

Here Lyes Y^r Body
Of M^{rs} Mary Lovell
The Wife Of Capt
Enoch Lovell
Who Departed This
Life May Y^r 5th
1745 In Y^r 73^d
Year Of Her Age

Here lyes Buri
of Capⁿ Enoc^l
Who Dec^d Ma
174
in the 76th Year of His
Age

¹ Town Records say Capt. Enoch Lovell
May 20, 1746.

ELDER JOHN STRONG AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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THE following "Account of Elder John Strong and his Descendants," was prepared more than ninety years ago, by (Gov.) Caleb Strong. As no accurate copy of it has appeared in print, although the substance of it has been published (*ante* vol. viii. p. 180-183), it may be worthy of preservation in the REGISTER.

The form in which the paper is drawn up, and the fact that the MS., although compiled while he was yet a young man, has hardly received a correction or addition, renders it probable that some circumstance (perhaps the death of his father, a few months previously), may have suggested the importance of collecting such particulars of the family history as were at the moment within his reach, without any purpose of a more extended investigation.

It is here printed from the original manuscript, without alteration, except a few additions, which are enclosed in brackets [].

An Account of Elder JOHN STRONG and his Descendants.

He was born and lived in England, at [or near] Taunton in Somersetshire. His Father whose Name was *Richard*, died while his son was young. His Grandfather, who was a Roman Catholic, lived to be very old, but died before his Grandson left England.

He came to America in the year 1630. He sailed from Plymouth in England [on the 30th of March, 1630, in the ship *Mary and John*] in company with Mr. Warham, Maverick, Mason, Clap, &c., and arrived at Nantasket on the 30th of May of that year, and settled in Dorchester. He married his first Wife in England who died [on the passage, or] immediately after landing in this Country, leaving two young children, the youngest of which died in two months after its Mother.

He married his second Wife whose Name was Abigail Ford (she was sister to Capt. Clap's Wife) at Dorchester, in 1635 or 1636. He afterwards removed from Dorchester to Windsor, in Connecticut, and with four others, to wit Messrs. Mason, Ludlow, Woolcot and Stoughton, was appointed to superintend and bring forward the settlement at that place.

He lived there several years, and from thence removed to Northampton, in the year 1659 or 1660, where he died April 14th, 1699, about 94 years old. He was the first Ruling Elder of the church in Northamp-

ton. His Wife died July 6, 1688. A sister of his came with him from England who afterwards married a person by the name of Dean.¹

He had 16 children besides that which died young as above mentioned.

By his first wife he had :

1. JOHN, who lived at Windsor, and had issue *John, Jacob, Josiah, &c.* By his second wife *Abigail Ford*, who died July 6, 1688, he had issue :

2. THOMAS, who by his first Wife *Mary*—who died Feb. 20, 1670, had the following Children :

1. *Thomas*, born Nov. 16, 1661, Married to *Mary Stebbins*, Nov. 17, 1683. 2. *Mary*, born Aug. 31, 1663, and died in August, 1684. 3. *John*, born March 9, 1665. 4. *Hewel*, born Dec. 2, 1666. 5. *Asahel*, born Nov. 14, 1668; who removed to Farmington, in Connecticut, and left two sons, *Asahel* and *John*. 6. *Joseph*, who removed to Coventry about the Year 1717, where he died upwards of 90 Years of Age, and left two sons, *Joseph* and *Phinehas*, who both lived to old Age. By his second Wife, *Rachel Holton*, whom he married October 10, 1671, he had : 7. *Benjamin*, who lived a bachelor at East Guilford, and died an old Man. 8. *Adino*, who lived at Woodbury, and left a numerous Family. 9. *Waitstill*, who lived at Northampton, and left many Descendants. 10. *Rachel*, born July 15, 1679, married to *Nathan Dudley*, of Guilford, May 6, 1698. 11. *Selah*, born Dec. 22, 1680, who lived at Setocket on Long Island, and had five Sons, *Thomas, Selah, Benajah, Joseph, and Benjamin*, and five Daughters. 12. *Benajah*, born Sept. 24, 1682. 13. *Ephraim*, born Jan. 1, 1685, lived at Milford, and left but one Son, named *Ephraim*. 14. *Elnathan*, born Aug. 20, 1686, who lived at Woodbury, where he died short of middle Age, and left a young Family. 15. *Ruth*, born Feb^r 4, 1688, married to *Wm. Dudley*, of Guilford.

