddeus Willmarth administration bond, "Bristol County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1686–1880," *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/databasesearch/2724/bristol-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1686-1880, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017), 28884:3.

Oct. 1744 EXPERIENCE CARPENTER, [105] his third cousin (*Experience*<sup>4</sup> *Abell*, *Sarah*<sup>3</sup> *Bowen*, *Richard*<sup>2-1</sup>), [106] b. Rehoboth 2 March 1719/20, dau. of Abiah and Experience (Abell) Carpenter, [107] d. Rehoboth 20 Mar. 1762; [108] m. (2) Rehoboth 11 Nov. 1767 ELIZABETH REDWAY, [109] b. Rehoboth 24 Sept. 1721, dau. of Capt. James and Joanna (Hildreth) Redway, [110] who renounced administration of Thaddeus's estate, 4 Aug. 1789. [111]

- v. Joseph Willmarth, b. 17 Nov. 1723,[112] d. Rehoboth 28 Nov. 1744.[113]
- vi. EPHRAIM WILLMARTH, b. 7 June 1726, [114] d. Rehoboth 12 Aug. 1766 in his 41st year, [115] m. Rehoboth 1 Nov 1753 Molly Allen, [116] b. Barrington, Bristol Co., Mass. (now R. I.), 16 Dec. 1732, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (\_\_\_\_) Allen. [117] She survived him and presented his inventory, 8 Sept. 1766. [118]
- vii. HANNAH WILLMARTH, b. 13 Jan. 1728/9,[119] d. Rehoboth 11 June 1755.[120]
- viii. SARAH WILLMARTH, b. 11 Jan. 1730/1,<sup>[121]</sup> d. Rehoboth shortly before 28 May 1796, in 66th y.,<sup>[122]</sup> m. Rehoboth 25 Oct. 1750 Lt. Elkanah French,<sup>[123]</sup> b. Rehoboth 9 Nov. 1727, son of Ephraim and Bethiah (Dean) French,<sup>[124]</sup> d. Rehoboth 16 Oct. 1808 in 81st y.<sup>[125]</sup>
- ix. Prescilla Willmarth, b. 26 May 1733,<sup>[126]</sup> d. Rehoboth 18 May 1754,<sup>[127]</sup> m. Rehoboth 8 Oct. 1751 John Ide,<sup>[128]</sup> b. Rehoboth 27 Feb. 1728, son of Timothy and Mary (Daggett) Ide,<sup>[129]</sup> d. Rehoboth between 8 June and 30 July 1792 (will and appraisal order). His legatees were his second wife and their children.<sup>[130]</sup> His only child with Prescilla was a son James, who died as an infant.<sup>[131]</sup>
- x. ABEL WILLMARTH, b. 2 Oct. 1737,<sup>[132]</sup> d. Rehoboth 9 May 1760,<sup>[133]</sup> m. Rehoboth 17 Aug. 1758 KEZIAH CARPENTER,<sup>[134]</sup> b. Rehoboth 8 May 1737, dau. of Jabez and Rebeckah (\_\_\_\_\_) Carpenter,<sup>[135]</sup> m. (2) Re-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 82, 404. See also his 1756 receipt from the estate of her brother Abel Carpenter (Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records*, 1745–1762, 292).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:237, 2:297, 300, 301, 676.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 574 (birth), 79 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 729. For her parentage, see Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "Joanna Hildreth, Wife of Captain James<sup>3</sup> Redway of Rehoboth, Massachusetts: How Much Circumstantial Evidence Is Enough?" *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 147 (1992): 337-42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> "Bristol County Probate File Papers," 28884:9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 6: part 3, 21; Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:237.

<sup>118</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, "Bristol County Probate Abstracts," Mayflower Descendant 49 (2000): 22-33 at 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 13:400, citing Providence Gazette, 28 May 1796; Saxbe, Richard Bowen, 1:238, 2:677 (corrected).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 611 (birth), 452 (parents' intention).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 13:400, citing Providence Gazette.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 840; Robert Sheldon Trim, *Unrecorded Vital Records of Rehoboth, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Rehoboth: privately printed, 1980), 2:102.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 9:591.

<sup>129</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 649 (birth), 203 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> "Bristol County Probate File Papers," 14052:7-8, 12-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 650, 840.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>134</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 575.

hoboth 16 Nov. 1762 Jacob Shorey,  $^{[136]}$  received dower in his estate, and d. Rehoboth before 5 Mar. 1805.  $^{[137]}$ 

4. **John<sup>4</sup> Willmarth** (*John*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 July 1714 in Rehoboth.<sup>[138]</sup> When he died is unknown, but he evidently moved to Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, outlived his son John "Jr." of that town, whose will was sworn 6 June 1786,<sup>[139]</sup> and predeceased his wife. On 7 June 1797, his second son Shubael mentioned "My aged Mother who now lives and resides with me," but not his father, in his own will.<sup>[140]</sup> John married, 16 December 1736 in Rehoboth, **Dorothy Ormsbee**.<sup>[141]</sup> She was born 25 July 1715 in Rehoboth, daughter of Jacob and Hopestill (Eddy) Ormsbee<sup>[142]</sup> (see 369. *Ormsbee*, 3, ii.), and according to Shubael's will was living with him, 7 June 1797 in Adams.<sup>[143]</sup> Dority Wilmarth was among "those recomended and received from distant places" into the Baptist church at New Providence (later Adams), which first gathered 12 April 1770. The list also appears to include her two daughters-in-law, Jemime Wilmarth, who was baptized 5 July 1770, and Mary Wilmarth.<sup>[144]</sup>

Children of John<sup>4</sup> and Dorothy (Ormsbee) Willmarth, all born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> WILLMARTH JR., b. 10 July 1737,<sup>[145]</sup> inhabitant of Adams, d. between 21 Mar. and 6 June 1786 (will and probate),<sup>[146]</sup> m. Rehoboth 12 Feb. 1761 JEMIMA BOWEN,<sup>[147]</sup> b. Rehoboth 27 June 1731, dau. of Jabez and Johannah (Salsbury) Bowen,<sup>[148]</sup> m. (2) (int. Adams 23 Nov. 1786) John Taft,<sup>[149]</sup> and joined an agreement to settle her first husband's estate, 22 April 1793.<sup>[150]</sup> John Wilmarth Jr. also was baptized into the New Providence church, 4 April 1772.<sup>[151]</sup> John and Jemima (Bowen) (Willmarth) Taft have no separate Berkshire County probate.
- 5. ii. Shubael Willmarth, b. 5 June 1739, d. 30 Oct. 1809, m. (1) Mary Bosworth; m. (2) Hannah Anthony.
  - iii. Dollie Willmarth (twin), b. 3 Oct. 1742, [152] d. Rehoboth 28 Dec. 1761. [153]
  - iv. Asa Willmarth (twin), b. 3 Oct. 1742,[154] d. Rehoboth 19 Sept. 1744.[155]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> "Bristol County Probate File Papers," 23090:15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 780.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> "Berkshire County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1761–1917," *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/databasesearch/2725/berkshire-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1761-1917, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017), 1331:6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Shubael Willmarth will (1797), Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Probate Records, 14:462-4, at 463, FHL microfilm 873,448.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 694.

