

HENRY CHAMPION.

1. HENRY CHAMPION emigrated from Old England to the American Colonies and settled at Saybrook, Connecticut, where he is found as early as 1647.

About 1660 the first known records of the town of Saybrook were begun, wherein were described the lands of the different inhabitants. With the exception of George Fenwick, the number of acres allotted to each person seems to have been small.

The lands of Henry Champion are recorded as follows :

“One parsell lying on the East side of the Great River Con. whereon a house now standeth containing by estimation six ackers, the ends abutting against the highwaie North East and South West, the sides abutting against the land of Morgayn Bowers South East and the land of Joseph Jarrit North West.”
[*Say. Rec. p. 10.*]

Also : “one parsell in the planting fielde on the East side of the great River Con. by estimation four ackers, the end abutts against Blacke Halle River N. East, and against the greate Marsh South West, the side abutts against the Land of Will. Bechous North West.” [i*d.*]

Prior to 1660, and previously to the foregoing record being entered, he had sold his lot “lying within the town plott” in Saybrook to Jonathan Rudd. This lot contained five roods, and “the one side abuts against the highway North and the other side abuts against the lands of Thomas Mirall and William Waller South, the one end abuts against the land of Thomas Rood East and the other end abuts against the highway West.” The lot thus appears to have been the corner lot situated on the south side of the East and West road, and on the East side of the North and South road.

After having assisted in the development of Saybrook, Henry Champion removed with his family to the east side of the Connecticut River and became one of the first and most active founders of Lyme, being propounded a freeman of that town on May 12th, 1670. The records of the town were begun in 1674, and on June 18th of that year the following entries were made:

“Henry Champean’s Lott one the necke beyond the little stony brook, bounded east by the highwaie to a little tree by the marsh fronting north to the highwaie, west and south by the marsh, contayning aighteen ackers more or less; Henry Champean allowing John Laye Junior tow ackers one the other side of the River adjoyning to John Laye’s medow.”

“Henry Champean’s meadow upon Stony Brook three ackers more or less, bounded East by his own land, West and North by the commons, South by the medow of Renald Marvines.” [It appears that Henry Champion and Renald Marvin had a dispute about this land which was subsequently settled by an agreement dated Sept. 8, 1696.—*Lyme Town Rec. Book II, p. 130.*]

“Henry Champeon Senior’s medow upon Russ oylande containing three ackers, three quarders more or less bounded west upon the medow of Renald Mervines, Southwardly upon the slow, north by the Coave, eastwardly by the meadow of John Laye Senior.”

“Henry Champean’s medow one his home Lotte contayning tow ackers and three quarders more or less, bounded South one the Cricke and the land of Peter Pratte, North one his own uplande, Sow West upon the Cove.”

“Henry Champean’s home Lott that he bought of Beltshaser De Wolfe, contayning ten ackers of upland more or less, bounded east one the highwaie, northerly on John Laye Senior, and westerly upon the Cove, southerly upon the medow of his own and the mouth of the Cricke.”

“Henry Champean’s Calf Pasture Land containing twenty ackers more or less bounded north upon the highwaie, east upon the commons, Southwardly upon the land of Richard Smith, westerly on the Commons, with one dwelling house beulte upon it.”

“Henory Champean hath laid out to him at Bigg Medow tow ackers and a half more or less, bounded South on the medow of Widow Waller at a pine tree, Easterly by a cricke, northerly by the River and a little oylande.”

The foregoing records are dated June 18, 1674, and are recorded in the First Book of the Town Records of Lyme on pages 23 and 24, under attestation of “Mathew Griswold and Renald Mervines,” who were the town surveyors. The lands of the other inhabitants are similarly recorded about the same time.

From the following document it appears that Henry Champion was one of the first proprietors of the town of Lyme.

“Know all men by these presents that I John Lay Senior of Lyme being unacquainted with the bounds of the Lotte which was formerly Henory Champean, Desired M^r. Mathew Griswold Sen of Lyme he being one of the men that Laid out the lott at the first, that he would be held to lay out four ackers to Thomas Lee of Lyme I having sold it to him. Henory Champean also, being the first proprietor of the land above s^d consents unto and allow of Thomas Lee’s having the above s^d four ackers of land according as it is now laid out by M^r. Mathew Griswold as above s^d.

In presence of

Mathew Griswold Jr.

John Griswold


Sept. 13, 1684.”

Witness our hands

Henry Champean

John Laye, Sen^r.

