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THREE GREAT-MIGRATION GENTLEWOMEN

Sisters Margaret (Gentleman) Ibrook, Susan (Gentleman)
(Hunter) Hollingsworth, and Joan (Gentleman) (Herrington)
Youngs of Southwold, Suffolk, and Massachusetts

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Richard¹ Hollingsworth and his wife, Susan (Gentleman) (Hunter), early settlers in Salem, Massachusetts, were somehow related to the family of Richard¹ and Margaret (—) Ibrook, early residents of Hingham, Massachusetts. Their family connection was noted in a court record in Essex County, Massachusetts, dated 1664, located by John C. Brandon of Columbia, South Carolina. The record indicates that Mr. Jeremiah Hubbard/Hobart, a grandson of Richard and Margaret Ibrook, was a kinsman of Elizabeth (Hunter) Woodbury, granddaughter of Susan (Gentleman) (Hunter) Hollingsworth.¹ A search of records in Southwold, Suffolk, the English home of the Ibrook, Hunter, and Hollingsworth families, has identified the connection. The will of Thomas Gentleman of Southwold, dated 27 December 1598 (quoted below), is relevant. Gentleman mentioned five unmarried daughters, including Susan and Margaret; his father-in-law and supervisor, John Cocke; and his wife and executrix, Christian.

One of Christian's close relatives also left a relevant will. John Cock of Southwold, merchant, made his will on 22 May 1614, by which he divided his unbequeathed goods among six women: Margaret, wife of Richard Eybrook; Agnes, wife of Thomas Moore; Elizabeth, wife of Robert Hatchett; Joan, wife of Robert Herrington; Susan Gentleman; and Ellen, daughter of Thomas Harrison. The local parish registers show that the maiden name of three of these four married women—Agnes, Elizabeth, and Joan—was *Gentleman* (for Margaret Ibrook, the fourth, no marriage record has been found). It is clear that the four married women, plus the unmarried Susan Gentleman, were all daughters of Thomas Gentleman, the testator of 1598. Ellen Harrison, the last-named beneficiary, was a half sister of the other five, a daughter of Christian (Cock) Gentleman by her second marriage to

¹ *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 9 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911-75), 3:224-25, also discussed in Leslie Mahler, "The English Origin of the Hunter and Hollingsworth Families of Salem, Massachusetts: In-Laws of Richard¹ More of the *Mayflower*," TAG 78(2003):241-44, at 242.

Thomas Harrison. Although he did not specify his relationship to the beneficiaries, John Cock, the testator, was almost certainly either their grandfather or uncle—the father or brother of Christian (Cock) (Gentleman) Harrison.

Three of the Gentleman sisters participated in the Great Migration, and their close connection and ancestry had not previously been known. Margaret and Susan emigrated to Massachusetts in 1635, settling in Hingham and Salem, respectively. Their sister Joan had died by 1632, but her husband and children crossed in 1637, settling also (at first) in Salem.

Fleshing out this Gentleman family is difficult because the extant Southwold parish registers begin in 1602. There were a number of people with the same surname in this locale, on whom the existing probate records shed a helpful, though incomplete, light. They show that this Gentleman family resided in the nearby parish of Dunwich, Suffolk, before moving to Southwold.² The first traceable ancestor of these Gentleman sisters is Thomas^D Gentleman.

¹ THOMAS^D GENTLEMAN was born say 1440 and died between 30 April and 20 May 1491 (dates of will and probate), probably in Dunwich (residence given in his will). He married first, MARGERY — (next to whose grave he requested to be buried), and subsequently CHRISTIAN —, who survived him. Thomas “Jentleman” was a bailiff of Dunwich in 1485.³

The will of “Thome Jentylman de donewico” was dated 30 April 1491 and proved 20 May 1491. By it he requested

to be buried by wife Margerie; to the high altar of St. John the Baptist 3s. 4d.; for the reparation of said church 6s. 8d.; to wife Christian my tenements and lands pertaining to them for her widowhood, except a tenement called Wynttye which is to be sold, the money to be used for my soul; if wife remarries or dies, my principal tenement to go to son Robert the elder and his heirs; if he dies without issue, then to son John the younger for his life; if he dies, then to son Thomas for his life; if he dies, then to son William for his life; if he dies, then to son Robert the younger for his life; if they all die, then the tenement to be sold by executors, half of the money to go to the reparation of the church of St. John and the other half to go for masses for my soul and the souls of Margery and Christian my wives; to wife Christian my nets and household [items] for her widowhood; after her death or remarriage, half my said nets to be divided among my children (Robert the elder, John the younger, Thomas, William, Robert the younger, Margaret the younger,

² There were Gentlemen in Dunwich since at least the early 1400s. Mark Bailey, ed., *The Bailiffs' Minute Book of Dunwich 1404-1430*, Suffolk Records Soc., 34 (Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1992), contains many references to Robert and John “Jentylman” as minor officials and property owners throughout the period in question (Robert appearing in records from 1404 to 1427, and John in records from 1410 through 1430).

