

SHEPARD

Also sp. Sheppard, Shepherd. The earliest known Shepard of Cambridge, Mass. was Edward Shepard, and he is the progenitor of many who lived in Conn. and Ga. Cambridge Rec. 1639, P. 108:

"Edward Shepard:—bought of James Herringe one dwelling-house, with a garden; abutting on John Betts northeast. Edward Mickerson on the north, Mr. Andrewsweet, the highway, now South Street,...."

The following is from the Record of Shepard's and Mitchell's Church, which was made up from memory by Rev. Mr. Mitchell in 1658, after the death of Rev. Thomas Shepard:

"Edward Shepard member in f.c. So also his wife, Violet, deceased. Their children yet were in minority when he joyned, are Abigail, now living at Dedham; Deborah, now also at Dedham; and Sarah, now dwelling at Braintree. The eldest of these aged twelve, ye 2nd ten, 3rd, seven years, when their Parents joyned, being all baptised in England."

Sarah Shepard Tomson died at Braintree, Mass. 1/15/1679, aged 43, and would therefore be seven years of age in 1643. From same record:

"Mary, now the wife of the aforesaid Edward Shepard, was dismissed hither from Ch. at Dorchester, and is in f.c. with us. Her daughter Mary Pond baptized at Dorchester was eleven years old at her mother's joyning with us."

There is no record of the marriage of Violet Shepard, but she died 1/9/1649. The dau. of Mary Pond m. John Blackman, and their first child was born 8/10/1656. We may conclude that Mrs. Mary Pond lived at Cambridge, Mass. before her marriage with Edward Shepard, a conclusion more probable because her first husband, Robert Pond, died in 1637. It is also probable that she brought her children with her to Cambridge and that Daniel Pond who m. Abigail Shepard was her son. Edward Shepard's name, as also that of his son, John Shepard, appears in the town and county records 1680-81, when his Will was pvd 8/20/1680, and John sold the homestead 9/18/1681 to Owen Warland. Edward Shepard appears to have been a mariner from his own assertion in the deeds -- To Richard Champney 3/19/1652, and to W. Fessenden 2/18/1679, and in his LWT dtd 10/1/1674. Also mention was made in the record of the steward of Harvard College in 1654 of two importations of wheat from "aboard Ed. Shepard's vessel." The LWT of Edward Shepard, "of Cambridge, New England, Mariner," left his wife, Mary, 20 pds, and bequests to his children, i. e.: John, Elizabeth, Deborah, Abigail, now decd, the w. of Daniel Pond, and Sarah. There is a coat of arms on this family, of one Rev. Thomas Shepard from County Essex, England, who settled in Cambridge, Mass.

Issue of Edward Shepard follows:

- I. Elizabeth Shepard, b. England 1629.
- II. Abigail Shepard, b. 1631 England, m. Daniel Pond. She was decd 1674.

III. John Shepard, b. in England 1627, m. 1st 10/1/1649, Rebecca, the dau. of Samuel Greenhill. She d. 12/22/1689, aged about 55 years, and m. 2d Susannah, wid. of William Goodwin, Sr., Hartford, with whom he made a marriage contract dtd 8/3/1691. William Goodwin d. 10/15/1689. Susannah Shepard's LWT mentions three children by the name of Goodwin. John Shepard m. 3rd 9/8/1698 to Martha, the wid. of Arthur Hembury, who survived him. Arthur Hembury was bur. 8/1/1687. Mitchell's Church Record contains the following:

"John Shepard, son of Edward Shepard, hereinafter named, and his wife, both of f.c. Their children, Rebecca, John, Sarah, Violet, all borne and baptized in this church: Elizabeth baptized 7/29/1660; Edward, baptized 8/3/1662; Samuel Shepard, baptized 7/3/1664; and Thomas, baptized 11/18/1666."