[*L. T. R. Bk. I, p. 145.*]

Henry Champion resided in the house he had built on the hill just east of the meeting house and near the old burying-ground. Like the majority of settlers in a new country he probably occupied himself chiefly with agriculture. He also owned some live stock, for “Henry Champeon Senior his eare mark for all sorts of cretures is a crop one the off eare with a half penny cutt out one the under side of the same eare.” Recorded March 24, 1673-4. [*L. T. R. Bk. I, p. 5.*] The same mark had been previously allowed him in Saybrook as appears by the following entry [*Say. Rec. p. 39*]: “The mark that Henry Champeon puts upon his cattle and hogs is the top of the eare took square off and a pece took out under the same eare after this manner .

On March 12, 1671, representatives of the town of New London entered a complaint against Henry Champion and a number of his fellow townsmen before the county court at Hartford. The subject of the ill-feeling between the towns was a strip of land lying between Bride Brook and Niantic River, including Black Point in Lyme. Both towns claimed the land by virtue of previous grants, and both had reserved a portion of meadow at Black Point for the use of the ministry. The Court fined New London £9 and Lyme £5, which were afterwards remitted.

Henry Champion's name occurs frequently in the early records, usually as the grantor or grantee of land. On Sept. 2, 1664, Tobiah Colls (*sic*) of Saybrook makes his will, which is witnessed by "Henry Champion, John Comstocke, his marke, John Borden." [*County Court Rec., Vol. 3, p. 9; at Hartford.*] The three witnesses and a number of their friends are beneficiaries under the will.

Sir Edmund Andros took into his hands the government of the Colony of Connecticut in October 1687, and on August 27, 1688, by his direction was taken "An Acc^{ot} of the lystable Estates in the towne of Lyme."

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Henry Champion Senr.				
	1 p ^r son	.	.	20 00 00
	houseing & Land	.	.	03 00 00
	2 oxen 5 Cowes 2 yerlings	.	.	27 00 00
	2 : 3 yerlings 2 hogs	.	.	07 00 00
				57 00 00

*	*	*	*	*
"An acco ^t of Each man's Estate Reall and p ^r sonall including theire heads with y ^e assesment of one peny upon the pound. * * * Henry				
	£	s	s	d
Champion Senr	57	..	4	9 * * *

In amount his assessment stands twenty-sixth out of seventy, but his estate had been somewhat reduced by frequent presents to his children. Under the date Nov. 12, 1706, is "Henry Champion Senior's deed of gift to his grandson Henry Champion, eldest son of his son Henry Champion. Part of his home Lot situate on Meeting House Hill containing four acres of upland and swamp, with all the appurtenances, etc.," and "said Henry was not to put any tenant on this tract during

the lifetime of his grandfather or his wife Deborah" who signed the deed of consent "as per marriage agreement."

The first knowledge which we have of the marriage or family of Henry Champion is to be found on page 24 of the "Old Book" of Saybrook Records where is recorded:

the marriage	between	Henry Champion	in the year	—	47
of Henry	}	John's first daughter	born in the year		49
Champion		Mary	born	in the year	51
		Henry Champion	born	in the year	54
		the Champion	born	April in the year	56
		Henry Champion	born	the year	58
		deceased	in the beginning of	May	60

From the original it is evident that no part of the foregoing record was made before the date of the last entry—the ink and handwriting being uniform throughout. It was not until about this time that the records were kept systematically in Saybrook. An attempt was then made by the town clerk to enter all previous records, depending either upon his own memory or information derived from members of the several families. These earliest vital statistics are scattered promiscuously through the records of town and land transactions in the "Old Book" of Saybrook Records.

As to the name and family of the wife of Henry Champion no particulars have been gleaned from the early records; she was probably the daughter or sister of one of the early settlers of Saybrook. The exact dates of her birth and death are likewise unknown, so that she has come on, been the mother of children, and passed off the stage and we know nothing more of her. His second wife was a shrewd, scheming woman, for she induced this old man to make a very advantageous marriage settlement upon her, and finally involved him in a law suit with the widow of his eldest son, who resisted the resumption of the gifts her father-in-law had made her husband, and maintained in a very spirited manner the rights of herself and children.

"This 21st of March 1697/8.

Whereas it is intended if God willing that Henry Champion Senior in Lyme and Deborah Jones of the same town to join in mar-

riage, therefore to prevent after trouble it is agreed and concluded that what estate the said Deborah Jones shall carry with her to Henry Champean's habitation that that estate shall remain her own and be at her own disposal her life time and at her death to return to her children [by a former marriage], and not to be accounted the said Henry Champion's estate at his death.

