

East Hampton History

Including

GENEALOGIES OF EARLY FAMILIES

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VAIL

ALTHOUGH JEREMIAH Vail (or Jeremy Veale, as it was often spelled) came to East Hampton very early, he removed to Southold, L.I. and his descendants have spread over eastern Long Island from there, many of them settling in Sag Harbor. Reading Vol. I, East Hampton Town Records, it appears that he farmed land on Gardiner's Island, then called the Isle of Wight, for the first Lion Gardiner. He and Anthony Waters, another farmer on the island, were involved, 1655, in a lawsuit (p. 82, E.H.T.R., Vol I). Jeremy Veale's name is mentioned up to 1660 in the records. In 1657 he and his wife testified in the famous Goody Garlick witchcraft case.

The greatest authority on Sag Harbor history and genealogy living today is Louis Tooker Vail of White Plains, N.Y. who was brought up in Sag Harbor and is a 10th generation descendant of Jeremiah Vail I. He has written a very complete genealogy of the eastern L.I. Vails, and has made some corrections on the published Vail genealogy written by Henry H. Vail; also notes on the Tooker family of Sag Harbor, and several other families. Some of these are in the East Hampton Library. Mr. Vail has spent holidays for many years doing research in the Pennypacker L.I. Historical Collection here. A somewhat condensed version of his Vail genealogy follows:

JEREMIAH VAIL 1* b. in the West of England abt. 1618, d. at Southold, L.I. 1687. He m. 1st probably at Salem, Mass. 1643 or earlier, Katherine _____ (probably a sister or dau. of Nathaniel Pierson Sr. of Salem, or possibly sister of Christopher Foster of Southampton.) She d. at Southold before 1660, as on May 24, 1660 Jeremiah 1 m. 2nd Mary, widow of Peter Paine; she was dau. of John and Meribah Gibbs Folger of Martha's Vineyard. She d. before 1685, he m. 3d Joyce or Rejoice _____. Ch. Abigail 2, b. at Salem, Mass. 1644 (who m. as his 2nd w., Joseph Horton of Southold); Sarah 2 b. Salem, Mass. 1647 (who m. Nathaniel Moore of Southold); Jeremiah 2 b. Salem, Mass. 1649, d. at Southold Nov. 28, 1726; John 2 b. 1663 d. Aug. 18, 1737; Daniel 2 b. abt. 1665; possibly a dau. Mary 2.

*He was witness in court at Salem, Mass., 1639; bought land there, 1648; sold house and land, 1651 and rem. to Gardiner's Island. He sold his homestead in E.H. before March 24, 1659 to Robert Parsons and John Kirtland, and probably then rem. to Southold, where he had owned land for some 7 years.

JEREMIAH 2 b. 1649 d. 1726 m. 1st 1668/9, Mary Moore, dau. Thomas and Martha Youngs Moore (the latter sister of the Rev. John Youngs); he m. 2nd Mrs. Anne Hampton Moore, dau. James and Jane Hampton of Southampton, L.I., formerly of Salem, and widow of Benjamin Moore of Southold. Ch. Jeremiah 3 b. Southold abt. 1670, probably d. at sea between 1724-1728; Thomas

