

THE GARDNER FAMILY

The Gardner family comes from Lymington in Hampshire (Southampton) England. This was a seacoast town facing south towards the Isle of Wight. The family was seafarering by trade.

Thomas Gardner came to Massachusetts in 1624 bringing with him his son, Thomas, Jr. They settled in Salem, Massachusetts in 1626

All I know about Thomas Gardner Senior is that he headed up a group called *The Dorchester Company* that came aboard the ship *Charity* and landed in Salem. He died in Salem in 1635. I will begin this history with his son, Thomas Junior.

THOMAS GARDNER

Thomas Gardner was born in Lymington, Hampshire County, England in 1592. He married Margaret Frier in Hampshire County in about 1615. He had two sons born in England and accompanied his father to America in 1624. He arrived on Cape Ann aboard the ship *Charity*. He came as head of the Dorchester Company from England. He settled in Salem, Massachusetts in 1626 and was to remain there all his life. He was a representative to the General Court in 1637. Margaret died in Salem in 1659 and Thomas died there on December 29, 1674.

They had two sons, John and Richard, and may have had other children, but I have no information on them.

Richard Gardner

Richard was born in about 1620 in Lymington England. This is our line and his history is covered in the next section.

John Gardner

John Gardner was born in about 1622 in England. John was a sea captain sailing out of Salem. He married Priscilla Grafton, a daughter of Joseph Grafton, in Salem in about 1652. Their first son was born in February 1653/4.

Along with his brother, he received a grant of land on Nantucket in 1666, but did not go there until about 1673. He then remained on the Island all his life, sailing his ships from their port. He died in Nantucket at age 82 in 1706, leaving his wife who survived him.

John and Priscilla had the following twelve children. The first ten were born in Salem, the remaining two on Nantucket Island.

JOHN GARDNER born February 20, 1654.

JOSEPH GARDNER born July 8, 1655.

PRISCILLA GARDNER born November 6, 1656 and married John Arthur of Salem, Massachusetts.

BENJAMIN GARDNER born February 3, 1658 and died as a child.

RACHEL GARDNER born August 3, 1661. She married John Brown and then second, her cousin James Gardner.

GEORGE GARDNER born about 1663 and married Eunice Starbuck.

BENJAMIN GARDNER born May 17, 1664.

ANN GARDNER born February 20, 1667. She married Edward Coffin, son of Peter and Abigail Coffin.

NATHANIEL GARDNER born September 24, 1668.

MARY GARDNER born May 27, 1670. She married Jethro Coffin in 1686.

MEHITABLE born November 24, 1674 and married Ambrose Dawes.

RUTH GARDNER born January 26, 1676. She married James Coffin, son of James and Mary Coffin, on May 19, 1692.

RICHARD GARDNER

Richard Gardner was born in Lymington in about 1623. He married Sarah Shattuck in Salem, Massachusetts in 1650. Sarah was a daughter of Samuel and Damaris Shattuck. She was born in England in about 1632.

Richard was granted a half share of land on Nantucket on March 22, 1666/67 in order to *'exercise his trade as seaman.'* His eldest son, Joseph, was likewise granted a half share on February 15, 1666/67. Joseph was also given housing as long as he *'supply the occasions of the Island in way of a shoemaker and not leave the Island for four years.'* They moved almost at once as Richard purchased some land from John Bishop on Wesco Pond in 1667.

In addition to being a sailor, Richard was elected Chief Magistrate in 1673. His son Joseph was a selectman, assessor and constable at various times as well.

Richard Gardner died on Nantucket on January 23, 1688. Sarah died there in 1724. They had ten children.

Joseph Gardner

Joseph Gardner was born about 1652. He married Bethiah Macy on March 30, 1670. Bethia was born in Salisbury, Massachusetts in 1650. She was a daughter of Thomas Macy and Sarah Hopcott.

Joseph was a shoemaker and held the town offices of Selectman, Assessor and Constable on Nantucket. Bethiah died in 1732.

Joseph and Bethiah had eight children. Their only son drowned as a child. I have information on the seven daughters.

SARAH GARDNER born October 23, 1672. She married Joseph Paddock on March 5, 1696.

DAMARIS GARDNER born February 16, 1674. She married Stephen Barnard, a son of Nathaniel Barnard and Mary Barnard.

