

complained that a farm with house thereon, which he had supposed to be his, previous to the death of his father, had, through some error in a quit-claim deed, been included in his father's estate, and in the division of that estate by those appointed by the court for the purpose, had fallen to the share allotted to his brother Jonathan.

JAMES' ROGERS.

1. The parentage of James' Rogers has not been ascertained and the place and date of his birth are unknown. Many of his descendants firmly believe the tradition that he himself said he was the great-grandson of John Rogers the martyr. He was probably a native of England and is supposed to have been born about 1615. He died —, 1687, in New London.* He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland, in Stratford, Ct. No record of her birth has been found. She died about 1709 and was said by her grandson James,³ who was her executor, to have been very aged.

The births of the children are recorded in Milford, Ct., but this is not proof that they were all born there, as it was not unusual to record the names and birth-dates of children in the town to which the family removed, regardless of the place of birth, and it is probable that some of the children of James' Rogers were born in Stratford, Ct.

They were as follows :

- 2 Samuel,² b. prob. 1640; m. (1) Mary Stanton; m. (2) Joanna Williams.
- 3 Joseph, b. May 14, 1646; m. Sarah —.
- 4 John, b. Dec. 1, 1648; m. (1) Elizabeth Griswold; m. (2) Mary Ransford; m. (3) Sarah Cole.
- 5 Bathsheba, b. Dec. 30, 1650; m. (1) Richard Smith; m. (2) Samuel Fox.
- 6 James, b. Feb. 15, 1652; m. Mary Jordan.
- 7 Jonathan, b. Dec. 31, 1655; m. Naomi Burdick.
- 8 Elizabeth, b. April 15, 1658; m. Samuel Beebe.

* It is worthy of note that Mr. Blinman, who was a friend of James Rogers, possibly of old date, settled first at Marshfield, Mass. Many similar coincidences, and the fact that up to this time neither the parents of John of Marshfield, nor those of James of New London, nor those of William of Branford, Ct., have been found, lead the compiler of this work to suspect that these three progenitors of so many people may have been brothers.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. SAMUEL² ROGERS (*James'*), born prob. 1640* in Stratford, Ct.; died Dec. 1, 1713, in N. L.; married (1) Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Lord) Stanton of Hartford, Ct. Mary Stanton was called "of Stonington" at date of her marriage. He married (2) Joanna, widow of Thomas Williams of N. L. She died Sept. —, 1744, aged over ninety, and was mother of Thomas Williams 2d, who married Sarah, daughter of Joseph² Rogers, and of Grace who married Daniel³ Rogers.†

Records of dates of death and marriage of Samuel differ somewhat; his death by the D. R. record is given as Dec. 1, 1713, while H. D. calls it Dec. 31, 1713. The date of his first marriage is stated by some as Oct. 13, and by others as Nov. 17, 1662. It is more than likely that the former is date of "publication," and the latter that of marriage. James, the father of Samuel, and Thomas Stanton, the father of Mary, each gave two hundred pounds sterling to the young couple, on their marriage. Samuel's father gave him the stone house and bakery at the head of Winthrop's Cove. Here he began housekeeping, conducting the bakery for many years, and was finally succeeded in business by his son Samuel.

About 1680 he removed to what was then called Mohegan, and became the first actual settler. He had been for years on intimate terms with Uncas, chief of the Mohegans, and both Uncas and his son Owaneco gave him lands in consideration of

* The birth of Samuel has not been found on record, but his will, dated Feb. 12, 1712-13, states his age to be "72 and upwards," which will place it in 1640.

† Thomas Lord of Hartford, Ct., came to New England, April 29, 1635, at the age of fifty, in the "Elizabeth & Ann." with his wife Dorothy, aged forty, and seven children. Among these was: Anne, aged 14 in 1635; m. Thomas Stanton, and Annie, aged 6 in 1635; m. John Gilbert.

Thomas Stanton, aged 20, was a passenger for Virginia from London, 1635. Stopped in New England. Went from Boston in 1636 as Winthrop's interpreter to the Indians, and being also Indian interpreter to the General Court his name is connected with almost every Indian transaction from 1636 to 1670. He d. in Stonington, Ct., 1678. His wife, Anne Lord, daughter of Tho's Lord, d. 1688. (Thunston Gen.)

Samuel Rowland, previous to 1662, left by will, a farm in Stratford, Ct., to Samuel Rogers, son of James Rogers. At that date, record by Samuel Rogers is found concerning this farm received from his grandfather, Sam'l Rowland, and sold to Francis Hall.

friendship and services rendered to themselves and their tribe. One of these tracts was a valuable farm on Saw-mill Brook, and Uncas being desirous to have Rogers settle there, promised to protect him with all his warriors, in case of emergency.

The following anecdote is related by Miss Caulkins :

On this tract Rogers built a house of hewn plank, surrounded with a wall, and mounted a big gun in front. When prepared for the experiment, he fired a signal of alarm, which had been concerted with his tawny friend, in case either should be disturbed by an enemy ; and in half an hour's time grim bands of warriors were seen on the hills, and soon came rushing down, with the sachem at their head, to the rescue of their friend. Rogers had prepared a feast for their entertainment, but it was probable that they relished the trick nearly as much as the banquet. It was one of their own jests ; they were always delighted with contrivance and stratagem.

Samuel Rogers owned a great deal of real estate, and his transactions in land — as shown by the books of land records — far outnumbered those of any other man in the Colony.

Although there is no record to show that he united with the Rogerene church, he was, by many proofs, in sympathy with the Rogerenes and in close friendship with his brother John.

His house stood about three-quarters of a mile south of the Congregational meeting-house, on a plain now owned by Albert A. Rogers, one of his descendants. A short distance east is a burying-ground of the Rogers families and their near relatives. Nearly one hundred graves are to be found there.

The following is an extract from his will :

I bequeath my spirit to the ever living God. To my grandchild Elizabeth Stanton to her brother Theophilus, To my son Jonathan my great Bible and my great book of accounts in folio. To my dear and loving wife Johana Rogers I give all my household stuff and bedding and all my horse kind, cattle and sheep, except one cow and six sheep which I order to be delivered unto my cousin John Rogers, son of brother John Rogers, to be disposed of as I have ordered him. I appoint my wife executrix to act with advice of John Rogers abovesaid and Samuel Fox, eldest son of my brother Samuel Fox.