John Shepard was made freeman at Cambridge 5/22/1650. He must have removed to Hartford, Conn. after the birth of Thomas in 1666, as this is the last birth recorded at Cambridge. From Connecticut Colonial Records, V. 1, Page 360:

"Receaved by me John Shepherd of my loving Vnkel Gregory Winterton Thirty four pounds which he receaved of my bro: Thomas Greenhill for lands I sold him for which I made by Vnkel a letter of Attorney, I say receued by me John Shepherd 8/4/1654."

Known as Sergeant John Shepard, he resided at Hartford on Lafayette St., just s. of new State House, and owned lands to the Wethersfield bounds. John Shepard d. 6/12/1707. Issue follows:

1. Rebecca Shepard, b. 1650 Hartford, Conn.
2. John Shepard, b. 1/22/1653 Hartford, Conn.
3. Sarah Shepard, b. 3/5/1656 m. Benajah Stone of Guilford, Conn.
4. Violet Shepard, b. Hartford, Conn.
5. Elizabeth Shepard, b. 1660 Hartford, Conn.
6. Samuel Shepard, b. 1684 Hartford, Conn.
7. Thomas Shepard, b. 11/12/1666 Hartford, Conn.
8. Deborah Shepard, b. Hartford, Conn.
9. Abigail Shepard, b. Hartford, Conn.
10. Hannah Shepard, b. Hartford, Conn.
11. Edward Shepard, b. 7/31/1662 Hartford, Conn, d. 9/9/1711, m. 4/14/1687, Abigail, the dau. of John and Elizabeth Savage, b. 7/10/1666, d. 10/16/1719. He resided Middletown, Conn. where he was Deputy, General Court 1710 and 1711. Issue follows:
 - a. Edward Shepard, b. 12/18/1689, d. 4/29/1721, aged 31 yrs.
 - b. Samuel Shepard, b. 4/18/1692 Middletown, Conn.
 - c. John Shepard, b. 2/19/1688, Middletown, Conn. m. 2/17/1720, Sarah, dau. of John and Elizabeth White Clark of Middletown, Conn. She was b. 9/8/1692. Issue: John, b. 1/19/1722; Abigail, b. 10/23/1726, d. 10/9/1762 m. 3/7/1745 John Hall; Sarah, b. 12/10/1727, d. 7/29/1790; Elizabeth, b. 7/23/1729, m. 12/20/1750 Jonathan Penfield, Chatham, Conn.; Thomas, b. 7/20/1731 m. 1/10/1760 Mercy Sears, had six children; Hannah, b. 4/26/1734; Elisha, b. 9/30/1736 m. 5/15/1764, Thanful Knowles and had seven sons; and Daniel, b. 9/16/1723.

Daniel Shepard, b. 9/16/1723, d. 8/22/1798, lived Chatham, Conn., m.

1st 6/30/1749 Sarah Cornwall who d. 1/10/1773, aged 41 years; m. 2d 10/17/1773, widow Grace Savage, and had issue:

i. William Shepard, b. 8/30/1750, went to sea in 1763, and was never heard from again.

ii. Elizabeth Shepard, b. 8/1/1752, d. 3/11/1761, Chatham, Conn.

iii. Daniel Shepard, b. 3/7/1754 Chatham, Conn.

iv. Sarah Shepard, b. 11/30/1756 Chatham, Conn.

v. Mary Shepard, b. 1/30/1758 Chatham, Conn.

vi. Reuben Shepard, b. 8/13/1760, d. 10/24/1795 Chatham, Conn.

vii. Rachel Shepard, b. 3/19/1763, Chatham, Conn.

viii. William Shepard, b. 2/19/1765 Chatham, Conn.

ix. Elizabeth Shepard, b. 2/15/1767, d. 3/9/1771, Chatham, Conn.

x. Samuel Shepard, b. 11/19/1772 m. 5/10/1795, Lucy, dau. of Nicholas and Theodonia Ames of Chatham, Mass. Died 1/5/1846.

xi. Lucy Shepard, b. 8/1/1774 Chatham, Conn.