<sup>143</sup> Shubael Willmarth will (1797), 463.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> J. M. Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," *Berkshire Book: By Its Historical and Scientific Society*, vol. 1 ([Pittsfield, Mass.]: Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society, 1892): no. 2 (4 Mar. 1889), 61-108, at 92, 93. It was not uncommon for women to join churches separately from their husbands, especially among evangelical denominations like the Baptists.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 1331:4-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 547 (birth), 42 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> Adams, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages & Deaths, 1786–1847, 2, FHL microfilm 760,652.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 1331:8-9. John Jr.'s will does not give his wife's name, but the parties to the agreement include both Jemima Taft and Jemima Willmarth, the last-named daughter in the will.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>154</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>155</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

- v. Asa Willmarth, b. 29 Aug. 1744,<sup>[156]</sup> rem. to New Providence (now Cheshire), m. Rehoboth 12 Nov. 1767 Chloe Peck,<sup>[157]</sup> b. Rehoboth 10 Aug. 1751, dau. of Thomas and Deliverance (May) Peck;<sup>[158]</sup> he perhaps m. (2) Adams 1 Nov. 1792 Nancy Dexter.<sup>[159]</sup>
- vi. Levi Willmarth, b. 27 April 1746, [160] d. Rehoboth 29 Jan. 1749/50. [161]
- vii. EPHRAIM WILLMARTH, b. 13 Sept. 1749,<sup>[162]</sup> apparently the Ephraim Wilmarth received into the Baptist church at New Providence in 1772.<sup>[163]</sup>

5. Captain **Shubael**<sup>5</sup> **Willmarth**, **Esq.**<sup>[164]</sup> (*John*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 June 1739 in Rehoboth. <sup>[165]</sup> He died probably in Adams on 30 October 1809. <sup>[166]</sup> Shubael married first, 10 February 1763 in Rehoboth, **Mary "Molly" Bosworth**. <sup>[167]</sup> She was born in Rehoboth on 8 May 1743, daughter of Joseph and Patience (Wheaton) Bosworth, <sup>[168]</sup> and died 2 October 1790 at Adams, <sup>[169]</sup> "in the 48th year of her age." <sup>[170]</sup> He married secondly, 12 February 1792 at Swansea, Bristol County, **Hannah Anthony** of that town. <sup>[171]</sup> She was born at Swansea 19 February 1735/6, daughter of James and Alice (Chase) Anthony, <sup>[172]</sup> and died 2 May 1820, aged 84 years. They are all buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery in Cheshire, Shubael in between his two wives. <sup>[173]</sup>

Shubael moved to Providence, Rhode Island, soon after his marriage. He lived there in 1765, when he and Mary sold the land that she had inherited from her father.<sup>[174]</sup> He also was of Providence on 31 October 1767, when he was party to a deed for the east half of Lot No. 2, in the tract between East Hoosuck and Williamsburg in Berkshire County.<sup>[175]</sup> He was afterward identified with the New Providence settlement, which organized itself around a Baptist church. His mother Dorothy, wife Mary, and sister-in-law Jemime joined this church in 1770.<sup>[176]</sup> Adams was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>157</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 705 (birth), 484 (parents' intention).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>160</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 890.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 93, 94.

<sup>164</sup> Summaries of this family appear in 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), 5:618-9; Ann Smith Lainhart and Jane Fletcher Fiske, comps., Mayflower Families through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts in December, 1620, vol. 23, part 2, "Family of John Howland: The Fifth Generation of His Children Lydia and Hannah" (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2010), 272-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>165</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 781.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>166</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements at Cheshire," 102, row D, position 29. Transcripts and photographs of selected inscriptions are included in Dawn Quinn and Kelly Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records, Cheshire, MA," *Berkshire County GenWeb Project* (sites.rootsweb.com/~maberksh/Cemeteries/Cem-Cheshire-Baptist.htm, 1995–), but Shubael's is not among them. It may not be standing any longer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 404.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 552 (birth), 52 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 109.

 $<sup>^{170}</sup>$  Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 102, row D, position 28; Quinn and Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records," transcript and photo 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>171</sup> Arnold, Vital Record of Rehoboth, 50; Rounds, Vital Records of Swansea, 259, 366, 384.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> Rounds, Vital Records of Swansea, 78 (birth), 422 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 102, Hannah at row D, position 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>174</sup> Lainhart and Fiske, Mayflower Families, 23: part 2, 273, citing Bristol Co. Land Records, 49:390.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 82, citing Berkshire Co. Land Records [Northern District], 7:627.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 93.

incorporated in 1778 from East Hoosuck and other settlements, and New Providence later was annexed, but set off again in 1793 to form the town of Cheshire.<sup>[177]</sup> It appears that Shubael's children were all born either in Providence or New Providence. The death record of the youngest son, Henry, gives Cheshire as his birthplace.<sup>[178]</sup>

The will of Shubael Willmarth is dated 7 June 1797. The recorded copy gives the date of probate, incorrectly, as 7 September 1809. Shubael names his wife Hannah, eldest son Shubael, youngest son Henry; five daughters, Dolly, Molly, Hannah, Patience, and Ann Mercy (no surnames), the last two unmarried, and his "aged Mother." The witnesses were Benajah Tubbs, David Baker, and Peter Carpenter. Shubael Jr. and the widow Hannah were appointed executors, but declined to serve. Their renunciation, and the administration bond issued to Elisha Wells of Adams and Jonathan Richardson of Cheshire, are dated 7 November 1809. Abraham Howland of Adams and John Wells Jr. of Cheshire were the sureties. All five of the daughters had married by the time a division of Shubael's land was ordered on 16 October 1810, and carried out on 2 November 1810, but the widow did not participate. [180]

Children of Capt. Shubael<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Bosworth) Willmarth, recorded in Adams, are:[181]