It is also agreed that the aforesaid Henry Champean doth by these presents promise and engage that after the day of this marriage that he will not dispose or alienate by deed of gift or sale, without the consent of the said Deborah Jones, during the said Champean's natural life, that is to say no part of his real estate. It is also to be understood that the abovesaid agreement shall nowise deprive or cutt off the above said Deborah of that part of the aforesaid Henry Champean's estate that is now allowed to the widow after her husband's decease. And for the true performance of the abovesaid we do hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and date being above written.

Witness
Joseph Peck }
William Marche }

Henry Champean
her
Deborah X Jones."
mark

[L. T. Rec. Bk. II. p. 108.]

Immediately below the record of the above instrument are the following entries.

"Henry Champean Senior was married unto Deborah his now wife 21st March 1697/8."

"Henry Champean deceased the 17th day of February 1708/9, said to be aged ninety-eight years."*

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HEIRS OF HENRY CHAMPION DECEASED :

"We the heirs of Henry Champion deceased of the town of Lyme and Colony of Connecticut do mutually agree to divide the estate of our honored father abovesaid into four equal shares : one to the children of Henry Champion deceased the son of Henry Champion abovesaid. One to the children of Thomas Champion deceased, and one to Sarah Bennet, and one to Mary Huntly, the daughters of the said Henry Champion. And whereas Henry Champion the grand child of Henry Champion is possessed of a house, and land lying southward of his house which was before possessed by his father Henry Champion and confirmed to him by his grandfather Henry Champion, we do all agree and consent that he shall enjoy the same to him and his heirs forever.

And we do hereby bind ourselves and our heirs to abide by and stand to this agreement in a bond of £40, that is to say that the party or parties not acquiescing in and being satisfied with the share or share according as is above expressed shall forfeit and pay £40 in silver money to the parties which do abide by and perform this agreement.

In testimony whereof we
hereunto set our hands.

April 4th, 1709.

* "Henry Champion of Lyme died in 1708, verging towards the age of one hundred years." [See *Caulkins' History of New London*, p. 175.]

Witness Moses Noyes, Jr Richard Chadwick	Henry Champion. Aaron Huntly in behalf of my wife Henry Bennet in behalf of his wife John Waide in behalf of his wife and children."
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[L. T. Rec. Bk. II. p. (torn off, perhaps 8.)]

An Inuentry of the Estate of Henry Champion Senior Late of Lyme.
 deceased the Inuentry taken all aprised at Cash

	£	s	p
Imp. the House and hom Loot and orchard	26	0	0
Item a pece of Land Lying near John Laye's House Called the old Loot between nine and ten accors prised at 3 pounds 15 shilings per acor	37	0	0
Item two three year old Stears	4	0	0
Item a part of a chain		3	0
a payr of plow Irons		10	0
Item one sow 8 ^s : 2 sucking pigs 5 shilings		13	0
five shoats 5 shilings a pece	1	5	0
tow sheep 11 shilings an old hors	1	11	0
a shovel 2 ^s : an old ax tow and sixpence		4	6
a tramiel* 3 ^s and sixpence : a litol Iron pot		4	6
a Great Iron pot and pot hooks		12	0
an old frying pan 1 ^s shiling a warming pan		7	0
an old back Sword 6 shilings		6	0
Item a litol basket of a pound of fethers		1	0
Item wooded ware : a Sedar buter toob		1	8
a pine sive 1 ^s sixpence : 2 payls 2 ^s 8 pence		3	8
a woden buter tray and dishes an a pigen †		4	0
3 chese hoops and chese mate		2	4
3 accomaning presses 3 ware 2 woden skimendish		3	0
2 Great trays tow shilings one brush 8 p		2	8
a Sedar toob 6 pence · a litol cobard 2 ^s		2	6
Item tow old Chests		5	0
Item tow Great puter platers	13	0	
a puter plater 3 ^s a puter salt sillar 2 ^s		5	0
a puter Candell stick 3 ^s an old earthen 1 ^s		4	0
a backen cup 1 shiling a dram Cup 6 p		1	6
2 tin pans 3 ^s one earthen plater 1 shiling 6 p		4	6
a stone Judg and a backen Earthen plate		2	0
Item an old Comb 6 : an old boock and gimlet		1	2
tow old bags		2	4
Item one hat 6 shilings to 2 shurts 6 ^s	12	0	
a plain Cloth Cote 12 ^s a payr black briches 3	15	0	
an old colth cote 1 ^s : an old musket 2 shilings		3	0
a payr of old Shous and Stockings		1	6
an old sheet, an old pilow, a pare of sheets		3	0

* *trammel*, a hook to take vessels off the fire.