³ Thomas Gardner, *An Historical Account of Dunwich, Antiently a City, Now a Borough; Blithburgh; . . . Southwold; . . .* (London, 1754), 80.

and Joan the younger); to wife Christian 6 silver spoons, the rest to be divided evenly among my children; to wife Christian my masyr [goblet] and a piece of silver; after wife's death or remarriage, my boat and set-net and "toknett" to go to eldest son Robert; to son Robert the elder bedding (described); to wife Christian tenement late purchased from John Alderych in the market of Dunwich for her life, then to go the parish church of St. John Baptist, they to sing 30 masses every year for my soul and the souls I am bound to pray for and to maintain it, otherwise to go to the parish of All Saints, they to perform the associated duties; my said close lying by the temple to remain to my new tenement called "Wynkkys" upon condition that whoever owns the tenement keeps my obit yearly in the parish of St. John aforesaid, with a value of at least 2s., otherwise to go to the parish (same conditions); to son William tenement late Wrytes when 20; if he dies without issue, then to son Robert the younger (if he dies without issue then to be sold and the money to go towards the reparation of the church of St. John); to daughter Margaret the younger tenement called Morys at her marriage (if she dies before, to be sold and money to be distributed by executors); principle tenement to pay rent of 2d. yearly to Morys; to son John the younger tenement called Wynkkys and the close pertaining to it when 20 and married (if he dies without issue then to be sold, the money to go to the church of St. John); to son Thomas tenement called Wynddes (if he dies without issue then to be sold, half of the money going to church of St. John and half for masses for my soul); said sons to receive tenements when they are 20; to son Robert the younger my principle tenement when 20 (if he dies before then money to be disposed of by executors); to daughter Joan the younger 5 marks out of the said tenement for her marriage (if she dies before then, money for my soul); to son John the elder clothing (described), if he troubles or gainsays my will he is to have nothing; executors son John Gentyelman the elder and William Howarde.⁴

Children of Thomas^D Gentleman (order and maternity uncertain):

- i JOHN GENTLEMAN, styled "the elder" in his father's will, of which he was executor. "Johannes Jentleman" was a bailiff of Dunwich in 1506-7, 1511, 1513-14, 1517-18, and 1522.⁵ There were two John Gentlemans taxed in Dunwich in 1524, probably either this man and his brother, or one of the brothers and a son.⁶
- ii ROBERT GENTLEMAN, styled "the elder" in his father's will. Either this man or his younger brother of the same name was taxed in Dunwich in 1524.⁷ The will of Robert "Jentlman" of Dunwich, proved between

⁴ Norwich Consistory Court, 20:124 [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #94869].

⁵ Gardner, *Historical Account* [note 3], 81.

⁶ *Suffolk in 1524, Being the Return for a Subsidy Granted in 1523*, Suffolk Green Books, 10 (Woodbridge, 1910), 115: John Jentyelman (£2 on £40 in goods) and John Jentyelman junior (1s. on £2 13s. 4d. in goods). Both of them were listed in the anticipation for Dunwich (the wealthier people from whom payment of the subsidy was expected sooner), p. 409: John Gentilman (supposed worth of £50) and John Gentyelman (supposed worth of £40).

⁷ *Suffolk in 1524* [note 6], 115: Robert Jentyelman (£1 on £20 in goods).

- 1525 and 1527, is lost.⁸ This testator is doubtless the Robert Jentylman who was buried in the church of the Grey Friars in Dunwich in 1525.⁹
- iii JOHN GENTLEMAN (again), b. after 1471 (under 20 in his father's will); styled "the younger" in his father's will. Either he or his brother John "the elder" was perhaps the "John Gentyllman of downwyche . . . thelder sycke in bodye" who left a will made 12 Feb. 1552/3 and proved 30 March 1553.¹⁰
 - 2 iv THOMAS^C GENTLEMAN, b. say 1485; m. ELIZABETH —.
 - v WILLIAM GENTLEMAN, b. after 1471 (under 20 in his father's will). He was perhaps the William "Gentyllman" who was taxed in Sizewell, Suffolk (close to Dunwich), in 1524.¹¹
 - vi ROBERT GENTLEMAN (again), b. after 1471 (under 20 in his father's will); styled "the younger" in his father's will.
 - vii MARGARET GENTLEMAN, styled "the younger" in her father's will.
 - viii JOAN GENTLEMAN, styled "the younger" in her father's will.