Children, all born in New London :

- Ann³ b. —, 1666; d. young.
 9 Mary, b. April 17, 1667; m. Capt. Samuel Gilbert.
 10 Samuel, b. Dec. 22, 1669; m. Abigail Plumb.
 Joseph, b. —, 1670.
 11 Elizabeth, b. May 8, 1673; m. (1) Theophilus Stanton; m.
 (2) Asa Harris.
 Anna, twin to Elizabeth; d. July 26, 1689.
 12 Sarah, b. Aug. 9, 1676; m. James Harris.
 13 Jonathan, b. ab. 1680; m. Elizabeth Pemberton.
 14 Daniel, b. —; m. Grace Williams.

3. JOSEPH² ROGERS (*James*¹), born May 14, 1646, in Milford, Ct.; died —, 1697; married about 1670, Sarah —; she died Aug. 17, 1728. They lived on Bruen's Neck in Waterford, Ct., on the place formerly owned by Obadiah Bruen, the first Town Clerk of New London. He also had a farm in Poquaoag which consisted originally of three grants to James Bemis, Samuel Beebe and John Elderkin. He died intestate. The Lyme inventory taken May 8, 1697, by John Chapman and William Ely, gives farm with land and meadow, corn-mill and saw-mill. Total £136 sterling.

The N. L. property consisted according to inventory, of 34 acres on Great Neck, with house and orchard (1st tier, 2d division), £70; Farm and house on Bruen's Neck, £110; Farm-house and barns at Poquaoag with 16 acres of land, formerly E. Stallion's; 10 acres formerly John Glazer's; 10 acres originally Thomas Stanton's; 6 acres originally Messenger's and a piece of land east side of Bruen's Cove, £142. Also household articles. Total of N. L. and Lyme, after deducting all debts and losses, £640.

"1719. On return from Southold in whale boat, got ashore at Poquaoag about sunset." (H. D.)

Children, all born in Great Neck :

- 15 James³ b. —, 1672; m. Sarah Stevens.
 16 Samuel, b. —; m. (1) Elizabeth³ dau. James² (6) Rogers; m. (2) Patience (Potts) Pendleton.
 Joseph, b. ab. 1674; d. —, 1724, unm. "Jan. 1724, Joseph Rogers a bachelor of about 50, of New London, died." (H. D.) Records show inventory of estate of Joseph Rogers,

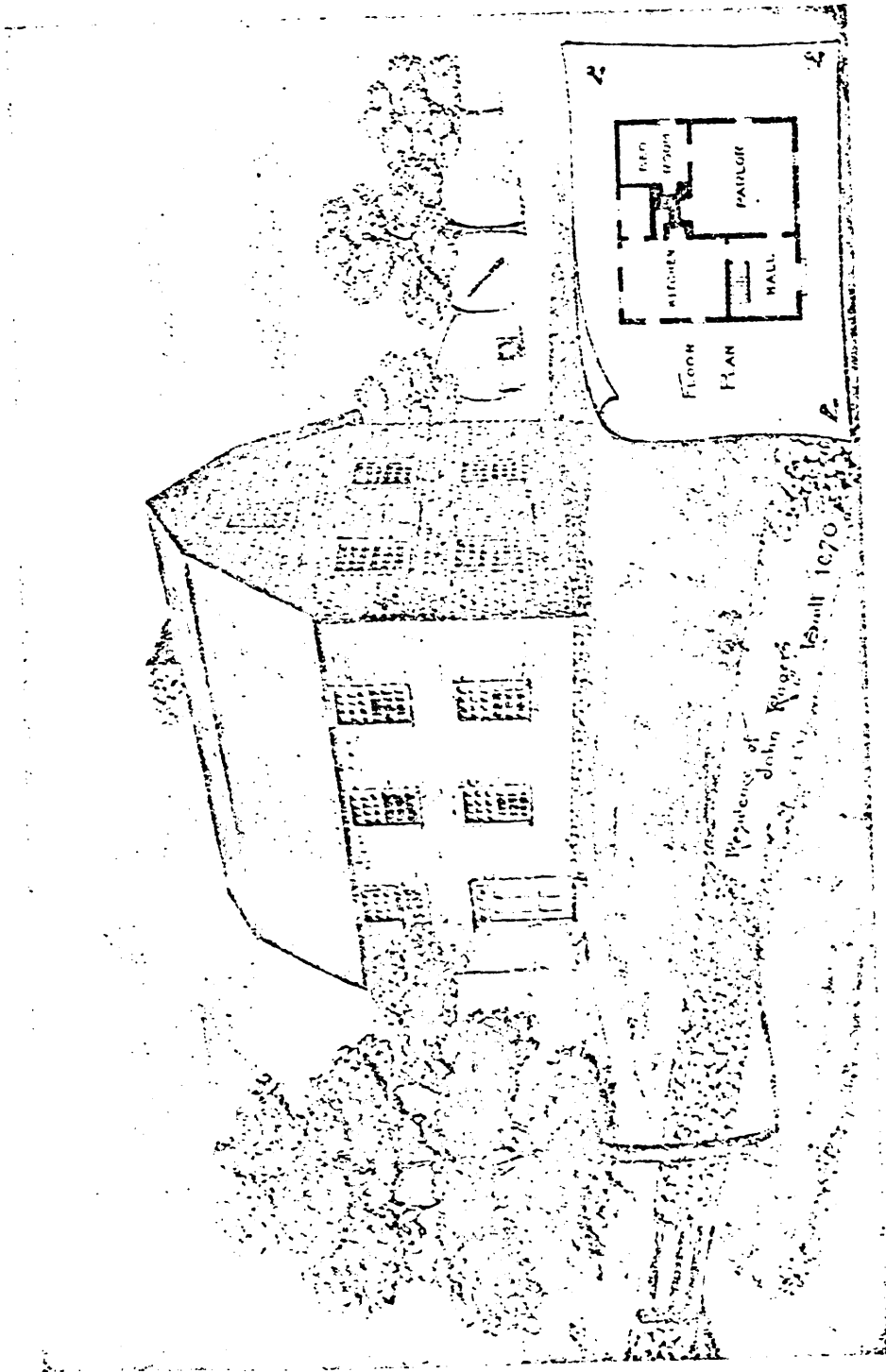
appraised Feb. 28, 1724: John Rogers administrator of estate of brother Joseph. Statement sworn to, June 15, 1724. His estate was divided Jan. 12, 1725-6, among his brothers and sisters, James, Samuel, Jonathan, Eliza Crossman, Sarah Williams and Bathsheba Harris.

- 17 John, b. Mar. 20, 1675-6; m. Deborah Dayton.*
- 18 Rowland, b. ab. 1680; m. Mary —.
- 19 Jonathan, b. 1683 or '85; m. Alice Champion.
- 20 Elizabeth, b. —; m. (pub.) April 17, 1705, Bartholomew Crossman.
- 21 Sarah, b. —; m. Thomas Williams.
- 22 Bathsheba, b. —; m. Gabriel Harris.