- i. Dolly<sup>6</sup> Willmarth, b. 2 Dec. 1763, d. 11 Mar. 1840 in her 77th y., bur. Baptist Cemetery, Cheshire, II821 m. by ca. 1785 Nicholas Brown of Cheshire, II831 b. say 1762, son probably of Elisha and Mary (Tibbetts) Brown, II841 d. Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in Oct. 1828. Henry Willmarth administered Nicholas's estate on the petition of Dollee Brown, 3 Nov. 1828, with the consent of the heirs at law. Dower land was awarded to Dolly; it was awarded sold in 1850. II851
- ii. (Capt.) Shubael Willmarth, b. 18 May 1766, d. Adams 30 May 1836,<sup>[186]</sup> testate,<sup>[187]</sup> m. Adams 29 Sept. 1790 Judith Charlotte Leavens of Windsor, Berkshire Co., Mass.,<sup>[188]</sup> b. Killingly, Windham Co., Conn., 21 May 1765, dau. of John and Esther (Williams) Leavens,<sup>[189]</sup> d. Stamford, Bennington Co., Vt., 26 Jan. 1840, aged 74y.<sup>[190]</sup> Children:<sup>[191]</sup>
  - 1. *Betsey*<sup>7</sup> *Willmarth*, b. Adams 16 Oct. 1791, d. 23 June 1839, in her 47th y., bur. Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., [192] m. as his first wife, Jesse Smith, b. 5 July 1784, d. 27 Feb. 1873, bur. Janes-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>177</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> Adams, Massachusetts, Register of Deaths, 4:1, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>179</sup> Berkshire County Probate Records, 14:462-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>180</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," case no. 2676.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>181</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 109.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>182</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 103, row H, position 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>183</sup> Their son Joseph d. Cheshire 7 June 1862, aged 77y. "Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910," 156:30, no. 12, *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/191/massachusetts-vital-records-1841-1910, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> Berkshire County Land Records, Northern District, 4:39, FHL microfilm 879,513, item 2 (deed of gift from Elisha to Nicholas, 1795); William Bradford Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence, R. I., and Four Generations of His Descendants," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 80 (1926): 73-86, 170-85, at 180.

<sup>185 &</sup>quot;Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 4806:3-4 (date of death), 58 (request), 66, 73, 74 (dower).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>186</sup> "Died," Vermont Gazette, Bennington, 31 May 1836, p. 87, col. 6, Newspapers + Publisher Extra (www.newspapers.com/paper/vermont-gazette/7927, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 6 Oct. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>187</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 5742:4-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>188</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>189</sup> Lorraine Cook White, comp., *Huntington 1789–1850, Kent 1739–1852, Killingly 1708–1850,* Lorraine Cook White, gen. ed., *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records,* vol. 20 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1999). 204

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>190</sup> Obituary, Pittsfield Sun, Pittsfield, Mass., 6 Feb. 1840, 3, col. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>191</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 115, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>192</sup> "47305175," "Betsey Willwarth Smith," memorial no. 55941780, Find a Grave (www.findagrave.com/memorial/55941780: added 5 Aug. 2010, with photograph of gravestone by C. Rose, added 20 July 2018.

- ville, Rock Co., Wis.<sup>[193]</sup> Writing from Philadelphia on 5 July 1836, Jesse and Betsey both gave consent for probate of her father's will without legal notice.<sup>[194]</sup>
- 2. Ephraim Willmarth, b. Adams 21 March 1793,<sup>[195]</sup> d. Adams 3 Sept. 1816, in his 24th year, bur. Baptist Cemetery, Cheshire.<sup>[196]</sup>
- 3. *John Leavens Willmarth*, b. Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass., 20 May 1798,<sup>[197]</sup> m. his cousin Anna Hall<sup>7</sup> Willmarth (no. 6, ii.).
- 4. *Hannah Willmarth*, b. Williamstown 7 Dec. 1799, [198] not named in father's will, m. William E. Brayton, b. R. I., 2 Feb. 1789, son of Isaac and Mary (Potter) Brayton (see *187. Brayton*, 5, ii.), d. Adams 2 July 1865, aged 76y 5m 0d. [199] Their son, Shubael W. Brayton, b. Adams 14 Oct. 1822, d. North Adams 19 June 1898, aged 75y 7m 26d, [200] was a legatee of his grandfather's will.
- 5. Shubael Willmarth, b. Stamford 4 April 180[1?], named in father's will.
- iii. EPHRAIM WILLMARTH, b. 18 Aug 1768, d. Adams 16 June 1785, aged 18y, bur. Baptist Cemetery, Cheshire.[201]
- iv. MARY/MOLLY WILLMARTH, b. 18 Aug. 1770, d. Adams 15 March 1853,<sup>[202]</sup> m. Adams 12 Oct. 1788 ELI-SHA WELLS,<sup>[203]</sup> b. Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., 1767, d. Adams 29 April 1822 in 54th y., bur. Joab Stafford burial ground, Cheshire,<sup>[204]</sup> son of John and Frances (Brown) Wells.<sup>[205]</sup>
- v. Hannah Willmarth, b. Cheshire 10 Aug. 1772, [206] m. Adams 3 Jan. 1790 John Wells Jr., [207] b. say 1769, son of John and Frances (Brown) Wells. [208]
- vi. Patience Willmarth, b. 31 Aug. 1774, res. Cheshire, 1850, aged 76y, [209] and grantor of a deed, 20 Dec. 1851, [210] m. Adams 25 Oct. 1801 Simeon Hall of Cheshire, [211] son of John Hall of Windsor, Berkshire Co., [212] who d. before 28 Mar. 1815.[213]
- vii. Joseph Willmarth, b. 31 May 1777, d. Oct. 1781.

<sup>193</sup> GWC, "Col Jesse Smith," memorial no. 57061598, Find a Grave (www.findagrave.com/memorial/57061598: added 14 Aug. 2010), with photograph by Vicki C., added 16 Oct. 2011. It also shows Betsey's birth and death dates.

<sup>194</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 5742:34.

<sup>195</sup> Compare Vital Records of Williamstown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1907), 95 (b. 20 Mar.).

<sup>196</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 101, row C, position 21; Quinn and Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records," transcript and photo 44.

<sup>197</sup> The middle name is recorded in Williamstown (Vital Records of Williamstown, 95), but not in Adams.

<sup>198</sup> Compare Vital Records of Williamstown, 95 (b. 6 Dec.).

<sup>199</sup> Adams, Mass., Register of Deaths, 4:16, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 6; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 20 (parents' marriage).

<sup>200</sup> "Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910," 481:89, no. 166.

<sup>201</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 102, row D, position 27; Quinn and Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records," transcript and photo 34 (dates mostly illegible in photograph).

<sup>202</sup> Adams, Massachusetts, Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the Town of Adams, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Book 2 (FHL microfilm 1,901,798, item 1), 141; *Bible Records from the Manuscript Collections of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*, CD-ROM (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001), record 874, Elisha Wells bible, line 2.

<sup>203</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 44.

<sup>204</sup> NEHGS Bible Records, record 874, line 1; Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 87, 88.