2 THOMAS^C GENTLEMAN (*Thomas*^D), born say 1485, died between 13 August and 6 October 1540 (date and probate of his will), probably in Dunwich. His wife, to whom he was married by say 1510, was ELIZABETH —. She survived him and married, second, by 1547, William Suckling, as his second wife, and survived him also.¹² Twice widowed, Elizabeth (—) (Gentleman) Suckling made her own will on 16 September 1558, as noted below.

⁸ His will is in the index at the head of volume 9 of the registered wills of Suffolk Archdeaconry Court (covering years 1525–27) [FHL film #96912], where it is indicated as on f. 227. Unfortunately the latter half of the volume (including this will) is missing, at least on film.

⁹ Gardner, *Historical Account* [note 3], 60.

¹⁰ Archdeaconry of Suffolk registered wills, 16:482 [FHL film #96916]. He requested burial in the churchyard of St. John's, Dunwich; relatives named were wife Margaret and son John (executor); other legatees were Richard Rowland, Thomas Marshley, John Grene the younger, Christian Grene, and Richard Watson; witnesses were John Harrison the elder, Richard Watson, and Thomas Gray, priest. The will of John's widow, "Margaret Gentyllman of Downwyche wedowe sycke in body," was made 20 May 1553 and proved 7 June 1553 (Archdeaconry of Suffolk registered wills, 16:513 [FHL film #96916]); in it she mentioned her first husband, "John Holydaye"; relatives named were children John Gentleman (executor), Thomas Holiday (and his daughter Margaret), and Alice (wife of John Cullhin and mother of Christian and probably John Cullhin the younger); other legatees were Richard Sexton, Isabel Nevy (goddaughter), Margaret Cannell, Joan Payne, and Agnes Wiston; witnesses were "Master" Nicholas Hasborow (bailiff of Dunwich), "Master" John Harrison, Richard Watson, John Cullhin, and William James.

¹¹ *Suffolk in 1524* [note 6], 111: 1s. 6d. on £3 in goods.

¹² The Suckling family is discussed in Joseph James Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families: Being the County Visitations and Other Pedigrees*, 2 vols. (Exeter, 1908), 2:181–83. An extract of the will of William Suckling appears there (dated 6 March 1547[/8], proved [16 May] 1548; registered will in Consistory Court of Norwich 55:167 [FHL #94889]). In it he named (among others) his wife Elizabeth; his children James, Robert, Ele, and Felice; and his wife's children Thomas Jentylman and William Jentylman. The will of his widow, Elizabeth Suckling, also is

Thomas Gentleman was taxed in Dunwich in 1524.¹³

The will of “Thomas Gentylman of Donwich in the p[ar]ishe of saynt John baptist” was dated 13 August 1540 and proved 6 October 1540. By it he requested

to be buried in parish church of St. John the Baptist; to the high altar of said church 3s. 4d. for tithes forgotten; for reparation of the said church, breaking the ground there, 6s. 8d.; to wife Elizabeth principle messuage for her widowhood, then to son Thomas and his heirs; to wife Elizabeth tenement in the market purchased from the church wardens of St. John’s for her life, then to son William and his heirs; to wife Elizabeth tenement “late [Sosemers?],” she to sell it to pay for expenses if needed, otherwise to son William and his heirs; if son Thomas dies without children then principle messuage to son William; if son William dies without children then the house in the market to go to son Thomas; if both sons die without issue and before wife, all three tenements to be sold by wife and supervisor for charitable purposes; to wife Elizabeth all movables and household items for her widowhood, then to be divided between my two children (held by executors and supervisor until they come of age); to each godchild a cow; residue to executors (wife Elizabeth and sons Thomas and William); supervisor William Clampe; witnesses Peter Stanway, parish priest, and Robert Wyldis.¹⁴