† *piggin*, a little wooden vessel used as a dipper.

	s	p
Item a fether bed thirty shilings a fether pilow 2 sheet	12	0
an old green Rug 2 blanket	6	0
a bed stead and a tester and bar Curtains a straw-mat	1	0—0
a Great Chayr 2 shilings a paynted Chayr	5	6
a Great table 15 ^s a small table 2 shilings	17	0
6 old barills 4 shilings splinten sive 3 ^s	7	0
2 old boxes	2	0
an old bell 2 ^s a cart wheel 12 shilings	14	0
a fork 2 shilings and old sythe and tacklin	5	0

	[Total :—81—18—4.]	

This Inuenty tacken by us this 16 of April

1708: by us

John lay

Samuel Marvin, townsman.

- Deborah Champion Widow and Relict of Henry Champion Late of Lyme Deceased made Oath in a Court of Probate held in New London Sept. the 23^d 1709, that Shee gave a true acount of the Estate of her deceased husband to the best of Her Knowledge to the appraisers

Test George Denison Clerk.

Recorded in the 3^d Book of Wills on
fol. 131 Sept. 29 : 1709, p^r George Denison Clerk.

“CHAMPIONS’ AGREEMENT.”

“Know all men that it is Covenanted and agreed by and between us : Deborah Champion widdow and Relict to Henry Champion of Lyme Deceased : and Henry Champion granson of s^d Champion Henry Benett in behalfe of selfe & wife and Aron Huntly in behalfe of himself & wife and John Wade and his wife relict to Thomas Champion son of s^d Henry Champion in behalfe of themselves and y^e children of s^d Thomas Champion Deceased vizt : wee doe agree that the widdow Deborah, shall have all the moveable Estate of y^e s^d henry Champion with the Debt Due from Capt. W^m Southward to y^e Estate as her own & proper estate for ever, or else that we will pay her forty shilings in money or equivalent in graine at Michalmas next ensuing this date hereof, or else that shee shall have the use and benefit of the dwelling house for twelve months in case we Doe not sell and alienate it before, else that she shall enjoy the flax and oates that is now sowed upon the ground ; 2ly we those Legatees above mentioned do agree to pay all those Debts that were contracted prior y^e s^d Deborah maryed our father being fourteen pound or money ; and all the Debts that he contracted before he was married to her, upon this consideration viz., Deborah Champion to by these presents agree to Deliver up them, all the Lands that my s^d husband Died possessed of unto them, and doe quitt Claim of all my right or tittall, to all or any of it by vertue of Dower Deed or gift or any other wayes that it might accrue to mee else if any more Debts than the fourteen pounds above specified, appear to be contracted prior I was married to him, I do agree to pay it, to the true performance hereof we bind ourselves heirs Executors and Administrators Each to other, and that this is our full and absolute agreement, with

which wee doe rest satisfied and contented we declare by seting our hands and seales this 26th day of April 1709—

Signed and sealed in	Deborah ^{the mark} U Champion [seal]
presence of	of
Will ^m Ely	henry Champen [seal].
Thomas Bradford	the mark of
Richard Lord	Henry I-B Benett [seal]
	Aaron Huntly [seal]
	John Wade [seal]
	hannah Wade [seal]

Lyme April y^e 26th 1709 this day :

Deborah Champion, Henry Champion
Henry Bennett, Aron Huntly, John Wade
and Hannah Wade personally appearing
acknowledged the above written Instrument
of agreement to be their act and deed before mee

Will^m Ely, Justice peace.

Recorded in the 3^d Book of

Wills on fol : 131 : Sep^r 29, 1709—
p^r George Denison Clerk."

This meager sketch is all that has been recovered of one whose life however obscure has an interest for his posterity. He was not of base degree, but of independent if not gentle condition; and had left the green homes of old England and her pleasant firesides to war with fierce wild beasts and the still fiercer Pequots, exacting a hard and scanty subsistence from the soil which he had found covered with "a howling wilderness."

CHILDREN BORN IN SAYBROOK, CONN. :

- *2. i. SARAH, b. ——— 1649 ; m. Henry Bennett.
3. ii. MARY, b. ——— 1651 ; m. Aaron Huntly.
- iii. STEPHEN, b. ——— 1653 ; d. "the beginning of May, 1660."
4. iv. HENRY, b. ——— 1654 ; m. Susanna De Wolf.
5. v. THOMAS, b. April 1656 ; m. Hannah Brockway.
- vi. RACHEL, b. ——— ? 165- ; m. John Tanner.†

* The Arabic numerals in the margin refer forward to corresponding figures at the left of heads of families.