<sup>205</sup> "Berkshire County, MA: Probate File Papers," 3083:4-6; Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 88-9. In addition to the brother of John Wells Jr., he is believed to be a first cousin of Nicholas Brown (no. 5, i.).

<sup>206</sup> Also the birth of "Hannah Wells," in William Bradford Browne, "Records of the Society of Friends at East Hoosuck (Adams), Mass.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 71 (1917): 360-7; 72 (1918): 16-28, 107-14, at 72:20.

<sup>207</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 46.

<sup>208</sup> "Berkshire County, MA: Probate File Papers," 3083:4-6 (named next after Elisha in their father's will); Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 88-9.

<sup>209</sup> Dolly Potter household, 1850 U. S. census, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, population schedule, page 107, dwelling 129, family 144, microfilm publication M432, roll 305 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>210</sup> Berkshire County Land Records, Northern District, 74:469, FHL microfilm 885,018, item 2.

<sup>211</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 61. They had six children recorded at Adams (ibid., 128).

<sup>212</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 3739:50.

<sup>213</sup> Berkshire County Land Records, Northern District, 19:268, FHL microfilm 879,521, item 1.

- viii. Ann Marcy Willmarth, b. Cheshire 15 March 1780, [214] d. 11 Aug. 1868, m. 22 Feb. 1800 Joseph Howland, b. Newport, Newport Co., R. I., 11 March 1781, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hathaway) Howland, d. 4 March 1833. [215] On 4, 3 mo. [March], 1819, Ann Mercy Howland received a removal certificate from the Society of Friends at East Hoosuck (Adams), Massachusetts, to the Society at Starksborough, Addison Co., Vt. The certificate mentions her husband but does not name him. [216]
- 6. ix. Henry Willmarth, b. 29 April 1782; d. 8 March 1861; m. (1) Waity Waterman; m. (2) Clarissa Waterman; m. (3) Cynthia Brown.

6. Colonel **Henry**<sup>6</sup> **Willmarth** (*Shubael*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 April 1782. His birth was recorded in Adams, <sup>[217]</sup> but his death record calls him a native of the neighboring town of Cheshire, same county. He died in Adams on 8 March 1861, <sup>[218]</sup> aged 78 years, 9 months and 10 days. <sup>[219]</sup> He married first, 3 March 1805 at Adams, **Waity Waterman**. <sup>[220]</sup> She was born 20 July 1786 in Cheshire, daughter of John and Ann (Hall) Waterman, <sup>[221]</sup> and died 24 May 1811, in her 25th year. <sup>[222]</sup> Ten months later, on 22 March 1812 at Stamford, Bennington County, Vermont, Henry married her sister **Clarissa Waterman**, <sup>[223]</sup> who was born 19 July 1789 in Cheshire, <sup>[224]</sup> and died 4 October 1812, in her 24th year. Both Waity and Clarissa are buried in the Baptist Cemetery in Cheshire. <sup>[225]</sup> Henry married, third, **Cynthia Brown**, upon intentions published 14 March 1813 at Adams. <sup>[226]</sup> She was born in Adams, <sup>[227]</sup> 10 August 1794, <sup>[228]</sup> daughter of John and Phebe (Brayton) Brown (see 93. *Brown*, 2, i.), and died in Adams on 28 May 1873, aged 78 years, 9 months and 24 days. <sup>[229]</sup> She and her husband are buried in Hillside North Cemetery, North

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>214</sup> Also recorded in Browne, "Society of Friends at East Hoosuck," 71:365.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>215</sup> Joseph Howland family Bible, in documentation in support of Alice Lois Cameron Bostrom, supplemental application, National No. 725431, Add Volume 747, ancestor Shubael Wilmarth, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 7:350 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>216</sup> Browne, "Society of Friends at East Hoosuck," 72:112.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>217</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 109.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> Adams Register of Deaths, 4:1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>219</sup> Col. Henry Willmarth tombstone, Hillside North Cemetery, North Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, photographed by Todd Willmarth, 1985, in image file "Willmarth Graves.jpg," 15 January 2002 by Robbie Willmarth (rwillmarth@nc.rr.com), attached to Robbie Willmarth to Joy Mattingly (joy1work@cox.net), "Grave Photos," e-mail, 25 May 2002, forwarded to the author, 26 May 2002.

The stone says that Henry died 9 March 1861, at that age. By subtraction, his birthdate by that source is 30 April 1782, likewise one day later than the official record has it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>220</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>221</sup> Cheshire Book to Record Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 1793, 36, FHL microfilm 250,300, item 1; Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *The Waterman Family*, vol. 3, *Descendants of Richard Waterman of Providence, Rhode Island* (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1954), 343, 344.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 102, row D, position 26 ("Maity"); Quinn and Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records," transcript and photo 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>223</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 67.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>224</sup> Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>225</sup> Barker, "Early Settlements in Cheshire," 101, row D, position 25; Quinn and Townsend, "Baptist Cemetery Records," transcript and photo 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 164.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup> Adams Register of Deaths 4:54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>228</sup> Clifford Ross Brayton Jr., *Brayton Family History*, 2 vols. (Rochester, N. Y.: author, 1978–82), 2:76, citing record of Mrs. Janet Ruediger.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>229</sup> Adams Register of Deaths, 4:54; Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 8 (parents' marriage). Her age at death calculates a birth date of 4, not 10, Aug. 1794. More seriously, Clifford Ross Brayton Jr. names her father as *James*, not John (*Brayton Family History*, 1:65, 2:76).

### Adams, Massachusetts.[230]

## Children of Col. Henry<sup>6</sup> and Waity (Waterman) Willmarth, born in Adams, are:[231]

- i. HOMER<sup>7</sup> WILLMARTH, b. 5 Mar. 1807, d. Barrington, Cook Co., 29 March 1882, m. aged 75y,<sup>[232]</sup> m. by 1831 MARY ADELINE WELLS,<sup>[233]</sup> b. Mass., ca. 1809,<sup>[234]</sup> dau. of Charles and Sarah (Warren) Wells,<sup>[235]</sup> d. Barrington 27 Nov. 1883, aged 75y.<sup>[236]</sup>
- ii. Anna Hall Willmarth, b. 4 Sept. 1808, d. Stamford, Bennington Co., Vt., 2 Jan. 1894, aged 83y 4m, [237] m. ca. 1840 (first child, b. ca. 1841) John Leavens Willmarth [238] (no. 5, ii., 3), b. Williamstown, Mass., 20 May 1798, son of Shubael (Jr.) and Judith Charlotte (Leavens) Willmarth, [239] d. Stamford 8 Sept. 1870, aged 68y [sic] 4m. [240]
- iii. JOSEPH WILLMARTH, b. 10 May 1811; no further information.