- 3 b. abt. 1672, d. Aug. 5, 1741; Mary 3 (who m. John Goldsmith of Southold); Martha 3 (who m. 1707 Capt. Ephraim Horton).
- JOHN 2 b. 1663, d. Aug. 18, 1737, m. bef. 1687 Grace Braddick or Braddock, b. 1666 d. May 18, 1757.
- DANIEL 2 b. abt. 1665, m. and rem. to New Jersey.
- JEREMIAH 3 (s. of Jeremiah 2, 1) b. at Southold, L.I. abt. 1670/1, d. probably at sea betw. 1724-1728, m. abt. 1695-98 Mary ——— who is thought to have m. 2nd Jonathan Tuthill March 8, 1727/8. Vail ch. Jeremiah 4, b. May, 1710, d. Oct. 13, 1749, Peter 4 b. March 25, 1722, Henry 4 b. 1712, d. 1724/5, Gamaliel 4.
- THOMAS 3 (s. of Jeremiah 2) b. abt. 1672, d. Aug. 5, 1741; he m. Elizabeth Constable, who d. March 19, 1741.
- JEREMIAH 4 (s. of Jeremiah 3, 2, 1) b. 1710 d. at Oyster Ponds, now Orient, L.I. Oct. 13, 1749, m. April 6, 1732 Elizabeth, dau. Judge Joshua and Mary Mayhew Youngs, who also d. 1749; ch. Jeremiah 5 b. 1733 d. Jan. 20, 1798; Thomas 5 b. Aug. 18, 1734; Mary 5 b. 1736 d. 1806, (who m. 1755 Thomas, s. of Thomas and Hannah Conklin Moore); Mehitable 5 b. May 30, 1738 (who m. Joseph Brown); Joshua 5 b. 1740 d. unm.; Abraham 5 b. March 15, 1742; David 5 d. unm. abt. 1800.
- PETER 4 (s. of Jeremiah 3, etc.) b. 1722 m. Martha Terry.
- JEREMIAH 5 (s. of Jeremiah 4 etc.) b. 1733 d. 1798, m. 1756 Elizabeth, dau. Charles and Elizabeth Paine Glover of Southold, L.I. Ch. Jeremiah 6 b. 1757 d. at sea, unm.; Jonathan 6 b. Oct. 1, 1758; Joshua 6 b. Feb. 17, 1760; Nathaniel 6 b. Dec. 9, 1762; Samuel 6 b. 1770 who was drowned in Plum Gut.
- JONATHAN 6 (s. of Jeremiah 5, etc.) b. 1758, m. Grace Beebe.
- JOSHUA 6 b. 1760 d. Sept. 4, 1838 at Orient, L.I., m. Dec. 25, 1784 Jemima, dau. Joseph and Mehitable Bradley Petty of Orient. Ch. Mehitable 7 b. March 18, 1786 d. July 1, 1874 (who m. 1803 Beriah Moore, s. of Beriah and Jemima Cleaves Moore); Joshua 7 b. May 26, 1788 d. unm. Jan. 15, 1844; Jemima 7 b. Nov. 25, probably 1792; Abraham 7 b. April 2, 1790; Martha (Matsey) 7 b. Aug. 30, 1794, d. unm. Nov. 3, 1849; Harry 7 b. May 15, 1796; Thomas 7 b. March 4, 1798, d. 1814; Sophronia 7 b. Jan. 5, 1800, d. April 16, 1882 (who m. David Youngs of Orient).
- NATHANIEL 6 (s. of Jeremiah 5, etc.) b. Dec. 9, 1762 m. Elizabeth Tuthill.
- SAMUEL 6 (s. of Jeremiah 5, etc.) b. 1770, was drowned, m. Hannah (sister of Jemima Petty who m. his brother Joshua).
- ABRAHAM 7 (s. of Joshua 6, Jeremiah 5, etc.) b. April 2, 1790 at Oyster Ponds (Orient), d. at Sag Harbor March 13, 1868, m. Jan. 3, 1815, Susan, dau. Capt. David and Mary Stuart Hand, she b. Aug. 23, 1793, d. March 6, 1871; ch. (b. at Sag Harbor) Daniel Porter 8 b. Dec. 12, 1818 d. July 24, 1900; Charlotte Havens 8 b. Jan. 27, 1821 d. Aug. 18, 1844, (who m. Nov. 2, 1843 William Foster Halsey, b. 1818, who d. in California); Rachel Slate 8 b. Dec. 28, 1823 d. Aug. 17, 1908, (who m. 1843 John Nathan Fordham, he b. Sept. 1816, d. in China, Sept. 1856; s. of Peletiah and Maria Boardman Fordham); Mary Louisa 8 b. probably in N.Y. City Jan. 9, 1825, d. there May 11, 1828; Abraham Joshua 8 b. in N.Y. City March 8, 1828, d. at Sag Harbor Oct. 3, 1840; Charles Gilbert 8 b. in N.Y. City Nov. 6, 1831, d. at Sag Harbor Feb. 14, 1835; Susan Hand 8 b. Aug. 29, 1837 d. at Sag Harbor March 3, 1917 (who m. July 8, 1857, Gabriel Havens Gleason, b. in Durham, Conn. 1835, d. at Sag Harbor 1882; s. of Rev. Henry and Cynthia Stanton Vandervoort Gleason.)
- HARRY 7 (s. of Joshua 6) b. May 15, 1796, m. Dolly O. King.
- DANIEL PORTER 8 b. March 27, 1817, who m. 1st Sarah Loper Bishop; see Vail Genealogy.
- THOMAS HENRY 8 (s. of Abraham 7) b. at Sag Harbor Dec. 12, 1818, d. July 24, 1900, m. 1846 Elizabeth Comstock, of Montville, Conn. Ch. (all b. at Sag Harbor) Mary Louisa 9 b. Aug. 26, 1848, d. Oct. 12, 1923, (who m. 1871 Dr.