† No record of the birth of this child has been found. That there was a daughter Rachel is proved by the following: "Know ye that I Henry Champion, Sen., of Lyme in the County of New London and in his Majesty's Collony of Connecticut in New England have given and bequeathed and do by these presents give and bequeath also confirm unto my beloved son-in-law John Tanner in the County of Hartford and Collony aforesaid, who was husband to my well beloved daughter Rachell Champion, a certain tract of land lying and being in the Township of Lyme afore sd. to the quantity of ten acres of upland, etc., * * * and for the true confirmation of this my act and deed have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in Lyme June 12th 1705."

Signed Sealed in presence of
Wolston Brockway Sen.
Thomas Anderson

Henry Champion [seal.]

Acknowledged at Lyme, December the 15th, 1705. [L. T. R. Bk. II, 333.]

HISTORY OF HENRY CHAMPION'S DESCENDANTS.

*2. SARAH CHAMPION (*Henry*¹), born ——— 1649, in Saybrook, Conn.; died 31 March 1727, in Lyme, Conn.; was married in Lyme, 9 December 1673 (“recorded 27 January 1673–4, by Leftenante Pratt”), to HENRY BENNETT, the first of Lyme, where he died 17 January 1726.

[*Bennett*] CHILDREN BORN AT LYME, CONN.:

- i. CALEB, b. 11 Oct. 1675; m. ———; d. 12 Nov. 1732. Children:—
Caleb, b. 26 Mar. 1703, m. Rebecca Mack. Ch.: Thankful, b. 1 Mar. 1727–8; *Caleb*, b. 12 Jan. 1729–30; *Sarah*, m. 21 Aug. 1727, Jonathan Mack, b. 1695.
- ii. ROSE, b. 15 Nov. 1677; m. 14 Dec. 1697, Isaac, son of John and Miriam (Moore) Willey, of New London. Children born in Lyme:—*Isaac*, b. 15 Sept. 1699; *Sarah*, b. 20 Dec. 1700; *John*, b. 14 Sept. 1702; *Hannah*, b. 11 May 1704; *Rachel*, b. 22 Mar. 1708; *Abel*, b. 28 Aug. 1709; *Miriam*, b. 20 Mar. 1711; *Deborah*, b. 28 Aug. 1715; *Zachary*, b. 24 Nov. 1716.
- iii. JOHN, b. 26 Dec. 1680; m. 2 Jan. 1706–7, Mary ———. Children born in Lyme:—*Jane*, b. 25 May 1714; *Mary*, b. 30 May 1716, d. 21 Apr. 1731; *Sarah*, b. 29 Jan. 1719; *Elijah*, b. 20 May 1722; *Jedediah*, b. 24 Jan. 1724.
- iv. SARAH, b. 7 Aug. 1683.
- v. LOVE, b. 19 Mar. 1685; m. 13 Jan. 1703–4, John, son of John and Sarah (Bagley) Mack, b. 29 Apr. 1682, in Salisbury, Mass. Children born in Lyme:—*Sarah*, b. 10 Oct. 1704; *Phebe*, b. 28 June 1707; *Elizabeth*, b. 4 Feb. 1712; *Patience*, b. 3 Apr. 1714; *Ebenezer*, b. 24 Feb. 1716; *Lydia*, b. 4 June 1718; *John*, b. 26 Apr. 1720; *Ezra*, b. 1 Apr. 1722; *Nehemiah*, b. 5 Jan. 1724; *Esther*, b. 30 Nov. 1725; *Hepzibah*, b. 20 Jan. 1728; *Dorothy*, b. 11 Dec. 1729. She d. 25 Jan. 1732–3.

* The Arabic numerals at the left of heads of families refer back to corresponding figures in the margin.

- vi. DOROTHY, b. 19 May 1688; m. 29 Mar. 1708-9, Jeremiah Woods.
- vii. HENRY, b. 29 July 1691; m., 1st, 15 Apr. 1713, Abigail, dau. of William and Abigail (Comstock) Pike, b. 3 May 1690, in Lyme; d. 24 Dec. 1717. Children born in Lyme:—*Henry*, b. 19 Jan. 1714; *Phebe*, b. 4 Aug. 1715, d. 1 Jan. 1717; *Abigail*, b. 30 Nov. 1716, d. 30 June 1717. He m., 2d, 13 Nov. 1718, Mary, dau. of John Moss, b. 4 Mar. 1697, in Salisbury, Mass. Children born in Lyme:—*Rose*, b. 19 Jan. 1719-20; *Phebe*, b. 5 July 1726.

3. MARY CHAMPION (*Henry*¹), born ——— 1651, in Saybrook, Conn.; died 10 December 1732, in Lyme, Conn.; was married in Lyme, 22 February 1676, to AARON HUNTLEY, son of John Huntley, of Lyme, born 15 April 1654, in Boston, Mass.; died 24 May 1745, in Lyme.