BETHIAH GARDNER born August 13, 1676. She married Eleazer Folger, Jr. on September 27, 1706. Eleazer was a son of Eleazer Folger and Mary Morrill. He was born July 2, 1672. Bethiah died on June 20, 1716, and he married Mary Marshall, daughter of Joseph Marshall, on September 25, 1717. The children of Eleazer and Bethiah were: **Gideon, Uriah and Eliphaz**. He had ten more children by his second wife, Mary. He died in 1753, Mary in 1765.

DEBORAH GARDNER born March 30, 1681. She never married.

HOPE MACY GARDNER born January 7, 1683. She married Peter Coffin, son of John Coffin and Deborah Austin. Peter was born on Nantucket on August 5, 1671. He first married Christian Condy, and after her death married Hope Gardner. He died August 27, 1749 and Hope died March 21, 1750. Their children were: **Bartlett, Lydia, Abner, Tristram, Robert, Peter, Margaret, Jerusha, Hannah and Joseph**.

MARY GARDNER born February 26, 1686. She married Matthew Jenkins on October 9, 1706.

ABIEL GARDNER born February 1, 1691/92. She married William Clasby, Senior of England on October 20, 1719.

Richard Gardner

Richard was born October 23, 1653 in Salem, Massachusetts. He married Mary Austin on May 17, 1674. Mary was a daughter of Joseph Austin and Sarah Starbuck Story (Sarah's second of three marriages).

Richard died May 8, 1728 and his will made no mention of Mary, so I assume she had died earlier.

Their children were:

PATIENCE GARDNER born June 29, 1675.

JOSEPH GARDNER born May 8, 1677 and died September 29, 1747. He married Ruth Coffin, daughter of James Coffin and Mary Severance.

SOLOMON GARDNER born July 1, 1680 and died June 17, 1760. He married Anna Coffin, daughter of Stephen Coffin and Mary Bunker.

BENJAMIN GARDNER born July 20, 1683 and died January 22, 1764. He married Hannah Coffin, daughter of John Coffin and Deborah Austin.

MIRIAM GARDNER born July 14, 1685 and died November 17, 1750. She married Samuel Coffin another son of John and Deborah.

PETER GARDNER born in 1686 and died May 28, 1767. He married Elizabeth Coffin, daughter of Enoch Coffin and Beulah Eddy.

LYDIA GARDNER born June 16, 1687 and died a year later on February 8, 1688.

LYDIA GARDNER born in 1689 and died April 1788. She married John Coffin, son of Jethro Coffin and Mary Gardner.

RICHARD GARDNER born about 1691 and died February 27, 1724/25. He married Leah Folger, daughter of Nathan Folger and Sarah Church.

WILLIAM GARDNER born about 1693 and died in 1739. He married Hepzibah Gardner on February 20, 1719. She was the widow of Peleg Gardner and the daughter of George Gardner and Eunice Starbuck.

Sarah Gardner

Sarah was born about 1655 in Salem, Massachusetts. She married Eleazer Folger (Senior) in 1671. He was a son of Peter Folger and Mary Morrell. He was born in 1648 in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard.

Eleazer was a prominent man on Nantucket and was a Town representative to the General Court in Boston. He died in 1716. I do not know when Sarah died.

Their children, all named Folger were:

ELEAZER FOLGER born July 2, 1672 and married to Bethiah Gardner and then to Mary Marshall.

PETER FOLGER born August 28, 1674 and married to Judith Coffin.

SARAH FOLGER born August 24, 1676 and married to Anthony Odar.

MARY FOLGER born February 14, 1684 and married to John Arthur.

NATHAN FOLGER born in 1678 and married to Sarah Church.

Deborah Gardner

Deborah was born December 12, 1658. She married John Macy in 1674. John was a son of Thomas Macy and Sarah Hopcott. He was born at Salisbury, Massachusetts on July 14, 1655. They were married on Nantucket.

They remained on Nantucket and John Macy died there on October 14, 1691. Some time after that Deborah remarried to Stephen Pease.

The children of John and Deborah Macy were:

JOHN MACY born in 1675 and married to Judith Worth, daughter of John and Miriam Worth.

SARAH MACY born April 3, 1677 and married to John Barnard, son of Nathaniel and Mary Barnard.

DEBORAH MACY born March 3, 1679 and married to Daniel Russell.

BETHIAH MACY born April 8, 1683 and married to Joseph Coffin, son of James and MaryCoffin and later to John Renuff.