J. F. D. Lobstein of New York); Sophronia Youngs 9 b. June 2, 1852, d. at Strawn, Illinois about 1901, (who m. 1877 Charles H. Tryon, s. of Frederick and Mary Comstock Tryon, the latter a sister to Elizabeth Comstock who m. Thomas H. Vail); Kate Comstock* 9 b. July 6, 1856 d. at Sag Harbor May 6, 1903, (who m. Augustus Fordham Tooker, s. of William H. and Virginia Victoria Fordham Tooker of Sag Harbor); Frank Henry 9 b. Feb. 4, 1859, d. at Bridgehampton, L.I. 1919; Elizabeth Terry Vail 9 b. June 1, 1861, d. June 1, 1863; Grace Elizabeth 9 b. May 9, 1868, living 1952 (who m. Oct. 18, 1893, Nathan H. Hand, s. of Orlando and Elizabeth Howell Hand, he b. at Bridgehampton, d. at Amagansett.)

*Kate Comstock Vail, 9th gen., m. at Sag Harbor June 22, 1881 Augustus Fordham Tooker, he b. Oct. 19, 1858, d. Aug. 7, 1896; their ch. b. at Sag Harbor: Mary Louise, b. April 18, 1882, still living 1952, m. twice, both husbands d.; Augustus Fordham Jr. b. Oct. 4, 1885, of Asheville, N.C., m. 1917 Abigail Ploudre of Attleboro, Mass.; Louis Gleason Tooker b. Sept. 21, 1887 of White Plains, N.Y. who m. Aug. 17, 1919 Ethel Irene Bloomingburgh, born Hoffmann, Dec. 24, 1887, dau. George W. and Ida Virginia Tompkins Hoffmann, of Bedford, N.Y.; Elizabeth Comstock Tooker b. Jan. 2, 1890 at Bridgehampton, m. 1909 Henry L. Hildreth b. 1882.

Louis Gleason Tooker had his name legally changed July, 1937 to Louis Tooker Vail to carry on the Vail name. He adopted his stepson George Hoffmann Bloomingburgh in 1938, who took the name of Vail and m. at Mount Kisco, N.Y. June 30, 1935 Dorothy Baines Lefferts, b. Jan. 13, 1913; they have two daus. Barbara Jane and Constance P. Vail.

FRANK HENRY 9 (s. of Thomas Henry 8) b. Feb. 4, 1859, d. at Bridgehampton, L.I. 1919; he m. at Sag Harbor Mary Merrall, she b. Aug. 21, 1863, d. 1902; ch. Laura Gardiner 10 b. April 26, 1890, (who m. Frederick Leroy Tiffany b. July 29, 1886 and has ch. Mary Frederica b. Feb. 27, 1913 who m. Allen Prescott Halsey of Bridgehampton; Constance Merrall b. Dec. 16, 1916 who m. Robert E. Nichols of Norwalk, Conn.; Evelyn Gardiner b. April 13, 1919, who m. Casper Buck Schaefer of West Hartford, Conn.), also Merrall Comstock 10 b. Oct. 22, 1892; Thomas Edward 10 b. March 25, 1895, and Elizabeth Miles 10 b. Sept. 16, 1899 (who m. Wallace Leland Hildreth of Bridgehampton and has ch.: Ruth Caroline b. Jan. 25, 1923 who m. Arthur P. Wiggins; Merrall Topping b. April 25, 1924 who m. Mary Roberta Lewis; Wilbur Leland b. May 26, 1925 who m. Louise Marie Bruno; Elizabeth Ann b. July 23, 1930 who m. Richard Moore Thayer; Charles Edward b. Nov. 21, 1936, and Mary Louise b. March 26, 1939.)

MERRALL COMSTOCK 10 b. Oct. 22, 1892, home Attleboro, Mass. m. Mrs. Eva Patt; no ch.

THOMAS EDWARD 10 b. March 25, 1895 m. 1st Stella Booth of Spokane, Wash., who d.; no ch.; he m. 2nd Blanche Ross Hammond, no ch.; home Kew Gardens, N.Y.

GARFIELD VAIL who m. Frances Hand (see Hand genealogy for his family) doubtless belongs to this same Vail family, to a branch removed from here years ago.

HARRY VAIL of Amagansett, b. April 5, 1878, is probably also a descendant from Jeremiah Vail of early East Hampton. He is s. of Henry and Lydia Barber Vail of Riverhead, L.I.; and grandson of David and Huldah Penny Vail.