

THE MACY FAMILY

The original family name was probably Macie and may be traced to Normandy in France. When the family came to England is uncertain.

Our Macy Family comes from Chilmark in Wiltshire County, England. The first of the name to come to America was Thomas Macy. He was a leader in the Purchase of Nantucket and the first permanent English settler on the Island.

Thomas and Sarah Macy's daughter, Mary Macy, married William Bunker and thus became a part of our Canaday Lineage. The Macy family long remained in the Quaker faith. Rowland H. Macy, founder of the New York department store and of this line was a Quaker still at that time.

I will begin this history with Thomas Macy. I need only go two generations to tie into our line, but Starbuck's book contains several more generations for those that are interested.

THOMAS MACY

Thomas Macy was born in Wiltshire County, England in the town of Chilmark. He came to America and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts, where he was made a freeman on September 6, 1639.

In a very short while, he moved with a few others and was one of the original settlers of Salisbury, Massachusetts a few miles north of Newbury. In 1643, he was appointed one of the first seven selectmen of the new town.

It was about this time that he married Sarah Hopcott. Sarah was also born in England, but I do not know where. Their first child was born in 1644, so I would place the marriage in about 1642 or 1643, and it would have been most likely in Salisbury.

While living in Salisbury, he and more of our kinfolk got together and agreed to buy Nantucket Island. Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard were then owned by Thomas Mayhew. In an old letter, Thomas Macy refers to Mayhew as his '*cousin*.' Whether that was a literal statement or not is unknown. At any rate Thomas Mayhew was interested in selling the island and had never lived there. The ten original men were called '*The First Purchasers*' and took title in 1659.

Thomas Macy and Edward Starbuck seem to have made an inspection trip in the spring of 1659 and Thomas returned to be the first English settler in 1660 or early 1661. For some period, his was the only family other than Indians on the island.

Thomas and Sarah had seven children that were all born in Salisbury before leaving for Nantucket. Once on Nantucket, Thomas and Sarah remained there all their lives. He died there on April 19, 1682 and she died here in 1706.

The following is what I know of their children.

Sarah Macy

There were two children named Sarah. The first born was named Sarah and was born July 9, 1644 and died several months later. They named their second born Sarah as well.

This second Sarah was born August 1, 1646. She married William Worth on April 1, 1665 on Nantucket. William was born in England in about 1640. He came to Nantucket as a '*Half Share Man*' in 1662 to be a sailor.

William Worth was elected selectman five times on the island and was a magistrate and clerk for many other years.

Sarah and William had only one son. She died in 1701. William married twice again before he died in 1724.

JOHN WORTH was born May 19, 1666. He married Miriam Gardner, daughter of Richard Gardner and Sarah Shattuck. They were married September 22, 1684. Miriam died about 1700, and John moved to Martha's Vineyard where he married twice again. The children were: **Jonathan, Nathaniel, Judith, Richard, William, Joseph** and **Mary**.

Mary Macy

This is our line. Mary was born December 4, 1648 and she married William Bunker on April 11, 1669. William Bunker was born June 17, 1648 in Tingrith, England. He was a son of George Bunker and Jane Godfrey.

William died on Nantucket on June 6, 1712 and Mary died there, I believe, in 1729.

Their children were: **GEORGE, JOHN, JONATHAN, PELEG, JABEZ, THOMAS, BENJAMIN** and probably some daughters, all last name **BUNKER**.

Complete information on this family is in the BUNKER FAMILY HISTORY of this work.

Bethiah Macy

Bethiah was born in 1650. She married Joseph Gardner on March 30, 1670. Joseph was a son of Richard Gardner and Sarah Shattuck. Bethiah died in 1732 and I have no date for Joseph.

Their children were: **SARAH PADDACK, DAMARIS BARNARD, BETHIAH FOLGER, DEBORAH, HOPE COFFIN, MARY JENKINS** and **ABIEL CLASBY**.

More details may be found in the GARDNER FAMILY HISTORY.

Thomas Macy

Thomas was born on September 22, 1653. He died unmarried on December 3, 1675 at the age of twenty-two.

John Macy

John Macy was born on July 14, 1655. He married Deborah Gardner. She was born December 12, 1658 and was a daughter of Richard Gardner and Sarah Shattuck.

They remained on Nantucket. John died there on October 14, 1691. Deborah remarried to Stephen Pease and died sometime afterwards.

Their eight children were:

JOHN MACY JR. born in 1675 and died January 28, 1751. He married Judith Worth, daughter of John Worth and Miriam Gardner. Judith was born December 22, 1689 and died January 8, 1767. Their children were: **Miriam, Silvanus, Seth, Elias, David, Anna, Bethiah, John, Judith, Jonathan, William, Sarah and Abigail.**

SARAH MACY was born April 3, 1677 and died March 18, 1748. She married John Barnard, son of Nathaniel Barnard and Mary Barnard. He was born February 24, 1670. Their children were: **Jemima, Robert, Matthew, Samuel and Hannah Barnard.**

DEBORAH MACY was born March 3, 1679 and died August 16, 1742. She married Daniel Russell.

BETHIAH MACY was born April 8, 1683 and died June 6, 1738. She married Joseph Coffin, son of James Coffin and Mary Severance. He was born February 4, 1680 and died September 14, 1719. Bethiah remarried to John Renuff. Their children were: **Micah, Eunice, Zaccheus, Hezekiah, Jedidah, Miriam and Mary.**

JABEZ MACY was born in 1683 and died August 6, 1776. He married Sarah Starbuck, daughter of Jethro Starbuck and Dorcas Gayer. Sarah was born December 20, 1697 and died October 27, 1789. Their children were: **George, Eunice, Dorcas, Jethro, Daniel, Matthew, Lydia, Sarah and Jabez.**

MARY MACY was born in 1685 and died June 27, 1717. She married Solomon Coleman, son of John Coleman and Joanna Folger. They were married on November 1, 1711. After Mary's death in 1717, he married Deliverance Swett on October 20, 1718. Solomon and Mary had one child, **Abigail** who married Zephaniah Coffin. By Deliverance his other children were: **Daniel, Elizabeth, Christopher, Peleg, Hepzibah, George, Francis and Solomon.**

THOMAS MACY was born in 1687 and died March 16, 1759. He married Deborah Coffin on June 18, 1708. Deborah was a daughter of John Coffin and Deborah Austin. She died on September 23, 1760. Their children were: **Joseph, Robert, Love, Francis, Nathaniel, Lydia, Elizabeth, Thomas, Deborah, Anna and Hepzibah.**

RICHARD MACY was born September 22, 1689 and died December 25, 1779. He was twice married. First on November 8, 1711 to Deborah Pinkham, daughter of Reuben and Mary Pinkham. Second on June 8, 1769 to Alice Paddack, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Paddack. Their children were: **Lydia, Zaccheus, Abraham, Mary, Caleb, Judith, Ruth, Hannah, Richard, Priscilla** and **Benjamin**.