[*Huntley*] CHILDREN BORN IN LYME, CONN.:

- i. JOHN, b. 22 Nov. 1677; m. 2 Feb. 1699, Elizabeth ———. Children born in Lyme:—*John*, b. 16 Oct. 1699; *Elizabeth*, b. 2 Jan. 1701-2, d. young; *Mary*, b. 20 June 1703; *Peter*, b. 4 Mar. 1705; *Joseph*, b. 27 Jan. 1707; *Benjamin*, b. 5 Feb. 1709; *Lucy*, b. 15 Dec. 1711, d. young; *Samuel*, b. 23 Dec. 1713; *Lucy*, b. 22 Apr. 1716; *Sarah*, b. 17 June 1718; *Elizabeth*, b. 30 Sept. 1721.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 16 Mar. 1679.
- iii. AARON, b. 1 Dec. 1680; m. 27 July 1707, Deborah DeWolf, of Lyme. Children born in Lyme:—*Hannah*, b. 22 July 1708; *Aaron*, b. 14 Sept. 1710; *Solomon*, b. 1 Sept. 1712; *Deborah*, b. 20 Aug. 1714; *Ruth*, b. 1 Mar. 1716; *Stephen*, b. 28 Feb. 1718; *Phebe*, b. 1 Mar. 1721-2; *Esther*, b. 21 May 1724; *Nathan*, b. 2 June 1726; *Jemima*, b. 30 Aug. 1728; *Timothy*, b. 22 Oct. 1731. He d. 26 Sept. 1748.
- iv. DANIEL, b. 25 May 1682; d. 14 Jan. 1732-3.
- v. MARY, b. 14 Feb. 1685.
- vi. JANE, b. 10 Sept. 1686.
- vii. DAVID, b. 17 Mar. 1687-8; m., 1st, 27 July 1720, Hannah Brown. Children born in Lyme:—*Dan*, b. 16 Aug. 1721; *Jacob*, b. 5 June 1723; *James*, b. 17 Apr. 1725; *Amos*, b. 31 Oct. 1727. He m., 2d, 27 Oct. (2 Dec. by Ch. Rec.) 1742, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Smith) Tinker, of Lyme, b. 1 Dec. 1724. Children born in Lyme:—*Elihu*, b. 30 Aug. 1743; *Mehitabel*, b. 22 Sept. 1745. He d. 31 Aug. 1745, and she m., second, 16 Oct. 1750, Elijah Hill, of Lyme.
- viii. SOLOMON, b. 31 May 1691.

4. HENRY CHAMPION (*Henry*¹), born ——— 1654, in Saybrook, Conn.; died “the middle of July 1704,” in Lyme,

Conn.; married in Lyme, 1 April 1684, SUSANNA DeWOLF, daughter of Balthazar and Alice DeWolf, of Lyme, who was married, second, to John Huntley, Senior, of Lyme (see No. 3).

Henry Champion resided in his house on Meeting House Hill in Lyme. He acquired several tracts of land by grant from the town and also received land from his father.

“I, Susanna Champion, widow and relict to Henry Champean, late of Lyme, deceased, am credibly informed that my father-in-law, Henry Champean, is about to sell and dispose of his house lot adjoining to John Laye’s which I doth apprehend doth by right belong to my late husband Henry Champion, and unto our children ; therefore [these] are to forwarn all and every person to make, or to alienate, sell, dispose, or make record of the aforesaid lott at any time betwixt this and the next county Court in June next, to be holden at New London, and I, the said Susanna Champion, do hereby bind myself in a bond of £20 to prosecute the same to effect at the said Court.

2 May 1706.”

Susanna Champion.*
[L. T. R. Bk. II, 185.]

Tax list of Henry Champion, Junior, under Gov. Andros :

	£	s	d
1 p’son	20	00	00
Lands	01	00	00
2 oxen 5 Cowes	25	10	00
3 : 3 yerlings 3 : 2 yerlings	13	00	00
3 : yerlings 1 mare 1 hog	09	00	00
Tax : 5 ^s —8½ ^d	68	10	00

In the old burying-ground in Lyme is a grave stone with the following inscription :

Henry Champion 2^d
died in July in the
year 1704
in the 49th year
of his age.

Henry Champion, Junior, has made to him a town grant of land, July 7, 1679. [L. T. Rec. Bk. II. 71.]

“Henry Champeon, Junior buys land, “sixteen ackers,” of John Waller, Feb. 12, 1682. [id. I. 119.]

Henry Champion [Junior] has land laid out to him land by the measurers of land, Nov. 29, 1688. [id. II. 72.]