The will of Elizabeth (—) (Gentleman) Suckling of Southwold, widow, was dated 16 September 1558. She requested to be buried in the churchyard of Southwold “next the grave where William Sucklyng, my late husband, lyeth buried.” She named her sons Thomas Jentelman and William Jentelman, giving them among other things “my halfe shippe called the ‘Edward’” and “my halfe parte of my Corye [probably *carvel*, a light merchant ship] called the Marye”; she also named Elizabeth Jentelman, daughter of son Thomas, Joan (Johan), wife of son Thomas, Margaret, wife of son William, John Jentelman, oldest son of son William, and Thomas Jentelman, son of son Thomas.¹⁵

transcribed in Muskett, p. 183, following which is a pedigree chart drawn from these two wills, the 1562 will of William Gentleman (see below), and the 1567 suit of *Suckling v. Gentleman* (citing “Chan. Proc., series ii, 167–26,” i.e. The National Archives [U.K.] [TNA], C 3/167/26). As shown in this chart, the first husband of Elizabeth was “William Gentleman, of Southwold,” clearly a mistake for this Thomas Gentleman. The first wife of William Suckling, indicated as unknown in the pedigree chart, was apparently a daughter of Richard Colford. In a related suit, abstracted in the TNA Discovery Catalogue from TNA C 1/1462/62–69, plaintiffs Thomas Pryme of Halesworth, Ele his wife, and John Flycke, sued Elizabeth Sucklyng, stepmother of the said Ele, and William Jentylman her son, over a mesuage in Southwold “late of Richard Colford, deceased, grandfather of the said Ele and John” (date 1556–1558).

¹³ *Suffolk in 1524* [note 6], 117: Thomas Jentylman (13s. 6d. on £3 in goods).

¹⁴ Archdeaconry of Suffolk registered wills, 13:29 [FHL film #96913].

¹⁵ Extracted in Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families* [note 12], 2:183 (see above). This will has apparently been lost; it is not listed in indexes to any of the relevant probate courts.

Children of Thomas^C and Elizabeth^A (—) Gentleman:

- i THOMAS GENTLEMAN, b. ca. 1511, bur. Southwold, 30 July 1609;¹⁶ m. (1) JOAN — (named in the 1558 will of Elizabeth Suckling); m. (2) Dunwich, 21 May 1565, MARGARET GREEN.¹⁷ Thomas “Jentilman” was taxed in Southwold in 1568.¹⁸ He was named in the wills of his father, stepfather, and mother (in her will his mother also named his wife Joan and son Thomas).¹⁹ Tobias Gentleman, one of the children of Thomas, “was instrumental in reviving and successfully establishing the Royal Fisheries. He wrote a pamphlet entitled ‘England’s Way to Win Wealth, and the Employ Ships and Mariners,’ dated 1614.”²⁰
- 3 ii WILLIAM^B GENTLEMAN, b. say 1515; an executor of his father’s will.

3 WILLIAM^B GENTLEMAN (Thomas^C, Thomas^D) was born say 1515. He died between 8 March and 30 April 1562 (date and probate of will). He married, say 1540, MARGARET BALDEN, who was the executrix of his will. She was daughter of Henry Balden of Southwold (see his will below).

William Gentleman and his father-in-law, Henry Balden, were the bailiffs of Southwold in 1561.²¹

¹⁶ Lucy Dubois Akerly, “Southwold, the English Home of Rev. John Yonges, of Southold, Long Island, New York,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* [NYGBR] 35 (1904):93–101, esp. 98: “1609, July, Thomas Jentilman was buried the 30 day. He lived above four score yeares in pfect sight and memorie, and in his flourishing time for building of shippes and many other commendable parts he continued in his place unmatched’ [citing *Southwold Parish Register*]; ‘Thomas Gentleman lived to the advanced age of 98 years. He was born in Southwold in 1511, and died in 1609, having been Bailiff in 1564, ’72, ’86, ’96, and 1604’ [citing Wake’s *Hist. of Southwold and Harleian Miscellany*, 3:385].” The quote from the Southwold Parish Register also appears in Gardner, *Historical Account* [note 3], 211; and Thomas is included in the list of bailiffs as given (except for 1586) on 245–46.

¹⁷ Thomas M. Blagg, ed., *Suffolk Parish Registers: Marriages*, vol. 4 (London, 1931), 99 (Dunwich St. Peter marriages): Thomas Jentleman & Margaret Grene. The will of Margaret’s father, “Andrew Grene of Dunwiche . . . mercer,” was dated 18 Aug. 1566 and proved 7 Oct. 1566 (PCC wills, Crymes [1566], quire 26, f. 436; TNA PROB 11/48/436); in it he named (among others) “Thomas Gentleman of Southwold and Margaret his wife my daughter.” Andrew Green was an M.P. for Dunwich in 1555 (historyofparliamentonline.org).