4. JOHN² ROGERS (*James*¹), born Dec. 1, 1648, in Milford, Ct.; died Oct. 17, 1721, in New London; married (1) Oct. 17, 1670, in Blackhall, Lyme, Ct., Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew and Ann (Wolcott) Griswold, born about 1652; died July —, 1727; married (2) June 6, 1699, in County Court in New London, Mary Ransford; married (3) widow Sarah Cole of Oyster Bay, L. I. They were published July 4, 1714, in New London, and were married by Justice Ray, in Block Island, R. I. He was made freeman May 12, 1664.

John Rogers' home farm extended on both sides of the Norwich road, two miles from New London, and was called Mamacock farm, from the small rocky peninsula of that name which was one of its eastern boundaries. It was bordered for some distance by the Thames River. The central portion — Mamacock proper — was originally a grant to Rev. Mr. Blinman. It was but a part of his landed estate, much of which he disposed of in his life-time by gift. He was buried upon the bank of the Thames within the bounds of his Mamacock farm. This portion was set aside as a burial place, and was secured by his son John to his descendants for this purpose, by a deed dated Nov. 13, 1751. (See page 23, *supra*.) It has been crossed by the railroad, and a portion bordering on the river was washed away by the great "September gale" [Sept. 23, 1815]. A part of this burial place is still intact.

* A N. L. record reads: "John Rogers son of Joseph and Deborah Deighton. . . ." This has been mistaken for the birth of a son of Joseph, whereas it was really a marriage of John (Joseph²) and Deborah. (A. B. W.)



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Inventory of estate of John Rogers, June 30, 1722 :

Wearing apparell £6. 5s. Silver watch £2. 10s. Saddle, bridle, male pillion, portmanteau & jack boots. 1 pistell, 2 prospective glasses, spectacles, 1 horse valued £10. One large Bible. £1 6s. One Bible with marginal notes £1. 14s. One ditto small. 4s. One *duch* ditto 2s. Robert's Key of y^e Bible £1. 5s. Powell's Concordance. 5s. Clark's ditto, 4s. Downham, 2s. 6d. One book entitled Travellers to Jerusalem. 75 ditto on the Revelation. 6 dozen ditto called Y^e Midnight Cry. 5 ditto Answer to Mr Wadsworth. 11 ditto to y^e Quakers. 23 ditto dedicated to y^e townsmen of Groton. Mamacock farm with barns and other buildings. Total £110.

Elizabeth (Griswold) Rogers married (2) Aug. 5, 1679, Peter Pratt, who died Mar. 24, 1688. She married (3) —, 1691, as his second wife, Matthew Beckwith, 2d, of Lyme, Ct., born —, 1637; died June 4, 1727. They had a daughter, Grisell, or Griswold Beckwith, who married Eliakim Cooley, Jr., of the Springfield, Mass., family, but resident in Lyme. Matthew Griswold was a prominent and wealthy planter, and this family furnished two governors for Connecticut: his wife was a daughter of Henry Wolcott of Windsor, Ct., ancestor of the noted Wolcott families of that State. (For Griswold and Wolcott items of interest, see *Salisburys' "Family Histories and Genealogies;"* see also "Beckwith Notes," by Albert C. Beckwith.) Although Matthew Griswold removed to Lyme prior to 1665, he retained his connection with the Saybrook church as a member till the close of his life, which occurred Sept. 27, 1698. His body was brought thither for interment. He presented to the church the first silver cup used in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The inscription upon it is "S. C. ex dono domini Matthai Griswold." The letters S. C. may be the initials of *Sacramentalis Calix*.

For further particulars concerning John Rogers and his connection with the Rogerenes, see pages 16 to 23.

Children by Elizabeth Griswold, all born in New London :

23 Elizabeth,³ b. Nov. 8, 1671; m. Stephen Prentis.

24 John, b. Mar. 20, 1674; m. (1) Bathsheba,³ dau. of Bathsheba² (5) and Richard Smith; m. (2) Elizabeth Dodge.

Children by Mary Ransford, born in New London :

- 25 Gershom,³ b. Feb. 24, 1700; m. Sarah Wheeler.
 26 Mary, b. Mar. 6, 1702; m. John Hobbs.

5. BATHSHEBA² ROGERS (*James*¹), born Dec. 30, 1650, in Stratford, Ct.; died Nov. 23, 1711, in New London; married (1) Mar. 4, 1669-70, Richard Smith, died —, 1682; married (2) Samuel, son of Thomas Fox of Concord, Mass., died Sept. 4, 1727, aged 77. She was his third wife; she was baptized in 1676, and although enrolled in the Newport, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist church, she afterward became a zealous Rogerene, aiding the cause in many ways, for which she suffered long and cruel imprisonments. She was devotedly attached to her brother John.

Children (Smith) :

Anne,³ b. —.

Elizabeth, b. —; m. William Camp of N. L.

James, bapt. April 12, 1674; m. Elizabeth,³ dau. of Jonathan² (7) and Naomi (Burdick) Rogers.

John, b. —; settled in North Parish.

Bathsheba, b. —; m. John,³ son of John² (4) and Elizabeth (Griswold) Rogers.

Richard, b. —; d. 1682, unm.

By her second husband she had one child: Samuel³ Fox, Jr., who married his cousin, Rachel³ Rogers (Jonathan²). Although Miss Caulkins does not credit this son to Samuel and Bathsheba, yet a deed of gift of land to him from Samuel and Bathsheba Fox calls him "our son." A Bathsheba Fox of about the same age, who married Robert Chapman, may also have been another child of Bathsheba² (Rogers) Fox.

6. JAMES² ROGERS (*James*¹), born Feb. 15, 1652, in Milford, Ct.; died Nov. 6, 1714, according to the inscription on his gravestone; but by a deed in the New London land records it is shown that he died before April, 1714. H. D. gives Oct. 8, 1713, as the date of his death; this should probably be Nov. 8, since by the land records he "personally appeared" Nov. 4, 1713, and the inventory of his estate is dated Nov. 12, 1713.

THIRD GENERATION.

9. MARY³ ROGERS (*Samuel*,² *James*¹), born April 17, 1667, in New London; died Sept. 30, 1756, in Salem, Ct.; married Oct. 2, 1684, Capt. Samuel, son of Jonathan and Mary (Welles) Gilbert, born —, 1663; died Aug. 5, 1733. He was cornet under Major John Mason, in the Pequot war; ensign in a train band in Hartford, Ct., July, 1678; one of the patentees of the town of Colchester, Ct., in 1707, and commanded a company in the expedition against Canada, in 1711. He was also at one time marshal of the Connecticut Colony. His father, Jonathan, was one of the first proprietors of Hartford.