#### Children of Col. Henry<sup>6</sup> and Cynthia (Brown) Willmarth, born in Adams, are:

- 7. iv. Henry Brown Willmarth, b. 15 Nov. 1814, d. 29 July 1887, m. Jeanette Young (James) Brown.
  - v. Arthur Field Willmarth, b. 6 March 1817, d. Mount Hope Retreat, Baltimore Co., Md., 31 Mar. 1895, aged 78y, [241] m. Lydia Fowler, b. Southwick, Hampden Co., Mass., ca. Aug. 1818, dau. of Edmund and Olive (Root) Fowler, d. Washington, D. C., 2 March 1894, aged 77y 6m. [242] Child:
    - Aurelia Bingham<sup>8</sup> Willmarth, b. 1841,<sup>[243]</sup> res. New York City, New York Co., N. Y., 1880,<sup>[244]</sup> m.
      1859 Arthur Taylor of Washington, D. C.;<sup>[245]</sup> m. (2) John N. Gill, b. Ky, ca. 1844, res. New York, 1880.<sup>[246]</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>230</sup> Col. Henry Willmarth and Cynthia Willmarth tombstones, image file "Willmarth Graves.jpg," Joy Mattingly to author, 26 May 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> The births of all of Henry's children, by all his wives, appear in Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>232</sup> "Homer Wilmarth," *The Chicago Daily Tribune*, Chicago, Ill., 31 Mar. 1882, p. 2, col. 7, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> A. T. Andreas, *History of Cook County, Illinois: From the Earliest Period to the Present Time* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas, 1884), 846.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>234</sup> Homer Willmarth household, 1850 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, town of Barrington, page 110, dwelling 722, family 733, microfilm publication M432, roll 103 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," case no. 8769 (will of Charles Wells); Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 11, 47 (parents' intention and marriage). Charles was a brother of Elisha Wells (no. 5, iv.) and John Wells Jr. (no. 5, v.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>236</sup> "Briefs," *The Inter Ocean*, Chicago, Ill., 30 Nov. 1883, 8, col. 5, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers. com/paper/the-inter-ocean/909, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 9 Oct. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> Jay Mack Holbrook, *Massachusetts Vital Records: North Adams 1878–1906*, 12 vols. on 69 microfiches (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 2001), Deaths, 1:105, fiche 36, frame 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>238</sup> John L. Willmarth household, 1850 U. S. census, Bennington County, Vermont, population schedule, town of Stamford, page 166, dwelling 118, family 121, microfilm publication M432, roll 921 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>239</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 115; Vital Records of Williamstown, 95.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>240</sup> Vermont Secretary of State, *General Index to Vital Records of Vermont, Early to 1870*, 287 microfilm reels (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1951), reel 280; FHL microfilm 27734.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>241</sup> "District of Columbia Deaths, 1874–1961," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1803967, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 25 Sept. 2020), from burial transit permit no. 4236, "Austin F. Willmarth"; "Col. A. F. Willmarth Dead," *The Boston Daily Globe*, 2 April 1895, p. 8, col. 4, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.news papers.com/paper/the-boston-globe/9077, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 12 Oct. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>242</sup> Holbrook, *Massachusetts Vital Records*: *North Adams*, Deaths, 1:106, fiche 36, frame 12; "District of Columbia Deaths," from certificate no. 94951. See also Elias Loomis, *The Descendants (By the Female Branches) of Joseph Loomis, Who Came From Braintree, England, in the Year 1638, and Settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639, 2 vols. (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1880), 1:458, 461, 464.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> Loomis, Descendants of Joseph Loomis (Female Branches), 1:464.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>244</sup> Asa Wilkinson household, 1880 U. S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule, city of New York, ED 281, SD 1, page 134, dwelling 33, family 34, microfilm publication T9 roll 880 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> Loomis, Descendants of Joseph Loomis (Female Branches), 1:464.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>246</sup> 1880 U. S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule, city of New York, ED 281, SD 1, page 134, dwelling 33, family 34.

- vi. Waity Caroline Willmarth, b. 22 Oct. 1820, d. Adams 17 March 1878, aged 57y 4m 26d, unm., bur. beside her parents in Hillside North Cemetery.<sup>[247]</sup>
- vii. Phebe Celestia Willmarth, b. 5 Feb. 1822, d. North Adams 24 Dec. 1882, aged 60y 1m 26d,<sup>[248]</sup> m. Adams 5 Feb. 1843 Edward Richmond Tinker,<sup>[249]</sup> b. Adams (now North Adams) 18 July 1822, son of Giles and Zilpha (Knight) Tinker,<sup>[250]</sup> d. Washington, D. C., 12 Aug. 1915, aged 93y 22d, both entombed in Tinker mausoleum, Hillside Cemetery, North Adams.<sup>[251]</sup>
- 7. **Henry Brown**<sup>7</sup> **Willmarth** (*Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Shubael*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 November 1814 in Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, <sup>[252]</sup> and died 29 July 1887 in Denver, Arapahoe (now Denver) County, Colorado. <sup>[253]</sup> He married by 13 September 1849 in Cook County, Illinois, **Jeanette Young (James) Brown**. <sup>[254]</sup> Born 7 April 1825 in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, daughter of Col. William and Catherine (Sinclair) James <sup>[255]</sup> (see *47. James*, 2, i.), she died 22 November 1896 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. <sup>[256]</sup> She had first married, 23 March 1843 in Adams, **John A. Brown**. <sup>[257]</sup> They had two children, but neither survived infancy. John was born in say 1823, the son of Stephen Brayton and Olive B. (Brown) Brown <sup>[258]</sup> (see *93. Brown*, *6*, iii., 1). John's death is not of record in Adams, but it evidently occurred before 4 May 1847. On that day, it was found that the only heir at law of Stephen B. Brown was his father, John Brown of Adams. <sup>[259]</sup>

Henry appears in the 1860 census at the head of the following family: [260]