Henry Champion, Junior, receives a deed of land from his father “consideration money received,” Feb. 24, 1703, “in presence of Deborah Champion.” [id. 317.]

* “Henry Champeon, Senior,” has a judgment recovered against him by “Susanna Champeon, relict of his son Henry Champeon,” and execution issues against his land, Nov. 12, 1706. [id. 333.]

The inventory of his estate amounted to £230—8^s—10^d, more than one half of which came from real estate. "Appraisers, William Ely, Mathew Griswold, Townsmen, dated: Lyme, 7—12—1704—5."

At a Probate Court held at New London, Aug. 8, 1706, administration is granted Mrs. Susanna Champion. "The names and ages of y^e children of Henry Champion, deceased," being also stated. The widow to have one third of the real property during her life, and one half of the movable property forever; to the eldest son a double portion; to the others equal shares.

CHILDREN BORN IN LYME, CONN.:

6. i. HENRY, b. 5 Jan. 1684—5; m. Sarah Peterson.
7. ii. JOSHUA, b. 28 Sept. 1686; m., 1st, Mary Mott; 2d, Sarah Griffin.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. 25 Feb. 1689—90.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 18 June 1691; d. in childhood.
- v. ALICE, b. 15 Mar. 1694.
- vi. RACHEL, b. 1 Dec. 1697; m., 1st, 26 Oct. 1713, Benjamin, son of John and Mary (Chittenden) Leete, and grandson of Gov. Willam Leete, b. 26 Dec. 1686, in Guilford, Conn. He d. ——— 1741, in Durham, Conn., and she m., 2d, 22 Mar. 1750, Samuel Betts. Children all by the first marriage:—*Rachel*, b. ——— 1715; *Benjamin*, b. 8 Apr. 1717; *Susannah*, b. 19 Mar. 1719; *Daniel*, b. 16 Jan. 1721; *Ezekiel*, b. 30 June 1724; *Tamar* and *Asa*, twins, b. 21 July 1726; *Temperance*, b. 20 Feb. 1729; *Levi*, b. 3 Mar. 1731; *Sarah*, b. 13 Nov. 1734; *Leah*, b. 7 Mar. 1740. [See "*Leete Gen.*," No. 17.]
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. 25 June 1699; m. 10 Aug. 1720, Daniel, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Good) Darwin, b. 6 May 1694, in Guilford. Children born in Guilford:—*Mary*, b. 21 Oct. 1721; *Daniel*, b. 31 Jan. 1726, m. Susannah Adkins; *Abigail*, b. 29 Aug. 1730; *Stephen*, b. 16 Apr. 1733; *Ebenezer*, b. 24 Aug. 1740, m. Dinah Thorp; *Noah*, b. 23, Aug. 1743, d. 14 June 1764. The family removed to Durham, Conn.
8. viii. STEPHEN, b. 15 July 1702; m., 1st, Deborah (Brockway) Leech; 2d, Abigail Barnes.
- ix. MARY, b. 14 Oct. 1704.

"Susanna Champion, daughter of Henry Champion, Junior," releases certain rights to her brother Henry, Dec. 8, 1712. [*L. T. Rec. II. 440.*]

Benjamin Leete, of Guilford and his wife Rachel give up all their rights to their brother Samuel's portion to their brother Joshua, Mar. 11, 1714 [*id. III. 118*]. A similar deed to their brother Henry, Mar. 18, 1714 [*id. 96*].

Alice Champion acts as the above in favor of Henry, Sept. 16, 1715 [*id. 97*]; in favor of Joshua, Mar. 16, 1716 [*id. 126*].

Abigail Champion of Guilford releases all her rights in favor of Henry, Nov. 2, 1719 [*id. 335*], also Mar. 16, 1719—20 [*id. 245*].

Mary Champion a similar deed Nov. 26, 1722 [*id.*]. She sells to Henry, Aug. 30, 1726 [*id. IV. 11*].

6. CAPT. HENRY CHAMPION (*Henry*^A, *Henry*¹), born 5 January 1684-5, in Lyme, Conn.; died 3 April 1780, in Lyme; married in Lyme, 11 July 1708, SARAH PETERSON, daughter of Henry and Mary Peterson, born 20 October 1686, in Lyme; died 27 September 1748, in Lyme.

Henry Champion was appointed Ensign of the South Company of Lyme on Oct. 12, 1732, and was promoted Captain on May 9, 1734. He inherited the lands of his grandfather, the Settler, and resided in Lyme where he was prominently identified with town affairs.