Children (Gilbert):

Jonathan,⁴ b. June 29, 1685.

Samuel, b. Feb. 5, 1688; d. May 1, 1766; m. Mercy Warner, who d. Oct. 13, 1759. He represented Hebron, Ct., for several years in the General Court.

Nathaniel, b. Sept. 26, 1690.

John, b. April 12, 1692; d. Nov. 22, 1755.

Mary, b. Dec. 2, 1696.

The Harris Genealogy also gives a daughter Ann, married James, son of Lieut. James and Sarah³ (Rogers) Harris [See 12].

10. SAMUEL³ ROGERS (*Samuel*,² *James*¹), born Dec. 22, 1669, in New London; died there Feb. 2, 1743; married (1) Jan. 16, 1694-5, Abigail, daughter of John Plumb. She died June 7, 1732, aged 57. Married (2) Dec. 20, 1737. Palatiaah, widow of John Ames, and daughter of John Stebbins. She died Jan. 6, 1755, aged 78. He was received into the Congregational church in 1697, and admitted to the Second church in Montville, Ct., Sept. 9, 1733.

1695. To 34 bushels of wheat baked into biscuit for the soldiers by Samuel Rogers £6. (Colonial Records.)

Aug. 1711. Whereas Mr Samuel Rogers, baker, hath lately baked upwards of 20,000 weight of bread for the uses of the forces of this Colony upon the present expedition against Canada (Col. Records.)

Joseph, b. May 27, 1701; m. May 2, 1727, Mercy Gilbert.
 Elizabeth, b. Sept. 7, 1703.
 Esther, b. —; bapt. Dec. 22, 1706.
 Benjamin, b. Dec. 3, 1707; d. June 8, 1721.
 Mercy, b. Dec. 6, 1710; d. Oct. 10, 1734. "A hopeful young woman." (H. D.)

24. JOHN³ ROGERS (*John*,² *James*¹), born Mar. 20, 1674, in New London; died June 18, 1753, on his Mamacock farm near New London; married (1) Jan. 2, 1700, his cousin Bathsheba, daughter of Richard and Bathsheba (Rogers) Smith [see 5], d. Nov. 13, 1721; married (2) Jan. 28, 1723, Elizabeth Dodge.

Our father John Rogers was b. Mar. 20, 1674, and d. June 18, 1753. He was taken sick on Saturday between 7 and 8 in the morning and d. the Monday following between 7 and 8 at night. (Old Rogers R.) Sept. 25, 1750. At John Rogers writing his will. June 19, 1753. John Rogers, Sr., died last night; taken with apoplexy last Saturday morning and never spoke afterwards. (H. D.)

After the death of John Rogers, founder of the Rogerene sect, his son John,³ was called John Rogers second, of Mamacock. The Blinman farm of that name formed the central part of the large farm occupied by John Rogers and his son in common, and only this central portion stood in the name of John, Sr., (the additional land to the north and south being in the name of his son), and it was this portion, the old Mamacock farm, that figures in the inventory of John, Sr.

After the death of his father, John³ (called John second) bought the rights of the widow and of his sister Elizabeth, in the Mamacock farm proper, and thus owned the entire connected tract, on both sides of the Norwich road. As will be seen by his inventory, John second owned other farms in the vicinity. He had given largely to his sons and daughters in his life time, as, he says in his will, "may be seen by my book."

His home farm was under a high state of cultivation and finely stocked, as may be seen by the inventory, which refers to the cattle, grain, etc., on the central part alone (Mamacock proper), the south and north parts being cultivated by his sons Samuel and James.

He was a man of remarkable business ability and very methodical; was well educated and possessed of superior literary talent. A number of his books are still extant. They show unusual reasoning power and ready wit. Quotations from his works will appear in the History of the Rogerenes. He was a zealous leader in the Rogerene Society and inspired his sons with like zeal. His half brother, son of the same mother, said of him, "He being a man as manly, wise, facetious and generous perhaps as one among a thousand, I was exceedingly delighted in and with his conversation." Miss Caulkins says: "Notwithstanding his long testimony and his many weary trials and imprisonments, he reared to maturity a family of eighteen children, most of them, like their parents, sturdy Rogerenes."

WILL OF JOHN^s ROGERS, PROVED 1753.

The 10th Day of the 7th month Called September, in the year 1750.

I John Rogers of New London & Colony of Connecticut, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, considering my age and the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (that is to say) that first I do freely submit and surrender my spirit to God that gave it & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at y^e great & last Day of Judgment (by the mighty power of God) my spirit and body shall again be united together.

And as touching such Worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First for the payment of my just debts, if any should be, & the maintenance of my Beloved wife Elizabeth & the bringing up of our small children, in case I should die before our youngest son Daniel come to the age of fourteen years; that then an inventory shall be taken of ye moveables & my son John to take the farm, that is to say, his own part, & my son James part (till my son Daniel comes to the age of 14 years) together with all implements & utensils of Husbandry for managing the farm, as cattle, plows, axes, hoes, chains & all other tools whatsoever, as all what stock of creatures he sees cause to take for stocking the farm (that part of it above mentioned) also my servants to at his command during said time, in consideration whereof he is to maintain the family in the same way & manner as it now is,

& to pay such a Rent annually towards the Legacies hereafter mentioned, as John Waterhouse, Bro John Bolles & my son Ebenezer Bolles shall judge moderate & shall appoint him.

It^m My son Samuel is to enter upon his part of the farm immediately after my death, yet to pay such a Rent as those three persons above mentioned shall order him, till his brother Daniel comes to the age of fourteen years; the rent is for the payment of the Legacys hereafter mentioned.

It^m After my son Daniel comes to the age of fourteen years I would have him put out to a trade, & my son James is then to take his part of the farm which I now give up to him, & is bounded as followeth (being the south part of the farm where I now dwell) bounded on the north with a line from the cold spring (which runs into the cove near the old barn) near south west to a heap of stones at the Road from New London to Norwich erected by Capt Joshua Hempstead near a miry Caseway in said Road, & on the west with said Road to John Prentiss's land & south with s^d Prentics's land to the River & East Bounded by s^d River & Cove to the first mentioneed Cold Spring, with all priveliges & appurtenances to him, my sd son James Rogers & his heirs & assigns forever, upon some small Consideration hereafter mentioned.