JABEZ MACY born in 1684 and married to Sarah Starbuck, daughter of Jethro and Dorcas Starbuck.

MARY MACY born in 1685 and married to Solomon Coleman, son of John and Joanna Coleman.

THOMAS MACY born in 1687 and married to Deborah Coffin, daughter of John and Deborah Coffin.

RICHARD MACY born September 22, 1689, first married to Deborah Pinkham, daughter of Reuben and Mary Pinkham and later to Alice Paddack, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Paddack.

Damaris Gardner

Damaris was born November 21, 1662. I have no further information on her. She may well have died as a child.

James Gardner

James was born on May 19, 1664 in Salem, Massachusetts. He married four times. First to Mary Starbuck, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Starbuck. Mary was the first *'English'* child born on Nantucket. Second to Rachel Gardner, daughter of John Gardner, who was the widow of John Brown. Third to Patience Harker, widow of Ebenezer and a daughter of Peter and Mary Folger. Fourth to Mary Pinkham, widow of Richard Pinkham and a daughter of James and Mary Coffin.

James had seven children, by which wives I do not know, but mostly by Mary I would assume.

SAMUEL GARDNER married Hepzibah Coffin in 1707, daughter of Stephen and Mary Coffin. Then married to Patience Swain in 1710, a daughter of John and Mary Swain. Finally married to Mary Swain widow of John Swain 3rd and daughter of Moses and Mary Swett of Hampton.

JETHRO GARDNER married to Keziah Folger, daughter of Peter and Judith Folger, in 1716.

BARNABAS GARDNER married to Mary Wheeler of Boston in 1718.

JONATHAN GARDNER married to Patience Bunker, a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Bunker, in 1723.

ELIZABETH GARDNER married in 1703 to Stephen Gorham, son of John Gorham of Barnstable, Massachusetts.

MEHITABLE GARDNER married in 1724 to Phillip Pollard, a son of George and Mary Pollard.

JAMES GARDNER was born about 1700 and was married to Susannah Gardner, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail Gardner.

Miriam Gardner

Miriam was born about 1666 in Salem. She married John Worth on September 22, 1684 in Nantucket. John was a son of William Worth and Sarah Macy. John was born May 19, 1666 on Nantucket. Miriam died about 1700, and John moved to Martha's Vineyard where he married twice more. John died in 1724 on the Vineyard.

Their children were:

JONATHAN WORTH born October 31, 1685 and married, June 16, 1707, Mary Hussey, daughter of Stephen Hussey and Martha Bunker.

NATHANIEL WORTH born September 8, 1687 and was married on Martha's Vineyard.

JUDITH WORTH was born December 22, 1689. She married John Macy, son of John Macy and Deborah Gardner.

RICHARD WORTH was born May 27, 1692. He married Sarah Hoag, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hoag, on July 2, 1729.

WILLIAM WORTH was born November 27, 1694. He married Mary Butler, daughter of Thomas Butler.

JOSEPH WORTH was born in 1696. He married Lydia Gorham, daughter of Shubael Gorham and Puella Hussey.

MARY WORTH was born in 1698 and she married Ebenezer Barnard, son of Nathaniel Barnard and Mary Barnard.

Nathaniel Gardner

This is our direct lineage through his daughter, Judith, who married Benjamin Barnard.

Nathaniel was born on November 16, 1669 in Nantucket. He married in 1685 to Abigail Coffin. Abigail was a daughter of James Coffin and Mary Severance and was likewise born on Nantucket around 1670.

Nathaniel was a seaman and died in England in 1713. Abigail had died on Nantucket on May 15, 1709.

They had nine children, all born on Nantucket.

HANNAH GARDNER was born July 6, 1686 and died March 25, 1773. She married on November 19, 1706 to Jabez Bunker, son of William Bunker and Mary Macy. Jabez was born November 7, 1678 and died July 6, 1750. Their children were **Naomi, Samuel, Paul, Silas, Lydia, Abner, Benjamin, Hannah, Peter** and **Peleg Bunker**.

EBENEZER GARDNER born October 27, 1688 and died April 16, 1763. He married Eunice Coffin, daughter of Peter Coffin and Elizabeth Starbuck, on September 1, 1709. Eunice died, and Ebenezer remarried on April 28, 1720 to Judith Coffin, daughter of John Coffin and Hope Gardner. Judith died December 24, 1788. His children were; by Eunice: **Tristram, Abigail, Uriah** and **Eunice**; by Judith: **Anne, Peleg, Margaret, Joseph, Lydia, Susanna, Ebenezer** and **Judith**.