¹⁸ *Suffolk in 1568, Being the Return for a Subsidy Granted in 1566*, Suffolk Green Books 12 (Bury St. Edmunds, 1909), 63: taxed on £16 in goods.

¹⁹ The son “Thomas Jentilman the Yonger of Sowthwolde . . . merchant” made his will 12 Aug. 1587, proved 26 Oct. 1587 (PCC wills, Spencer [1587], quire 58, f. 146; TNA PROB 11/71/146). He named wife Dorothy (executrix), children Richard, William, and Martha, and father, Thomas Jentilman (supervisor).

²⁰ Akerly, “Southwold” [note 16], 98. Sketches of this Tobias Gentleman, “mariner and writer,” are in *Dictionary of National Biography*, (1st) Supplement, vol. 2 (London, 1901), 273; and *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online ed. (2004).

²¹ Joan Corder, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolk, 1561*, 2 vols., Harleian Soc. Pubs., new ser., 2–3 (London, 1981–84), 2:386: “at which tyme weare baylyffs Henrye Bowldon and Wyllyam Gentleman.”

The will of “Willm Gentleman of Sowthwolde within the dyoces of Norwiche, beyng sicke in bodye” was dated 8 March 1561[¹/₂] and proved 30 April 1562. In it he asked

to be buried in Southwold churchyard (“Churche earthe”); gave to the poor box of Southwold 20s.; to wife Margaret my houses and lands for her life, then to son John Gentleman and his heirs; to wife Margaret half ship called the *Edward* with her apparel and tackle “payenge from her therfore [£20] towards the performance of my mothers laste will and testament”; to wife Margaret my “Fortle” boat called the *Margaret* with her apparel and tackle; to said Margaret my cart and six cart horses with their harness; to said Margaret half ship called the *Mary* with her apparel and tackle “payenge from her tenne poundes to the performance of this my laste will and testament”; said sum of money to be paid to my father-in-law Henry Bolden to hold in custody; my quarter of the *Michell* to be sold either when ready rigged by me or my executrix or after her return from Iceland by my brother Thomas Gentleman, all my part of her poundage fish and ship’s dole and interest to remain the hands of brother Thomas for the performance of this will and for the discharge of anything owed to Thomas Pine and John Flicke, he to be in bond to my wife; half of my fisher called the *Elisabeth* to be sold for £10 to William Claye the elder, the money to remain in the custody of my father-in-law Henry Bolden for the performance of my will, he to be in bond to my wife; to son William £10 in the custody of said father-in-law Henry Bolden when 18; to daughter Elisabeth £10 when 17 (money in custody of said father-in-law Henry Bolden); to daughter Joan £10 in the custody of my brother Thomas Gentleman when 17; to son Thomas £10 in the custody of my brother Thomas Gentleman when 18; if any child dies, their portion to be divided among surviving siblings; if all children die, then half of the £40 to go to children of brother Thomas and other half to the poor of Southwold; to brother Thomas Gentleman best gown and such things I have laid out towards the making of the new ship, and those things fit for her; to the children of my brother Thomas 40s. each; to my father-in-law’s children 20s. each; to my servants and apprentices 10s. each; to kinswoman Christian Bonnye 20s.; to John Gardener the money he owes me; to father-in-law Henry Boldon second gown; all such goods as I received from the late William Joyes, departed, that I have not yet distributed, to be paid by my executrix according to his will and testament;²² half of residue to wife, Margaret, and other half to my children, equally divided (sons at 18 and daughters at 17), wife, Margaret, to be in bond to my brother Thomas Gentleman if she remarries; wife, Margaret, executrix; supervisor brother Thomas Gentleman; witnesses Andrew Grene, Henry Boldon, William Claye elder, and Robert Wilde.²³

The will of William^B Gentleman’s father-in-law, “Henrie Balden of Southwolde in the dioces of Norwiche sicke in bodie,” was dated 5 December 1562 and proved 5 March 1562[¹/₃]. By it he asked

to be buried in “the Churche earthe” of Southwold; to the poor box 5s.; houses and lands to wife Joan for her life, then to son Henry Bolden; to wife Joan tackle house at the woods

²² He and his brother Thomas (“Thomas Jentilman and William Jentilman of Southwold, yeomen”) were the executors of the will of William Joye of Southwold, merchant, made 14 May 1559, proved 30 May 1559 (PCC wills, Chaynay [1559], quire 12, f. 92; TNA PROB 11/42B/92).