It^m To my son Samuel I Give & Bequeath that part of my farm on which he now dwells, bounded as follows, north with land now in possession of the Wheelers, west with the Road from New London to Norwich to a Heap of Stones erected by Capt. Joshua Hempstead, near above twenty Rods northward of Baker's Bars; an apple tree standing in the place, thence running northeast to a Stone in a Crotched Tree on a side hill near the Round Pond, & so in the same line to a Heap of Stones at a Stump on the bank of the Round Pond; thence northward a straight line about thirteen Rods to a rock with Stones on it, by a bit of Salt Marsh, northerly from the narrowest place on the Gut, thence bounded by y^e River & Coves to y^e before mentioned Land in y^e possession of y^e Wheelers all which I give my S^d son Samuel his heirs & assigns forever.

It^m To my son John I give & bequeath the middle part of my farm I now live upon bounded as followeth, on the north with Samuels part, on the west with the Road, on the South with James part & on the east with the Cove & River containing Mamacock & the Round Pond.

It^m My land on the west side of the road I give and bequeath unto my three sons James, Samuel & John, to be equally divided between them, James to have the south part & John the middle part, and as

to the maintenance of my beloved wife Elizabeth my will is that after my son Daniel comes to the age of fourteen years in case I should not be living that then my executors hereafter named shall have full power to set her out such Bedding & household Stuff together with all such priviledges & conveniences as my S^d executors shall from time to time judge most proper; as a Garden or fowls or any other priviledges, for the comfort of her Life, & also my executors shall have full power to order my three sons which have my homestead (viz) James, Samuel & John to provide her with wood & Summering and wintering a cow or two as S^d Executors shall see needfull & help Convenient to make fires or other business as they shall from time to time Judge needful, both for herself & to entertain her friends in a proper manner, & in case any or either of my S^d sons shall Refuse or Neglect to perform their part as the S^d Executors shall order, then so much of his or their land as shall so Neglect or Refuse shall be chargable with it.

My will is that my wife shall have at her command the East Room of my dwelling house & the Chamber over it & bed Room joyning it, only my two youngest daughters is to have the liberty of Living in the aforesaid east Chamber and keeping their beds in it & other things untill such time as they shall be marrid if their mother sees cause & if she dies before they marry their privelige to Remain.

What is above mentioned Concerning my wife is to be understood while she Remain my widow, but in case she marry again my will is she shall have Two Hundred Pounds (old tenor) in the Room & stead of her Dower in my housings & Lands.

It^m I give to my son Ichabod my Land att Alewife Cove Commonly called our upper place which I bought of Thomas Williams being about twenty Acres, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

It^m I give & bequeath unto my son Alexander the Land which I bought of Joseph Bolles (at the head of Alewife Coave) being six acres & some Rods. The Deed from s^d Bolles to me will Describe the Bounds at Large to him & his heirs & assigns forever. Also I give to my S^d son Alexander Twenty Pounds Equal to New York money out of the moveables.

It^m To my son Nathaniel I give one Hundred Pounds in or equivalent to New York money.

It^m. To my son Jonathan I give one hundred pounds in or equivalent to New York money.

It^m. To my son Daniel I give one hundred pounds in or equivalent to New York money.

It^m To my Daughter Elizabeth Whipple I have given one hundred & thirteen pounds as may be seen in my Book. My will is that after my death she shall have one cow more.

It^m to my daughter Bathsheba Stoddor I have given sixty nine Pounds, as may be seen in my Book, my will is that she be made equal with her sister Whipple in Quantity & Quality in Respect to the fall of money, & also to have a good cow in part.

It^m to my Daughter Jemima Cooley I have given one Hundred & Thirty Seven Pounds, as may be seen by my Book, my will is that she shall have Seven Pounds more in or equal to New York money, & I desire my son Ebenezer Bolles to lay it out for her in what she sees cause. the reason of my giving her more than her elder sisters is for the Loss of her tender mother when she was young.

It^m to my Daughter Deborah I give fifty Pounds in or equal to New York money, to be paid out of the movables or Rents as soon after my Death as Conveniently may be, as also to have full Liberty to live in the house & use the cellar & other Conveniences about the house as she may have occasion of, & the little Chamber wholly to herself so long as she sees cause to live single, & what she hath had already is not to be Reckoned as part of y^e £50; this I do in consideration of the Loss of her tender & loving mother when she was very young.

It^m to my Daughter Sarah I give Thirty Five Pounds in or equal to New York money, also one Bed & furniture to it, equal to the best bed that either of the three of my eldest Daughters has had.

It^m to my Daughter Elizabeth the younger I give Thirty five Pounds in or equal to New York money as also a Bed & furniture as is above expressed to my daughter Sarah.

also my will is that in case the movables & Rents do not answer to pay my Debts & Legacys that then my 3 sons (viz) James, Samuel & John shall be accountable for them, & that my son James in consideration of Seventy Eight Pounds which he has formerly had of me (which money was much more valuable than now it is) which is to be seen in my Book, as also for that his part of Land with the buildings is more valuable than his Brothers; for those considerations my will is that in Case the movables and Rents as aforesaid should not answer the Legacys, then James shall pay one half & Samuel & John each one Quarter of what Remains.

Yet none of them shall be compelled to pay their part till they have been in the possession of their Land three years & in case the movables be more than the Legacys my will is that it be equally Divided among my Sons that shall be living as also all other estate either Real or personal, as Common Right &c.

And in consideration I have heretofore given my Daughter Mary & Dec^s Considerable in movable estate in her life time, I now give her Daughter & only child forty shillings.

I give unto my son James his heirs & assigns the one half part of what Lands may be Recovered that belongs to me Joyning to George Richards & y^e Town Street on y^e easterly end & joyning to the land that was John Picketts on the southeasterly side to the highway by the Court House, at the Westerly end on the highway & the land that was Livins on the northwesterly side.

My will is that Brother Andrew Davise, John Waterhouse & my son John Rogers shall be my executors to this my last Will & Testament. & that they will be paid & satisfied out of my estate for what time & trouble they may be at. & this I declare to be my Last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal the day & year first above written. My will is that my youngest sons Nathaniel, Jonathan & Daniel shall have my Right in the School House equally among them.

JOHN ROGERS.



Signed, sealed, published pronounced & declared by the Sd John Rogers as his last will & testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

J. Hempsted.
Joshua Rathbun
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Abigail † Amos
mark

INVENTORY.

An Inventory of the Estate of John Rogers Late of New London Dec'd taken by us the Subscribers under oath July y^e 10th 1753.