xii. Nathaniel Shepard, b. 9/7/1776, d. 10/15/1795.

xiii. Jonathan Shepard m. Eleanor Goodrich.

xiv. Esther Shepard, b. Chatham, Conn.

xv. Ruth Shepard, b. 11/2/1786 Chatham, Conn.

xvi. Andrew Shepard, b. 12/15/1768, removed to Wilkes Co., Ga., where he d. in 1828, m. Mary Hillhouse, dau. of David and Sarah Ann Hillhouse of Conn. LWT of Andrew Shepard recorded Bk 1819-36, P. 267, Wilkes Co., Ga., names Mary, the grandmother of his children, Mrs. Hillhouse. Mrs. Mary Shepard, extrx. The LWT of Sarah Hillhouse, Wilkes Co. Ga. WB 1819-36, P. 329, names her dau., Mary Shepard. Issue follows:

a. Felixina Shepherd, named after her uncle, Felix Gilbert.

Attended school in Sparta.

b. Elizabeth Shepherd m. John H. Winder 2/12/1823 Wilkes Co. Ga.

c. Mariah F. Shepherd m. Lock Weems 7/15/1830 Wilkes Co. Ga. Lock Weems is named on one of the bonds of Mrs. Anne E. Shepherd in the est. of Albert H. Sheperd in Stewart Co. Ga. for \$100,000.

d. Albert H. Shepherd, b. Wilkes Co., Ga. ca 1780 m. Anne E. Smythe. He d. abt 1837 Stewart Co., Ga., when his wife, Anne, began making returns on his est. Stewart Co. Ga. DB E, P. 2-3, 7/19/1835, John Cooper to Albert H. Shepherd, for \$1300, 202 1/2 acres, lot 125, 22nd dist. Stewart Co. Albert H. Shepherd m. Miss Ann E. Smyth in Wilkes Co. Ga. 3/24/1831 and two of their children were born in Wilkes Co., ie., William Smythe Shepherd, b. 1833, and Sarah P. Shepherd, b. 1835. P. 22-3, Stewart Co., Bonds, James M. Smythe, Anne E. Shepherd and Edward T. Shepherd and Lock Weems make \$100,000 bond on est. of Albert H. Shepherd, for inv. dtd 7/3/1837.

The 1850 Muscogee Co. Ga. Census lists Mrs. Sheppard, age 65, born in Wilkes Co., with the Hunt family. It also lists Ann E. Shepherd, age 62, born in Wilkes Co., and children, Sarah P., age 17 and William S., age 15.

Albert H. Shepherd's son, John M. Sheppard, was listed on 1820 Putnam Co. Ga. Census and 1860 Webster Co. Census., born 1809. In 1827 Ga. land lottery, he drew land in Sec. 4, which is Coweta Co., then a resident of Newton Co. He was m. to Eliza Tarver 10/11/1827 Newton Co. Ga. According to 1832 Ga. Gold Land Lottery, he resided Troup Co. In 1837 he was Capt. in Wilkinson Co. Militia. From 1841 to 1843 he was Justice of Inf. Ct. of Henry Co., and 1857-1860, Senator, Webster Co.

Webster Co. DB B, P. 115, 2/5/1861, John W. Cato, Sheriff to J. M. Shepherd, conveys s. half of lot 82 and lot 83 on n. half of lot 81 in 18th dist. of Webster Co., as result of lawsuit of John M. Shepherd vs. Taliaferro Lingo, wherein Mr. Lingo's property was sold at public auction. Issue of J. M. Sheppard: James, b. 1843; Albert, b. 1847; Robert, b. 1848; Sarah, b. 1852; Nannie, b. 1852 m. William Solomon Morgan of Webster Co., Ga.

All of New England families of Shepard's, ie., descendants of Edward Shepard, Mariner, of Cambridge, Mass, taken from New England Historical & Genealogical Register, V. 32, Pages 322-331.