²³ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, 20:346 [FHL film #96921].

end; if son Henry dies without heirs before wife Joan, houses and lands to go to her to do with as she sees fit; to wife Joan my part of the ship called the *Valentine* and her apparel; to wife Joan my “dogger” boat and my “thirtle” boat with their apparel; to daughter Agnes £5 when married; to daughter Isabel £5 when married; to son Henry best gown and a “mansare” of 12-20 nets; to daughter Agnes the same amount of nets, and a “mansare” of sparling nets; to daughter Isabel the same; to Margaret Gentleman’s children 6s. 8d. apiece; to daughter Ele’s children 6s. 8d. apiece; residue to wife Joan, she to be executrix; witnesses John Mermene, Robert Barker, and Thomas Hornbeke.²⁴

Children of William^B and Margaret (Balden) Gentleman:

- i JOHN GENTLEMAN, named in his father’s will and in the 1598 will of his brother Thomas.
- ii WILLIAM GENTLEMAN, b. after 1544 (under 18 in his father’s will); named in the 1598 will of his brother Thomas.
- iii ELIZABETH GENTLEMAN, b. after 1545 (under 17 in her father’s will); m. — LIONS. Named in 1598 will of her brother Thomas.
- iv JOAN GENTLEMAN, b. after 1545 (under 17 in her father’s will).
- 4 v THOMAS^A GENTLEMAN, b. after 1544 (under 18 in his father’s will); m. CHRISTIAN COCK.

4 THOMAS^A GENTLEMAN (*William^B, Thomas^C, Thomas^D*) was born after 1544 and died between 27 December 1598 and 10 March 1598/9 (will and probate). He married, say 1580, CHRISTIAN COCK, daughter of John Cock. Christian (Cock) Gentleman married second, in Somerleyton, Suffolk, 3 June 1600, Thomas Harrison.²⁵ She was deceased by 3 October 1612, when administration of her estate was given to Robert Hatchet and his wife Elizabeth Hatchet *alias* Gentleman, daughter of Christian.²⁶

The will of “Thomas Gentleman inr [junior]²⁷ of Sowthwolde in the County of Suff[olk] and Dioc[ese] of Norwiche Marchaunte beinge sicke in bodie” was written 27 December 1598, and proved 10 March 1598[/9]. He gave

“to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of Sowthwolde aforesaide to the use of the same poore twentie shillings. Item I give and bequeathe unto Christian my welbeloved wyfe my Tennament wherein I nowe dwell with the appurtenaunces for tearme of

²⁴ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, 20:390 [FHL film #96921].

²⁵ Somerleyton, Suffolk, parish registers [FHL film #1545131, items 26–29]. They had at least two children: Ellen Harrison, named in John Cock’s will, and Mary Harrison, whose baptism was recorded in Southwold, 18 March 1606, and who d. apparently before John Cock wrote his will (Southwold parish registers, as indexed at ancestry.com). Thomas Harrison m. (2) Somerleyton, 12 April 1614, Margaret Gardner.

²⁶ Norwich Consistory Court admons., 1605–1626, f. 134r [FHL film #1595563]: administration of the estate of Christian Gentleman *alias* Harrison, widow and executrix of Thomas Gentleman of Southwold.

²⁷ Doubtless called “junior” to distinguish him from his uncle Thomas Gentleman, who, though older, survived him by ten years.

her naturall lief. And I will that after her decease the same tennament with the appurtenances shall wholie remaine and come to my daughters Agnes Elizabeth Joan and Susan and my Childe now in the wombe of the saide Christian my wife and to their heires and Assignes foreve[r].” If any of the said five children die without lawful issue, their part to be divided equally among the survivors. Daughter Margaret and the aforesaid five children were given twenty pounds each at their day of marriage or age of eighteen. If any of them die before receiving payment, their part to be divided among the survivors. To “my Father in lawe John Cock my goulde Ringe I doe use to weare[.] Item I doe give unto my brothe[r] John Jentelman three Aungells of golde to make him a Ringe. Item I doe give and bequeath unto my brothe[r] William Jentelman my best hatt my best gowne my best cloake my best dublett and my best paire of breeches. Item I doe give unto henrie Bolden als Liven all my other apparrell beinge Clokes Dubletts and breeches whatsoever and tenn shillings in monie[.] Item I doe give unto my Sister Elizabeth Lions twentie shillings & twoe herringe nettes[.] Item I doe give unto Isabell Croofoote twentie shillings[.] Item I give unto William Shepwarde tenn shillings.” To his wife, Christian, the executrix of his will, all and singular, his moveable goods, chattels and cattles unbequeathed, towards the bringing up of their children. The supervisor was his said father-in-law, John Cocke. If Christian died before the children reached their ages of eighteen, then the said John Cocke and William Gentleman were to be the executors, to divide his said wife’s part amongst the children equally, and brother William Gentleman, “my partener” John Cooke [*sic*—apparently not his father-in-law], and “my cosen John Jacksonne” were to act as guardians for the three youngest children. William Cock senior, William Barker, and William Kible were witnesses.²⁸