H. B. Wilmarth, 43, b. Mass., Insurance Agt Jane Wilmarth, 33, b. Scotland Henry Wilmarth, 10, b. N. Y. Arthur Wilmarth, 7, b. Ill.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> Adams Register of Deaths 4:85; Waity Caroline Willmarth tombstone, image file "Willmarth Graves.jpg," Joy Mattingly to author, 26 May 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>248</sup> Holbrook, Massachusetts Vital Records: North Adams, Deaths, 1:21, fiche 32, frame 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>249</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>250</sup> "Edward R. Tinker Dies at Age of 93," *The North Adams Transcript*, North Adams, Mass., 13 Aug. 1915, p. 1, cols. 4-7, p. 5, cols. 3-5, at 1, cols. 4 (death), 6, (birth and parentage), *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers. com/paper/the-north-adams-transcript/41, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 11 Oct. 2020); Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 155 (parents' intention).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> "District of Columbia Deaths," from certificate no. 224902; J. Stefancic, "Edward Richmond Tinker II," memorial no. 57747052, *Find a Grave* (www.findagrave.com/memorial/57747052: added 26 Aug. 2010), with photograph of vault cover added 28 Mar. 2011 by same contributor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>252</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>253</sup> Willmarth family record, undated, in possession of Joy Mattingly of Phoenix, Arizona. In July 2002 Ms. Mattingly provided the author with a copy of the record and permission to publish. Entries up to 29 July 1887 are written in the same hand, indicating that they were probably all recorded at the same time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>254</sup> Sam Fink, comp., "Chicago Marriage and Death Index," citing *Chicago Evening Journal*, 13 Sept. 1849, in "Cook County, Illinois, Marriage and Death Indexes, 1833–1889," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2433, Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 17 Oct. 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>255</sup> S. Mark James, "The James Family Home Page," Family Tree Maker (https://web.archive.org/web/2014101721094 1/http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/j/a/m/S-M-JAMES: updated 1 Dec. 2008), Internet Archive ([San Francisco, Calif.:] Internet Archive, cached 17 Oct. 2014).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>256</sup> James, "James Family Home Page"; Willmarth family record; Jeannette Young Willmarth, death certificate no. 21542 (1896), City of Chicago, Illinois, Department of Health, FHL microfilm 1,033,035.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>257</sup> Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 79.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>258</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 6606:4, 5; Cheshire Publishment, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 96 (parents' marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>259</sup> "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 7036:28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>260</sup> H. B. Wilmarth household, 1860 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, city of Chicago, ward 5, page 209, dwelling 1481, family 1720, microfilm publication M653, roll 166 (Washington: National Archives).

Jenny Wilmarth, 5, b. Ill. William Wilmarth, 2, b. Ill. Baby Wilmarth, 6/12, b. Ill., male

Henry appears in the 1870 census at the head of this family:[261]

Henry Wilmarth, 55, b. Mass., Fire Ins Agt Jennie Wilmarth, 42, b. Scotland, Keeping House Henry Wilmarth, 19, b. N. Y., clerk Ins office Arthur Wilmarth, 17, b. Ill., clerk Ins office Jennie Wilmarth, 16, b. Ill., At School William Wilmarth, 12, b. Ill., At School Edward Wilmarth, 10, b. Ill., At School Phillip Wilmarth, 8, b. Ill., At School

In his final federal census appearance, Henry stands in 1880 at the head of this family: [262]

Henry B. Willmarth, 63, Head, Fire Ins. Adjuster, b. Mass. Jenette Willmarth, 53, Wife, Keeping House, b. Scotland Edward Willmarth, 20, Son, Clerk, b. Illinois Philip Willmarth, 18, Son, Clerk, b. Illinois

These ages roughly match the dates of birth given for seven children in a Willmarth family record held by Joy Mattingly of Phoenix, Arizona, who has graciously provided the author with a photocopy and permitted him to reprint the dates from the record. The birth dates range from 1851 to 1866; unfortunately, the record does not directly specify their parents' names.

Philip Robert Willmarth, the last surviving child, has living descendants, but they traditionally ascribe Philip's parentage to *John Henry Willmarth* and *Janet Sinclair*. They have been reluctant to accept the children in the bible as those of Henry B. Willmarth, even though his and his wife's death dates appear in the record but John Henry and Janet's do not. In 1880 Philip was called a *son* of Henry, but the entire 1860 census contains no other Philip or P. R. Willmarth (Wilmoth, and Soundex equivalents) of an age that puts his birth within two years of 1862. The family record also shows a name and birth date for the only girl that matches records kept by descendants of Jean C. (Willmarth) Carter, and proceeds to mention one of her daughters: "Anna Catherine Carter-Squires | Daughter of Jeannie C Willmarth Carter | Died April 9, 1914–Berkeley, Calif." Additionally, in her own wedding invitation, Jean is described as the daughter of "Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Willmarth." Given this degree of consistency among so many records, it is hardly credible that they could describe any family except one that both Jean C. and Philip Robert were born into. The presumption in favor of Henry's paternity of all the children is too strong to dismiss without overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> Henry Wilmarth household, 1870 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, city of Chicago, ward 13, page 432, dwelling 993, family 972, microfilm publication M593, roll 207 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>262</sup> Henry B. Willmarth household, 1880 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, New Trier Township, village of Glencoe, page 528, dwelling 416, family 418, microfilm publication T9, roll 202 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> "United States Census, 1880," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1417683, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 21 Jan. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> This record shall be described below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>265</sup> Horace W. Carter and Jean C. Willmarth wedding invitation (1877), copy in author's possession.

Curiously enough, a similar tradition arose among Jean's descendants. At one time, her sister-in-law Lillian Carter wrote that her mother, Anna Catherine (Matchett) Carter, had known Jean's mother as "a young married lady in Chicago. Her family were 'Scotch gentry' and the name was Sinclair." [266]

Children of John A. and Jeanette Y. (James) Brown are:

- i. Susan E. Brown, b. Savannah, Chatham Co., Ga., 9 Feb. 1844, d. Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., 12 May 1844, aged 3m 3d.<sup>[267]</sup>
- ii. Catharine E. Brown, b. Adams 4 Sept. 1845,<sup>[268]</sup> d. Adams 27 Aug. 1846, aged 11m 7d [sic]. [269]