Wearing apparel of all sorts	£41. 15.
Bills of credit old tenour	109. 15.
one Bible & other books	8. 11.
Six silver spoons at 73s. per oz	34. 19. 03
1 Warming pan £4. & 6 Glasses 22s 6d & 1 pepper box 2s 6d	5. 05.
1 pair Andirons £6. & 1 lanthorn 35s	7. 15.
1 salt seller 10s. mustard pot 2s. & Earthen cup 1s.	0. 13.
18 Green Bottles 45s. 1 chaffing dish 40s. 1 chair 40s.	6. 05.
1 Black Great Chair 25s. 1 Dito 20s. & 6 chairs at 12s.	5. 17.
10 Chairs £4. 13s. & 3 Dit. 24s. & 1 pr of scails & weights of brass at 110s.	11. 07.
1 pr large Stylyards £6. 1 pr Dito £3. old irons 50s.	11. 10.
1 oval table £10. 1 sq. Dito £3. 1 dito 20s.	14. 00.

1 Joynt stool 10s.	1 chest 55s.	1 small trunk 40s.	5. 05.
1 Couch 40s.	a cupboard £5. 10s.	1 clock £90.	97. 10.
1 chest draws £10.	1 Case bottels £6.		16. 00.
1 Looking Glass 35s.	2 fine Hathels 40s.		3. 15.
1 large basket 20s.	1 small Dito 5s.	1 stone jug 10s.	1. 15.
1 Stone Samp mortar £5.	1 small grindstone 10s.		5. 10.
2 tabels in the kitchen 50s.	1 pr andirons £5. 11s. 1d.		8. 01. 01
3 fire shovels & 1 pr tongs 52s.	1 pr do 14s.		3. 06.
1 Chain £7. 2s. 6d.	1 Bark skinner 14s.	1 small chain 28s.	9. 04. 06
1 pair haims with Rings 10s.	1 pr dit 3s.		0. 13.
1 stub sith 25s.	2 Ditt 46s.	2 Bill hooks 40s.	5. 11.
1 sith & tackling 19s.	5 old axes £5. 1s. & 1 mortes ax £1.		7. 00.
36 lbs old iron £8. 5s. 4d.	1 steel trap 25s.	Hatchel 20s.	10. 10. 04
17 lbs Beetel Rings & wedges £4. 1s. 6d.	52 lbs old iron		
75s.			7. 16. 06
1 pair pot hooks 12s. 6d.	hoes 52s.	18 old sithes 45s.	5. 09. 06
2 block knives & 2 Drawing knives 45s.	1 spade 7s.		2. 12.
1 old auger & tostong iron 12s.	hand saw 12s.		1. 04.
1 melting ladle 10s. 2d.	2 Adciss. 30s.		2. 00. 02
2 Chains Clevey & pin £8. 5s.	one auger 20s.		9. 05.
1 large spit & 6 skewers 57s.	& tramil spit 7s.		3. 04.
3 shovels £3.	6 iron candlesticks 24s.		4. 04.
3 peeces of chains 47s.	1 large cro bar 43 lbs at 5s.		13. 02.
1 small crow £1. 16s. 07d.	1 stone sledge 59s. 6d.	2 sith sneaths at 20s.	6. 16. 01
4 tramels £10. 3s. 9d.	& 1 Gridiron & an old fork 20s.		11. 03. 09
1 brass frying pan £4.	3 dito iron £9.	1 old goose 10s. 6d.	13. 10. 06
1 Dripping pan 50s.	2 smothing irons £4.		6. 10.
1 New Plow £16. 19s.	one dit £9.	1 dit 48s.	1 canoe £7. 35. 07.
1 harrow & flax brake 30s.	1 Gun £5.	1 Cullender £1.	7. 10.
1 half Bushel & half peck 20s.	3 Riddles 20s.		2. 00.
2 tubs & 2 old cask 15s.	1 funnel 7s.		1. 02.
8 HHD's £5. 10s.	25 barrels £8.	2 firkins & ½ barrel 20s.	14. 10.
2 large Powdering tubs & 1 smaller 50s.			2. 10.
1 firkin & 2 butter tubs 30s.	4 Earthen Potts 18s.		2. 08.
8 old cask & bee hives 32s.	2 hollow tree tubs 25s.		2. 17.
1 large basket 20s.	1 Barrel churn 30s.	butter tubs 12s.	3. 02.
5 Hollow tree tubs 45s.	1 quilting fraim 15s.		3. 00.
1 Portmanteau 8s.	1 Basket 15s.	11 Rakes 23s.	2. 06.
5 Pitchforks 25s.	4 sickles 20s.	3 pr sheep shears 15s.	3. 00.
3 corn Baskets 36s.	6 Keelars at 12s. 72s.		5. 08.
63½ lbs Pewter £31. 13s. 10d.	9 knives & forks 34s.		33. 07. 10
Earthenware 34s.	1 hatnel 35s.	Worsted combs £5	8. 09.
1 Bowl & 2 Dippers 6s.	8 wooden plates 4s.	4 ladles 12s.	1. 02.
2 Cheese motes & 5 Rims 6s.	73 lbs old pots at 3d per lb.		1. 04. 03
2 Large iron Cettles 170 lbs weight £12. 15s.	Iron pot & hooks £5. 05. & 06d.		18. 00. 06
1 Kittle 28 lbs 56s.	1 pot & hooks, 50s.	1 dito & bail 16s. 3d.	6. 02. 03
1 small kittle 23s.	1 skillet 10s.	1 pot 35 lbs 60s.	4. 13.