Over a decade after Thomas^A Gentleman had died, his daughters received legacies by the will of John Cock of Southwold, who was either their grandfather or their mother’s brother. The will of “John Cock of Southwold in the County of Suff[olk] merchant being sick of body” was dated 22 May 1614 and proved 28 May 1614. By it he gave

forty shillings which John Sparke owed him by bond to be given among the poor, and to be used for his funeral expenses. He gave “unto Elizabeth Eybrook and Christian Eybrooke the daughters of Richard Eybrooke of Southwold aforesaid marchant to each of them two silver spones to be delyvered unto them by the hands of myne Executors[.] Item I doe give and bequeth unto Marye Moore and Christian Moore the dawghters of Thomas Moore of Somerleytowne in the County of Suff[olk] aforesayd yeoman to each of them two silver spoones to be delyvered unto them by the hands of my Executors[.] Item I doe gyve and bequeth unto Richard Eybrooke and Thomas Harrison of Southwold aforesayd marchants to each of them a stoned pot tipped with silver[.] Item also I doe gyve and bequeth unto the sayd Richard Eybrooke and Thomas Harrison all my apparrell whatsoever to be equally devyded and parted betwene them[.] Item I doe gyve and bequeth unto Robert Dycer for writing of this my Last will and testament ten shillings to be payd unto him by the hands of my Executors.” The rest of his goods, household stuff, implements, cattles and chattels unbequeathed were to be equally divided among “Margaret Eybrooke the wyfe of Richard Eybrook Agnes Moore the wyfe of Thomas Moore Elizabeth Hatchet the wife of Robert Hatchett Joan Herrington the wife of Robert Herrington Susan Jentleman and El-

²⁸ PCC wills, Kidd (1599), quire 22, f. 162; TNA PROB 11/93/201.

len Harrison the daughter of Thomas Harrison” by the hands of his executors, Richard Eybrooke and Thomas Harrison. Robert Julyan and Robert Dycer were witnesses.²⁹

Children of Thomas^A and Christian (Cock) Gentleman:³⁰

- i AGNES GENTLEMAN, b. by 1583; m. Somerleyton, Suffolk, 17 Jan. 1603[/4], THOMAS MOORE.³¹ They had at least three children, including *Mary Moore* and *Christian Moore*, named in the 1614 will of John Cock.³²
- ii MARGARET¹ GENTLEMAN, b. by 1587, d. Hingham, Mass., 3 April 1664; m. by 1607, RICHARD¹ IBROOK. They were first of record in Hingham in 1635, when Richard was granted land there. Richard d. Hingham, [14] Nov. 1651. They had four daughters who lived to marry.³³
- iii ELIZABETH GENTLEMAN, b. by 1592; m. Southwold, 12 Oct. 1612, ROBERT HATCHETT. They were granted administration of the estate of Elizabeth’s mother in 1612 (see above).
- iv JOAN GENTLEMAN, b. by 1593; m. (1) Southwold, 7 March 1613, ROBERT HERRINGTON; m. (2) Southwold, 25 July 1622, Rev. JOHN¹ YOUNGS. Joan died in the adjacent parish of Covehithe, Suffolk, 5 Oct. 1631.³⁴ Known child with Herrington: 1. *Robert Herrington*, bp. Southwold, 1 Oct. 1616.³⁵ Children with Youngs (2–3 bp. Southwold): 2. *John Youngs*, bp. 10 April 1623; m. (1) Mary Gardner; m. (2) Hannah (Wines) (Nichols) (Elton) Tooker. 3. *Thomas Youngs*, bp. 1 May 1625. 4. *Anne Youngs*, b. say 1626. 5. *Rachel Youngs*, bp. Redisham, Suffolk, 3 April 1627. 6. *Elizabeth Youngs*, bp. Covehithe, Suffolk, 6 May 1629, bur.