# Children of Henry Brown<sup>7</sup> and Jeanette Y. (James) Brown Willmarth are:<sup>[270]</sup>

- i. Henry J. 8 Willmarth, b. New York City, New York Co., N. Y., 27 Sept. 1851, d. N. Y., Oct. 1899.
- ii. Arthur Field Willmarth, b. Chicago 1 Aug. 1852, d. Fairplay, Park Co., Colo., 12 March 1938, aged 85y, m. (1) ca. 1873 Rosalind C. Jones, [271] b. Ill., ca. 1855, dau. of Tarleton and Elizabeth "Lizzie" H. (Whiting) Jones, [272] d. Denver 12 July 1886; [273] m. (2) Fairplay 7 Feb. 1920 Ethel J. Fisher, [274] b. Mo., April 1891 dau. of John and Alice J. (\_\_\_\_) Fisher, [275] res. Fairplay, 1930. [276] Child by first wife:
  - 1. *Elizabeth Jeanette*<sup>9</sup> *Willmarth*, b. III., ca. 1876,<sup>[277]</sup> d. Chicago 3 Oct. 1903,<sup>[278]</sup> m. Denver 10 Oct. 1900 Henry W. Belknap,<sup>[279]</sup>
- iii. Jean C. Willmarth, b. 3 June 1854, d. 27 Oct. 1943, m. Horace Waldo Carter.
  - iv. William W. Willmarth, b. Chicago 2 Jan. 1858, d. Glencoe, Cook Co., Ill., 4 Jan. 1919, aged 61y 2d, [280]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>266</sup> Untitled, undated manuscript in the handwriting of Lillian Carter, in possession of Jean W. Spencer, New Haven, Conn.; viewed and partially transcribed by the author, July 1998.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>267</sup> Adams Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 2:103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>268</sup> Adams Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 2:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>269</sup> Adams Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 2:111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> All data are from the Willmarth family record, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>271</sup> Arthur F. Willmarth household, 1930 U. S. census, Park County, Colorado, population schedule, Fairplay precinct, town of Fairplay, ED 15, SD 6, sheet 1, dwelling 18, family 18, microfilm publication T626, roll 248 (Washington: National Archives). Although its estimate of Arthur's age is faulty (70y, not 77y), its reckoning of his age at first marriage (21y from 1852) is consistent with his daughter's age, 4y, in 1880. A. F. and Rosalind were both defendants in a suit over land in Kansas in 1888, and the other defendants also belonged to the Jones family (Samuel G. Hill and Wm. H. Thorold vs. A. F. Willmarth, Rosalind C. Willmarth, Norvill W. Jones, Mary Jones, and Anna M. Jones, publication notice, *Ellsworth Reporter*, Ellsworth, Kans., 6 Sept. 1888, p. 4, col. 5, *Newspapers* + *Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers. com/paper/ellsworth-reporter/7435, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 11 Oct. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>272</sup> Tarlton Jones household, 1860 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, city of Chicago, ward 9, page 234, dwelling 405, family 442, microfilm publication M653, roll 168 (Washington: National Archives); Arthur Willmarth household, 1880 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, New Trier Township, village of Winnetka, ED 225, SD 1, page 518, dwelling 227, family 243, microfilm publication T9, roll 202 (Washington: National Archives), with brother-in-law Edward T. Jones and sisters-in-law Mary Jones and Nonie W. Jones, as well as his wife and daughter; Fink, "Chicago Marriage and Death Index," citing *Chicago Evening Journal*, 6 May 1850.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>273</sup> "Deaths," Chicago Daily Tribune, 17 July 1886, p. 8, col. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>274</sup> "Colorado Statewide Marriage Index, 1853–2006," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2043439, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., 9 Sept. 2013), citing license no. 305.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>275</sup> John Fisher household, 1900 U. S. census, Park County, Colorado, population schedule, Precinct No. 13, ED 189, sheet 11, dwelling 246, family 246, microfilm publication T623, roll 127 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>276</sup> 1930 U. S. census, Park County, Colorado, population schedule, Fairplay precinct, town of Fairplay, ED 15, SD 6, sheet 1, dwelling 18, family 18, microfilm publication T626, roll 248 (first married at age 28, hence ca. 1920).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>277</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, New Trier Township, village of Winnetka, ED 225, SD 1, page 518, dwelling 227, family 243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>278</sup> "Deaths," Chicago Daily Tribune, 4 Oct. 1903, p. 11, col. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>279</sup> "Colorado Statewide Marriage Index," citing license no. 26250.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>280</sup> William W. Willmarth, death certificate no. 9924 (1919), Illinois Department of Public Health, Springfield. The family record says that he died 3 Jan. in Chicago.

- m. Russell Co., Kans., 2 Jan. 1882, GRACE MARY PRATT, [281] b. Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., 4 June 1862, dau. of Joseph Anson and Emma C. (Mann) Pratt, [282] d. Glencoe 17 Dec. 1947, aged 85y. [283] Children, b. Kans.: [284]
  - 1. Sinclair Anson<sup>9</sup> Willmarth, b. 28 Sept. 1882,<sup>[285]</sup> d. prob. Glencoe shortly before 2 July 1970,<sup>[286]</sup> m. Glencoe 14 April 1923 Dorothy Cox, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Cox.<sup>[287]</sup>
  - 2. Emma L. Willmarth, b. Russell, Russell Co., 1 April 1884, d. Glencoe 28 Feb. 1949, unm. [288]
- v. EDWARD STANSBURY WILLMARTH, b. Chicago 1 Jan. 1860, d. Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., 4 April 1931, m. La Grange, Cook Co., Ill., 26 Jan. 1885 CONSTANCE A. "EVA" MITCHELL, [289] b. Canada, June 1860, [290] d. Boston 13 Jan. 1945, aged 84y. [291]
- vi. Philip Robert Willmarth,<sup>[292]</sup> b. Chicago 9 Jan. 1862, d. 12 Feb. 1944, aged 84y, m. Chicago 15 Nov. 1887 Allie May Mitchell,<sup>[293]</sup> b. Ill., 4 July 1866, d. 27 July 1954; both res. Omaha, Douglas Co., Neb., in 1940.<sup>[294]</sup>
- vii. Stephen Willmarth, b. Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N. Y., 17 Sept. 1866, d. Mamaroneck in Sept. 1866.
- 8. **Jean C.**<sup>8</sup> **Willmarth** (*Henry Brown*<sup>7</sup>, *Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Shubael*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 June 1854<sup>[295]</sup> in "Jefferson, Ill," [296] probably Jefferson Township, Cook County, now part of Chicago. She died
- <sup>281</sup> Mrs. F. V. Evans, "Marriage Records of Russell County, Kansas, 1873–1883," Report of Kansas Genealogical Records Committee, NSDAR, ser. 1, vol. 15 (typewritten manuscript, 1936), 12-27, at 23.
- <sup>282</sup> Charles B. Whittelsey, comp., *The Ancestry and the Descendants of John Pratt of Hartford, Conn.*: (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1900), 129.
- <sup>283</sup> Mrs. Grace Pratt Willmarth obituary, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 19 Dec. 1947, p. 31, col. 2; "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1438856, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 11 April 2014), from death certificate no. 49264.
- <sup>284</sup> William W. Wilmarth household, 1900 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, New Trier Township, village of Glencoe, ED 1172, SD 1, sheet 5, dwelling 88, family 92, microfilm publication M432, roll (Washington: National Archives).
- <sup>285</sup> Sinclair Anson Willmarth draft registration card, serial no. 398, order no. 621, Cook Co., Ill., Division No. 3, World War I Selective Service Draft Registration Cards, 1917–18, microfilm publication M1509, roll 793 (Washington: National Archives).
  - <sup>286</sup> Sinclair A. Willmarth death notice, *Chicago Tribune*, 2 July 1970, p. N13, col. 2.
- <sup>287</sup> Wedding announcement, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 15 April 1923, part 7, p. 18, col. 4; "Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871–1920," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1463145, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 16 Mar. 2020).
- <sup>288</sup> Emma Willmarth death notice, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 1 Mar. 1949, p. A2; "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878–1994," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1463134, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 4 Feb. 2020).
  - <sup>289</sup> "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index," citing Cook County license no. 89211.
- <sup>290</sup> Edward S. Willmarth household, 1900 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Lyons Township, La Grange village, ED 1169, SD 1, sheet 32, dwelling 495, family 566, microfilm publication T623, roll 293 (Washington: National Archives).
  - <sup>291</sup> Constance A. Willmarth obituary, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 16 Jan. 1945, p. 12, col. 3.
  - <sup>292</sup> Joy Mattingly to author, letter, 9 July 2001; "Illinois
  - <sup>293</sup> "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index," citing Cook Co. marriage license no. 120804.
- <sup>294</sup> Philip R. Willmouth household, 1940 U. S. census, Douglas County, Nebraska, population schedule, city of Omaha, ward 10, ED 94-168, SD 2, sheet 8, household 153, microfilm publication M627, roll 2274 (Washington: National Archives).
- <sup>295</sup> Willmarth family record; "My Calendar of Memory for 1941" (Boston: Rust Craft, 1940), entry for 3 June. This pocket-size calendar was owned by Jeanette K. Dailey (1912–1998), granddaughter of Jean C. Willmarth, until 1996, when her effects passed to her niece, Jean W. Spencer. Dates of birth and death were filled in by Miss Dailey and others. Filled date entries transcribed 2 July 1998 by the author.
  - <sup>296</sup> Willmarth family record.