PELEG GARDNER born July 22, 1691 and died January 19, 1772. He married Hepzabth Gardner on September 23, 1714. She was a daughter of George Gardner and Eunice Starbuck.

JUDITH GARDNER was born October 28, 1693. She married Benjamin Barnard, son of Nathaniel Barnard and Mary Barnard. They were married on January 3, 1711 on Nantucket. She died September 16, 1765 and he died December 22, 1729. Their children were: **Timothy, Abigail, Ruth, Francis, John, Abashai, Nathaniel** and **Mary**. This is our lineage, through their son, Timothy, who married Mary Bunker. More details will be found in the preceding section on the *BARNARD FAMILY HISTORY*.

MARGARET GARDNER born January 28, 1695 and died July 16, 1727. She married Jonathan Folger, son of John Folger and Mary Barnard, on March 6, 1717. After Margaret's death, he married Deborah Bunker, widow of Benjamin Bunker and daughter of Joseph and Sarah Paddack. After Deborah died he married Susanna Paddack, widow of Daniel Paddack and daughter of Stephen Gorham. He died March 6, 1777. Their children, all by Margaret were: **Ruth, Dinah, Reuben, Abigail** and **Jonathan FOLGER**.

NATHANIEL GARDNER was born December 14, 1697 and died in July 1727. He married Mary Folger on September 15, 1725. She was a daughter of Peter Folger and Judith Coffin. Mary remarried on December 4, 1729 to Nathaniel Coleman, son of John and Priscilla Coleman. They had two children: **Nathaniel** and **Mary**.

ANDREW GARDNER born December 26, 1699 and died March 2, 1782. On September 1, 1721, he married Mary Gorham, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Gorham. Mary died

February 18, 1780. Their children were: **Christopher, Nathaniel, Thomas, Andrew, Solomon, Mary, Abigail, Elizabeth, Stephen, Josiah** and **Zachary**.

ABEL GARDNER born August 6, 1702 and died September 11, 1771. On November 18, 1723, he married Priscilla Coffin, daughter of James Coffin and Ruth Gardner his second wife. Priscilla was born June 3, 1708 and died April 27, 1792. Their children were: **Abigail, James, Phebe, Joshua, Elizabeth, Sarah, Eunice, Abel, Nathan, Priscilla, Shubael** and **Ephraim**.

SUSANNAH GARDNER born August 4, 1706 and died June 1781. She married on September 1, 1724 to James Gardner, son of James Gardner and Rachel (Gardner) Brown. James was born about 1700 and died April 10, 1776. Children were: **Rachel, Eliphalet, Deborah, Benjamin, Mehitable** and **James**.

Hope Gardner

Hope was born on Nantucket on November 16, 1669. She married John Coffin in about 1692 or 1693. John Coffin was a son of James Coffin and Mary Severance.

John died on July 1, 1747. I do not know when Hope died.

Their children, all born on Nantucket, were:

RICHARD COFFIN born August 12, 1694 and married to Ruth Bunker, daughter of Jonathan Bunker and Elizabeth Coffin. They were married November 20, 1718.

PELEG COFFIN born November 16, 1696.

JUDITH COFFIN born July 8, 1700 and married on April 28, 1719/20 to Ebenezer Gardner, son of Nathaniel and Abigail Gardner.

ELIAS COFFIN born August 18, 1702 and married to Love Coffin, daughter of Ebenezer and Eleanor Coffin, on January 15, 1728/29.

FRANCIS COFFIN born November 13, 1706 and married on November 2, 1727 to Theodate Gorham.

ABIGAIL COFFIN born October 21, 1708 and married on November 20, 1728 to Zaccheus Folger, son of John Folger and Mary Barnard.

Love Gardner

Love Gardner was born on Nantucket on May 2, 1672. She married James Coffin Junior in about 1690. James was a son of James Coffin and Mary Severance.

Love died about a year later, possibly in childbirth. Then James remarried on May 19, 1692 to Ruth Gardner, daughter of John Gardner and Priscilla Grafton. James Coffin died on August 2, 1741.

James and Love had one child, BENONI. James and Ruth had an additional eleven children. That complete family was covered in the **COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY**.