“To Henry Champean, Junior, a parcel of land of upland and meadow, the upland containing 5½ acres, and the meadow 3½ acres, lying in Lyme in that part commonly called the planting field, bounded East by highway leading to Black Hall River, South by the land of John Robbins, deceased, west by the meadow of Isaac Waterus and a creek, North by a highway leading to the said Waterus' meadow, recorded 17 Nov. 1704.”

He and his wife lie buried in the old burying-ground, where their grave stones are still standing.

In Memory of
Cap^t Henry Champion

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Page 32, second foot note.—Since this foot note was printed the “Mather Genealogy” has been published, which repeats the statement made in the *Genealogical Register* that Samuel Mather married Deborah *Champion*, but without quoting any other authority.

In the Middletown, Conn., Land Records is recorded a deed dated April 19, 1723, from John Wade, Samuel Mather and his wife Deborah, all of Lyme, and George Wade and Elizabeth *Champion* (*née* Wade, see No. 9). It is thus probable that the wife of Samuel Mather was not a *Champion* but a *Wade*.

23 Nov. 1719 [*id.* IV. 335.] A similar deed on the following page.

28 Jan. 1722-3 bills passed by town to Henry Champion, 7 shillings.

10 Jan. 1726 Henry, Stephen and John Champion enter a protest against the town disposing of any lands.

CHILDREN BORN IN LYME, CONN.:

- i. MEHETABLE, b. 4 Sept. 1709; m. in Lyme, 24 Feb. 1725-6, John, son of John and Sarah (Graham) Marvin, b. 9 Aug. 1698, in Lyme. Children born in Lyme:—*John*, b. 30 Jan. 1726-7; *Mehetable*, b. 27 June 1729; *Adonijah*, b. 1 Mar. 1731; *Elizabeth*, b. 21 Aug. 1734; *Esther*, b. 15 Apr. 1737. [See "*Marvin Gen.*," *N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg. xvi. 239.*]
- ii. SARAH, b. 15 Aug. 1713; m. in Lyme, 8 Feb. 1733-4, Benjamin, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lee) Peck, b. 6 Mar. 1711, in Lyme. Children born in Lyme:—*Dan*, b. 11 May 1735, d. 1 Oct. 1736; *Mehetable*, b. 12 Jan. 1737-8; *Benjamin*, b. 26 Apr. 1740; *Dan*, b. 1 Apr. 1742, d. 30 Oct. 1746; *Elizabeth*, b. 21 Mar. 1743-4; *Cyrus*, b. 2 May 1746; *Elias*, b. 20 June 1748; *Sarah*, b. 21 Feb. 1750, d. 4 Apr. 1775; unmarried; *Lee*, b. 1 July 1752; *Esther*, b. 30 Oct. 1756. [See "*Peck Gen.*" p. 27.]
- iii. ESTHER, b. 28 Oct. 1717; m. in Lyme, 17 Apr. 1740, Daniel Ayer, of Lyme. Children born in Lyme:—*Cyrus*, b. 22 Mar. 1741, d. 5 Oct. 1745; *Mary*, b. 30 Nov. 1742; *Esther*, b. 3 Apr. 1745; *Daniel*, b. 1 Nov. 1747, d. 1 Dec. 1747; *Lebbeus*, b. 1 Dec. 1748; *John*, b. 16 Jan. 1750-1; *Daniel*, b. 18 July 1757.
11. iv. HENRY, b. 20 Mar. 1729; m. Sarah Peck.

7. JOSHUA CHAMPION (*Henry*^A, *Henry*¹), born 28 September 1686, in Lyme, Conn.; died ———, in Lyme; married, 1st, in Lyme, May 1712, MARY MOTT, daughter of John and Mary Mott, born 5 January 1692-3, in Lyme; died 29 March 1730, in Lyme. He married, 2d, in Lyme, 15 March 1732, SARAH GRIFFIN, daughter of Jasper and Ruth (Peck) Griffin, of North Lyme, born 13 April 1702.

Joshua Champion was a farmer and was also part owner of a saw-mill at Four Mile River (South Lyme). On June 28, 1703, he is reinstated in certain rights by John Andruss who had acquired them from his (Joshua's) father.

"It is granted to William Borden Joshua Champion & Peter Prat, concerning ye Saw Mill upon four Mile River that they and all those that after them shall possess ye said Mill shall have Liberty to transport Ship plank and nothing else from said Mill provided they do their utmost endeavor to supply those of ye Inhabitants of this town that stand In need with oak bords at thirty Shilings per Thousand and other Stuf shuch as shall be need at A price proportionable—that to say—slit work at six Shilings per hundred and chestnut bords at Thirty Shilings per Thousand.

Susanna Champion makes disbursements of the estate of Henry Champion, Junior, to his second son Joshua. [*L. T. Rec. II. 372.*]