in Contra Costa County, California, on 27 October 1943. [297] She married at Chicago, on 21 November 1877, **Horace Waldo Carter**. [298] He was born 12 April 1854 in Chicago, son of Artemas and Anna Catherine (Matchett) Carter, and died 9 September 1884 in La Grange, Cook County. [299]

Children of Horace Waldo and Jean C.8 (Willmarth) Carter are:

- i. Lucile Carter, b. St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo., 27 July 1878, d. Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., 18 Feb. 1948,[300] m. Chicago 10 June 1909, James Edward Dailey,[301] b. Ireland or Rockton, Winnebago Co., Ill., 20 June 1863, son of Owen Dailey (see 5. Dailey, 2), d. Chicago 6 May 1938.[302]
- ii. Anna Catherine Carter, b. Yellow Springs, Greene Co., Ohio, 25 Aug. 1879,[303] d. Berkeley, Alameda Co., Calif., 9 April 1914,[304] m. Chicago 30 April 1904 Herbert Bradshaw Squires,[305] b. Chicago 18 Mar. 1871,[306] son of Charles and Mary H. (Bradshaw) Squires,[307] d. Los Angeles 27 Oct. 1933, aged 59y 7m 9d, bur. Oakland, 31 Oct. 1933.[308]
- iii. Jeannette Lillian Carter, b. La Grange 3 Aug. 1884,<sup>[309]</sup> d. Contra Costa Co., Calif., 29 Aug. 1967,<sup>[310]</sup> m. 12 Aug. 1916 Wilbur Dodge "Bill" Burnham,<sup>[311]</sup> born Neb., 20 July 1878, son of Leavitt and Sarah (Gibson) Burnham, d. Contra Costa Co. 7 Nov. 1953.<sup>[312]</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>297</sup> Jean Willmarth Carter, death certificate no. 210 (1943), Contra Costa County Recorder, Martinez, Calif.; "Calendar of Memory for 1941," entry for 3 June.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>298</sup> Horace W. Carter and Jean C. Willmarth wedding invitation (1877), copy in author's possession.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>299</sup> Horace W. Carter, death certificate no. 6610 (1884), Cook County, Illinois, Death Records, FHL microfilm 1,239,965; "Deaths," *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 10 September 1884, p. 8; col. 7; Clara A. Carter and Sarah A. Carter, *Carter: A Genealogy of the Descendants of Samuel and Thomas, Sons of Rev. Samuel Carter* (Clinton, Mass.: W. J. Coulter, 1887), 176.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>300</sup> Lucille Dailey obituary, *Oakland Tribune*, Oakland, Calif., 29 Feb. 1948, p. D11; Lucile Dailey, death certificate no. 3652 (1948), Los Angeles County Board of Health, Los Angeles, Calif., City Death Certificates nos. 3600-5930 (1948), FHL microfilm 2,371,665.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>301</sup> Lillian Carter, "Family History and Records" (unpublished manuscript, 1929), 17, copy in author's possession.

<sup>302</sup> James E. Dailey, death certificate no. 12969 (1938), Illinois Department of Public Health, Springfield.

<sup>303</sup> Carter, "Family History and Records," 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>304</sup> Carter, "Family History and Records," 20; Willmarth family record. The relevant excerpt from the latter is transcribed above, no. 7.

<sup>305</sup> Carter, "Family History and Records," 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>306</sup> Herbert Bradshaw Squires draft registration, serial no. 223, order no. 29, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, micropublication M1509, roll CA5 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>307</sup> Charles Squires household, 1880 U. S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, city of Chicago, ED 123, SD 1, page 359, dwelling 337, family 476, microfilm publication T9, roll 194 (Washington: National Archives); Albert A. Pomeroy, History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family: Collateral Lines in Family Groups; Normandy, Great Britain and America Comprising the Ancestors and Descendants of Eltweed Pomeroy from Beaminster County Dorset, England, 1630, 3 vols. (Toledo, Ohio: Franklin Printing and Engraving, 1912–22), 2:619.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>308</sup> Herbert Bradshaw Squires, death certificate no. 12274 (1933), "California, County Birth and Death Records, 1800–1994," FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2001287, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve Inc., updated 11 Oct. 2020); "Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Calif., Record of Interments, 11:178, no. 55,546, "California, Oakland, Mountain View Cemetery Records, 1857–1973" FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3161361, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 14 Feb. 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>309</sup> Carter, "Family History and Records," 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>310</sup> "California Death Index, 1940–1997," FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2015582, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 7 Mar. 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>311</sup> Carter, "Family History and Records," 20, gives William for his first name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>312</sup> Wilbur Dodge Burnham draft registration card, serial no. 3897, order no. 5506; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–18, micropublication M1509, roll CA8 (Washington: National Archives); Leavitt Burnham household, 1880 U. S. census, Douglas County, Nebraska, population schedule, city of Omaha, ED 21, SD 2, page 271, dwelling 160, family 165, microfilm T9, roll 748 (Washington: National Archives); "California Death Index"; "Calendar of Memory for 1941," entry for 7 November.