3. JEREDIAH, who by his first wife *Freedom Woodward*, whom he married Nov^r 18, 1662, had Issue :

1. *Elizabeth*, born June 9, 1664, married to *Ebenezer Wright*, Sept. 16, 1684. 2. *Abigail*, born July 9, 1666, married to *Thos. King*, Nov^r 17, 1683. 3. *Jedediah*, born Aug^r 7, 1667, married to *Mary Lee*, Jan. 5, 1691. 4. *Hannah*, married to *Benj. Carpenter*, March 4, 1691. 5. *Thankful*, married to *Thomas Root*, March 4, 1691. 6. *Preserved*, born March 29, 1680, married to *Tabitha Lee*, Oct. 23, 1701. Their mother dying May 17, 1681, their Father married *Abigail Stebbins* the next December, and had Issue : 7. *John*. 8. *Mary*, married to *Ebenezer Pixley*, April 18, 1711.

4. RETURN, who lived at Windsor. His Sons were *Return, Samuel, John, &c.*

5. EBENEZER, who married *Hannah Clap* [of Dorchester] October 14, 1688, died Jan. 11, 1729, aged 86 years, and had Issue :

1. *Hannah*, born Octob^r 7, 1669, married *Ebenezer Pomeroy*, March 4, 1691. 2. *Ebenezer*, married to *Mary Holton*, Octob^r 25, 1695 [and after her death to *Elisabeth Parsons*]. 3.

¹ Walter Dean, of Taunton, Mass. See REGISTER, vol. iii. p. 383.—ED.

Nathaniel, married to *Rebecca Stebbins*, 1697. 4. *Sarah*, born Sep' 29, 1681, married to *Thos. Stebbins*, Dec' 17, 1701. 5. *Jonathan*, born May 1, 1683, married to *Mehetabel Stebbins*, by whom he had seventeen children, one of which was *Caleb*, born March 27th, 1710, married Nov' 5th, 1738, to *Phebe Lyman*, who was born Aug' 22, 1717. 6. *Noah*, born Octob' 18th, 1684, died when about twelve years old.

6. **SAMUEL**, who married *Esther Clap*, June 19, 1684, and had Children :

1. *Esther*, born April 30, 1685, and married to *Nath'l White*, May 12, 1709. 2. *Ezra*. 3. *Nehemiah* [who lived at Amherst, and was the father of the late *Judge Simeon Strong*]. 4. *Josiah* [who lived in Connecticut, and was the father of the late Col. *David Strong*, of the U. S. army]. 5. *Samuel* [who lived at Woodbury, in Connecticut]. 6. *Susanna*, who married a *Lane*. 7. *Abigail*, who married a *Church* and afterwards a *Chapin*. 8. *Mary*, who married *Nath'l Edwards* [of Northampton], and was Grandmother of *Nath'l Edwards* of Robert's meadow.

7. **JOSIAH**, who died Young [and unmarried].

8. **JERIJAH**, born Dec. 12, 1665, married to *Thankful Stebbins*, July 10, 1700, and had Issue :

1. *Jerijah*, married to *Mary Clark* of Northampton. 2. *Thankful*, married to *Jonathan Hunt* of Northampton. 3. *Eunice*, married to *Deac. Brewer* of Springfield. 4. *Seth*, married to *Lois Strong* of Northampton. 5. *Bela*, married to *Eunice Alcord* of Northampton.

9. **ABIGAIL**, married to the *Rev. Mr. Chauncey* of Hatfield.

10. **ELISABETH**, married to *Joseph Parsons* March 17, 1669.

11. **EXPERIENCE**, married to a *Fyler* of Windsor.

12. **MARY**, married to *John Clark* March 20, 1679.

13. **SARAH**, married to *Joseph Barnard* July 13, 1675.

14. **HANNAH**, married to *William Clark* July 15, 1680.

15. **ESTHER**, married to a *Bisset* of Windsor.

16. **THANKFUL**, born in 1663, married to a *Baldwin* of Milford.

I have put all the Sons [of Elder Strong] before any of the Daughters, for I have never been able to learn any Thing more of the Order of their Births than that of the Sons, and Daughters, by themselves. They were all born before the Family came to Northampton, except the youngest Son and the youngest Daughter.

CALKB STRONG.

May 26th, 1777.

(Subsequently added by the compiler.)

Arms.—Gules, an Eagle displayed Or, within a Border engrailed of the last. *Crest.* Out of a mural Coronet Or, a demi-Eagle with Wings displayed of the last.—*Edmundson's Complete Body of Heraldry*, printed in London 1780.

NOTE.—The original "account" was brought down only to the generation of the family of the compiler's great-grandfather, **EGENEZER**.

Such particulars respecting the families of the grandfather and father of the compiler as have been ascertained, and also a record of his own family, are deferred to a future number of the REGISTER.—Ed.