1 large Brass Kettle £21.	1 coper dito 18 lbs £12.	Pot	
10s.			33. 10.
1 iron Pot cover 30s.	1 Bellmetle skillet £4.		5. 10.
1 Brass cover of a stew pan 16s.	6 Keelers 72s.		4. 08.
1 large Ceder tub £3.	3 dito £6.	1 large churn £2.	11. 00.
5 Keelers 75s.	9 pails 64s.	1 knot bowl 2s.	7. 01.
1 tub for butter 15s.	1 Bowl 6s.	2 small ditto 8s.	2. 09.
3 trays 12s.	7 cheese motes 84s.	1 tray 10s.	1 Sive 10s.
1 skimming dish 2 ladles 9s.	1 lingum vite mortar & Pestel 30s.		1. 19.
1 yoak & Irons 19s.	1 yoak 10s.	2 ditto 32s.	1 barril 5s.
1 stone Jug 12s.	1 ditto 5s.	1 Earthen Jug 4s.	1 white mug 4s.
			1. 05.
1 tea Kettle 90s.	9 Patty Pans 22s.	1 Earthen mug 3s.	5. 15.
1 Pollinger 3s.	1 small Compass 10s.		0. 13.
1 large feather bed 67 lbs at 18s per lb £60. 6s.	1 ditto 79 lbs at 16s.		123. 10.
Bedstead coard & mat £4. 4s.	Curtines & Vail £10.	Rods £1. 10s.	15. 14.
Tester & head Cloath 50s.	1 Coverlet 90s.	Blanket 40s.	9. 00.
Bolster case & pillow bier 20s.	1 pair sheets 70s.		4. 10.
Small bed for ye couch & 1 bolster & pillow			24. 08.
1 Bed & bolster £39.	Bedstead coard & mats £4.		43. 00.
1 Ditto coard & mat £46. 5s.	1 ditto £20.		66. 05.
1 Bed in ye Garret £17. 5s.	1 Ditto 50s.		19. 15.
1 Bedstead coard & mat £2.	1 Ditto 20s.		3. 00.
1 Bed & Beding £4.	1 Ditto £11.		15. 00.
1 Ratt trap £1. 10s.	1 Chest 40s.	1 large Ditto £3.	6. 10.
1 pair money skailes & Weights 40s.	1 Duth bible 10s.		2. 10.
1 Duth wheele 60s.	1 hair halter 6s.		3. 06.
1 Sadle 40s.	1 bed coard 20s.	1 pillion 40s.	1 Ditto 60s.
			8. 00.
Sundry old bridles 26s.	1 Paniel 30s.	Sadle 9s.	2 Runlets 10s.
			3. 15.
1 Brass kittle, 1 Iron 11s.	mutton 10s.		1. 01.
2 wide blankets at 40s.	2 ditto £4.	1 pair ditto £4.	
			12. 00.
1 pair flannel sheets 40s.	chect pair ditto £3. 10s.	striped 30s.	
			7. 00.
1 flannel sheet 30s.	2 Coverlits Bird Eyed £14.		15. 10.
1 Chect Coverlit 40s.	1 ditto blue & yellow 25s.		3. 05.
1 Rug 3 breaths £14.	1 ditto 2 Coulers £11.	1 ditto Red £19.	
			44. 00.
1 Green £10.	10 pair Lining sheets £42. 12s.		52. 12.
1 pillow bier 10s.	3 ditto 45s.	1 diaper table cloath 40s.	
			4. 15.
3 ditto 60s.	1 ditto 20s.	1 ditto 20s.	2 towels 5s.
			5. 05.
1 towel 7s.	1 ditto 6s.	1 ditto 12s.	1 ditto 7s.
			1. 12.
1 Round towel 17s.	1 ditto 18s.	1 ditto 4s.	
			1. 19.
26 yds woolen cloath for blankits at 13s. per yd.			16. 18.
163 lbs sheeps wool at 8s. 6d per pound			69. 05. 06
13 lbs dung hill fowl feathers 65s.	22 lbs live feathers £18. 14s.		21. 19.

James Rogers and His Descendants.

17 Geese £7. 13s.	Woolen wheel 20s.	1 ditto linen 5s.	8. 18.
1 Negro man named James £500.	1 named Abner £500.		1000. 00.
A negro woman named Dinah full of infirmities			000. 00.
150½ lbs old cheese at 4s. per lb.			30. 02.
267 lbs new cheese at 2s. 9d.			36. 14. 03
171 2 meal cheeses at 2s. 3d.			19. 04. 09
8 bushels malt at 28s. per bushel			11. 04.
2 bags 12s. 1 pair fish grains 8s.			1. 00.
7 horse kine £423. 4 oxen £210.			633. 00.
4 Swine £48. 1 sow & 5 piggs £15. 5s.			63. 05.
118 sheep			181. 00.
2 brown & white farrow cows			31. 00.
2 cows for Stoddard & Whipple each £32.			64. 00.
2 cows & calves £36. each. one ditto £34.			106. 00.
1 3 year old heifer for £24. 1 2 year old £20. 1 bull £26.			70. 00.
3 farrow cows £90. 1 cow & 2 year old heifer £60.			150. 00.
2 cows at £30. & 2 ditto at £31.			122. 00.
2 cows £60. 2 farrows £62.			122. 00.
5 calves £5. 10s. 1 yearling bull £18.			23. 10.
1 three year old heifer £29. 2 2 year old £36.			65. 00.
2 calves £8. 3 two year olds at £16. £48.			56. 00.
2 three year old steers £66. 2 2 year old £48.			114. 00.
1 yearling £9. 5 ditto £67.			76. 00.
1 spoon mould			0. 15.
1 Cedar Can			0. 10.
To all the Housings & Lands on both sides the road to Norwich			18000. 00.

Sworn to by John Rogers Ex to the Last Will of sd. Dec'd.

J. Hempstead
Joseph Bolles Appraisers.
Joshua Bolles

ADDITIONS MADE TO INVENTORY, DECEMBER, 1754.

The corn that was in the ground	198. 00.
The oats	47. 00.
The beans	4. 00.
The flax	7. 00.
The Pompions	1. 00.
42 lbs Leather at 8s. 6d. 3 calves skins at 30s.	22. 07.
1 sheepskin 12s. 3d. 3 Lamb skins 5s. 15s.	1. 07. 03
1 small jugg 3s. 1 bell 12s.	0. 15.
Recd of Jones Colver	0. 12.
Recd of Gershom Rogers which he owed the estate	23. 00.
Recd of Samuel Rogers in balance of accounts	5. 05. 08
Recd of Joseph Allen due upon note	11. 00.

The only inventories of the time at all comparable in amount with the above are those of John's son James, which foots

£20,552. 08s., and of Capt. Joseph Gardner of Groton, 1752, £22,026. 17s.

The farm in Lyme which John Rogers gave to his son Jonathan, and also the farm in Groton which he gave to his son Daniel, are not included in the above inventory, and, as shown by the will, his sons and daughters had received generous portions during his life-time.

Children by wife Bathsheba, all born in New London :

- John,⁴ b. Nov. 1, 1700; d. Nov. 6, 1721, in New London, unm.
 66 James, b. Dec. 7, 1701; m. Grace Harris.
 Samuel, b. June 1, 1703; d. Aug. 16, 1704.
 Samuel, b. Oct. 8, 1704; d. Jan. 27, 1708.
 67 Elizabeth, b. June 14, 1706; m. Zachariah Whipple.
 68 Bathsheba, b. Mar. 1, 1708; m. Robert Stoddard.
 69 Ichabod, b. Oct. 20, 1709; m. Mary Savol.
 Jonathan, b. June 25, 1711; d. Oct. 8, 1729.
 70 Samuel, b. April 17, 1713; m. Hannah Gardner.
 71 Jemima, b. Nov. 23, 1714; m. Matthew Cooley.
 72 Deborah, b. Dec. 6, 1716; m. John Harris.