²⁹ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, vol. 47, f. 130 [FHL film #96948].

³⁰ Southwold marriages are from Southwold, Suffolk, parish registers [FHL film #1658096, items 7–15]. The registers commence in 1602, so do not contain any baptismal records for these known children or for the child noted *in utero* in Thomas’s will of 1598.

³¹ Somerleyton, Suffolk, parish registers [FHL film #1545131, items 26–29].

³² “Marye daughter to Thomas More and Agnes his wife” was bp. Somerleyton, 23 Sept. 1610; “Christian Daughter to Thomas Moore and Agnes his wyfe” was bp. there, 28 Dec. 1613; and Christian Moore (doubtless the second daughter) was bur. there, 15 May 1615 (Somerleyton, Suffolk, parish registers [FHL film #1545131, items 26–29]). They had an another daughter: “Anne the daughter of Thomas More,” bur. Somerleyton, 19 April 1609.

³³ Robert Charles Anderson et al., *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*, 7 vols. (Boston, 1999–2011), 3:380–84.

³⁴ Hal Bradley, “William¹ Brown of Salem, Massachusetts, and the Youngs Family of Suffolk, England, and Southold, Long Island: Additional English Sources on Their Connection,” TAG 88(2016):73–77.

³⁵ Lucy Dubois Akerly speculated that this son was the Robert Harrington who was in Watertown, Mass., in 1642 (Lucy Dubois Akerly, “Genealogical Notes Relating to Joan Jentilman, Wife of Rev. John Yonges, of Southold, N.Y.,” NYGBR 45[1914]:114–16, at 114–15). The Watertown settler’s origin is unknown (Mary Lovering Holman, *Ancestry of Colonel John Harrington Stevens and His Wife Frances Helen Miller*, 2 vols. [Concord, N.H., 1948–52], 1:151–54). Henry Bond had noted that he owned a homestall “given him by Thomas Hastings,” who might have been a kinsman (*Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown*, 2d ed. [Boston, 1860], 272–73). Hastings’s origin is also unknown (Anderson et al., *Great Migration 1634–35* [note 33], 3:235–40).

- there 22 March 1629/30.³⁶ Rev. John Youngs m. (2) ca. 1632, Joan (Harris) Palgrave. Youngs and his 2nd wife and, apparently, children by both wives arrived in Salem, Mass., in 1637 on the *Mary Anne*. Youngs's 2nd wife, Joan, d. in Salem around 1638. In Oct. 1640, he removed to Southold, Long Island, where he d. after Nov. 1678.³⁷
- v SUSAN¹ GENTLEMAN, b. by 1595; m. (1) Southwold, 2 Jan. 1614[/5], THOMAS HUNTER; m. (2) Southwold, 14 Dec. 1627, RICHARD¹ HOLLINGSWORTH. Susan and her 2nd husband crossed to New England on the ship *Blessing* with Susan's eight children (four Hunter children and four Hollingsworth children) in 1635, and settled at Salem, Mass.³⁸
- vi (poss.) [child] GENTLEMAN, *in utero* 27 Dec. 1598 (father's will). No record of baptism, stillbirth, or burial found.

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³⁶ Children with Youngs reported in Bradley, "William¹ Brown" [note 34], TAG 88:77.

³⁷ Lucy Dubois Akerly, "Genealogical Notes Relating to the English Ancestors of the Youngs of Southold, L.I.," NYGBR 39(1908):193-99. Akerly ("Genealogical Notes Relating to Joan Jentilman [note 35], 114) incorrectly concluded that Robert Herrington's wife was the Joan Jentilman who was bp. Southwold, 5 July 1603, daughter of William and Agnes Gentleman, because she found "no mention of any other early Joan Jentilman, nor any other disposition of Joan, dau. of William Jentilman." She was not aware of the wills given here.

³⁸ Anderson et al., *Great Migration 1634-35* [note 33], 3:380-84. Richard¹ and Susan (Gentleman) (Hunter) Hollingsworth also lived at the nearby port of Great Yarmouth for a few years (Randy West, "Three Salem, Massachusetts, Immigrants from Great Yarmouth, Co. Norfolk: William¹ Jeggles, Richard¹ Hollingsworth, and Benjamin¹ Felton," TAG 89[2017]: 69-77).