Children by wife Elizabeth :

- 3 John,⁴ "3rd of Mamacock," b. April 14, 1724; m. Delight Greene.
 74 Mary, b. Jan. 8, 1725-6; m. Ebenezer Bolles.
 Sarah, b. July 17, 1727; d. Nov. 30, 1727.
 75 Alexander, b. Jan. 3, 1728-9; m. (1) Desire —; m. (2) Rachel Larrabee.
 76 Sarah, b. Nov. 4, 1730; m. Jonathan Gilbert.
 77 Nathaniel, b. May 2, 1732; m. Zipporah Williams.
 Elizabeth, b. May 22, 1734; d. Nov. 14, 1774, unm.
 78 Jonathan, b. Mar. 8, 1735-6; m. (1) Lydia Watrous; m. (2) Eunice —.
 Daniel, b. Sept. 7, 1739; d. Feb. 5, 1773. Will probated in Groton, and property left to brothers and sisters; there is nothing to show whether he was a widower or bachelor.

May, 1754, Jonathan and Daniel Rogers make choice of brother John for their guardian; bonds £300.

25. GERSHOM³ ROGERS (*John*,² *James*¹), born Feb. 24, 1700, in New London; no date of death is recorded; married April 8, 1725, Sarah Wheeler of Groton. She was probably the daugh-

Children, all born in New London :

- Grace,⁵ b. June 24, 1730; m. (1) Capt. Peter⁵ (150) Rogers;
m. (2) Joshua Bolles, a widower, son of John Bolles.
John, b. May 9, 1732; d. Oct. 24, 1753.
128 Bathsheba, b. May 14, 1734; m. Henry Deshon.
Esther, b. Oct. 27, 1736; d. Mar. 20, 1764; m. Feb. 15, 1761,
David Allen. They had daughter (Allen): *Fanny*,⁶ m. Jason⁵
(135) Rogers. There may have been other children.
Elizabeth, b. Nov. 18, 1738; d. Jan. 13, 1739.
129 James, b. April 14, 1740; m. Mary Comstock.
130 Elizabeth, b. June 9, 1742; m. Isaac Tracy, Jr.
Jonathan, b. Mar. 26, 1745; d. April 16, 1769.
Mary, b. July 30, 1747; m. June 12, 1761, James Monroe,
who d. in 1770.

67. ELIZABETH⁴ ROGERS (*John*,³ *John*,² *James*¹), born June 14, 1706, in New London; died Sept. 18, 1751; married, published June 27, 1728, Zachariah, son of Samuel Whipple,* of Groton, Ct. They were married by the pastor of the Congregational church in New London.

By the will of Zachariah Whipple, made 1758, he appears to have been of New London. He inherited valuable lands in Groton from his father, Samuel, but sold them. He names no son but Zachariah in his will, by which it is to be inferred that Zephaniah was dead at the time it was drawn. He calls his daughter Elizabeth, Elizabeth Williams, and speaks of his daughters, Hope and Content as minors, and mentions his daughter Bathsheba Turner. Elizabeth Rogers Whipple is ancestress of many people of Quakertown.

Children (Whipple), born in or near Groton :

- Elizabeth,⁵ b. Mar. 15, 1729; m. — Williams.
Bathsheba, b. June 6, 1731; m. Nov. 1, 1750, John, son of
Thomas and Patience (Bolles) Turner.
Zephaniah, b. Feb. 3, 1733.
Alice, b. Dec. 11, 1734.
John, b. Feb. 14, 1738; d. Sept. 24, 1753.

* Savage gives name of wife of Samuel Whipple as "dau. of Zacharia Eddy of Swanzey." Her name was probably Elizabeth Eddy. Austin's Gen. Dict. of R. I., gives Samuel's ancestry and marriage, and says he came to Groton in 1712. He was an enterprising business man, and had iron works and a saw-mill on what is called "Sawmill River," near the present town of Poquonnock. His second wife Deborah, and sons Samuel, Daniel, Zachariah and Zephaniah, are remembered in his will.

Hope, b. Feb. 7, 1741; d. May 28, 1829; m. (1) her cousin Capt. Noah, son of Samuel Whipple, Jr. of Groton; m. (2) Robert Gowdy, who is said to have been a Scotchman and a sergeant in Burgoyne's army, coming over with the troops. Content, b. Mar. 27, 1743; m. June 17, 1764, Timothy Waterhouse (since called Watrous), of Groton, Ct. One of their children, *Jabez⁶ Watrous*, married Jan. 28, 1798, his cousin Polly,⁶ dau. of Robert and Hope (Whipple) Gowdy, and had eleven children, one of whom, *Jabez⁷ Watrous*, b. Nov. 23, 1803; d. Dec. 24, 1900; m. Mar. 11, 1827, Phebe Park, b. Mar. 16, 1806; d. Sept. 22, 1893. The children of Jabez and Phebe Watrous were:

Jabez⁸, b. Dec. 30, 1830; unm. Res. (1902) Old Mystic, Ct.
Helen M., b. Oct. 1, 1833.
Charles R., b. July 30, 1836.
Henry S., b. April 25, 1839.
Phebe A., b. July 5, 1842.
Albert G., b. Sept. 15, 1844.

Zachariah, b. June 6, 1745.

68. BATHSHEBA⁴ ROGERS (*John³ John² James¹*), born Mar. 1, 1708, in New London; died there Feb. 17, 1753; married Dec. 21, 1727, Robert, son of Robert and Mary (Mortimer) Stoddard, born 1700 in New London, and baptized Aug. 8, 1703. He married (2) Sarah Plumb. Residence, Groton, Ct. In his will dated 1771, Robert Stoddard named his wife Sarah and all the children, except Jonathan, who died young.

Children (Stoddard) by Bathsheba:

Robert,⁵ b. Aug. 26, 1729; m. June 18, 1752, Lucy Billings of Groton, dau. of Increase and Hannah (Hewett) Billings.
 Bathsheba, b. Aug. 25, 1732; m. Seth Mix.
 Mary, b. July 21, 1734; m. Capt. Absalom Pride of Norwich. He was a master mariner.
 Mortimer, b. Mar. 16, 1735-6; m. Dec. 6, 1764, Dorothy Parke.
 Jonathan, b. Nov. 28, 1737; d. young.
 Mercy, b. Mar. 10, 1739-40; d. —, 1830; m. 1760, Christopher, son of Capt. Benjamin and Almy Greene.
 Ichabod, b. Jan. 10, 1741-2; m. May 30, 1769, Tabitha Billings, sister of Lucy, wife of Robert, above.
 Mark, b. Oct. 10, 1743; m. Dec. 9, 1768, Lucy, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Allyn. He was a sergeant in the Revolution, in Capt. Abel Spicer's company, 6th regiment, commanded by Col. Samuel Holden Parsons, which, during the siege of Boston, was stationed in Putnam's centre division at Cambridge, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill.