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Pg. 19 This is entitled "The Genealogy of John Bean⁽¹⁾, of Exeter, N.H." (Authority for place of birth is Ida Mabel Williams King, author of the 1935 Bean Gen., descendent of Samuel⁽⁵⁾, of Glover, Vt.) John Bean⁽¹⁾, b. before 1634, at Strathdearn, Inverness-Shire, Scotland. d. between 24 Jan. 1718-8 Feb. 1718, at Exeter, N.H. bur. Churchyard of the Cong.Ch., Exeter. (The old Meeting House.) m. #1, Hannah Lissen, 18 Apr. 1654, Exeter, b. 1635, Scotland, dau. of Nicholas & Alice Lissen. d. Exeter, 1659, after childbirth with 3rd child. m. #2, Margaret --?, b. 1640? Scotland. m. before 15 Nov. 1660, Exeter. Maiden name unknown. d. Exeter, 1714. bur. yard of old Meeting House. 12 children, all b. Exeter. 3 ch. Hannah, 9 ch. Margaret. 1. Mary, b. 8 June, 1655. m. 25 June 1674, Jack Judkins. 2. Henry, b. 1657. d. 5 Mar. 1662. 3. Hannah, b. 1659. d. 18 July 1692, Kingston. m. Abraham Whitacre, son of Abraham & Elizabeth (Simonds) Whitacre. Elizabeth dau. of Wm. Simonds. had 5 ch., all massacred by Indians on farm in Kingston. 4. John, b. 15 Aug. 1661. d. 18 May 1666. 5. Daniel, b. 23 Mar. 1663. m. 1684? Mary Fifield. 6. Samuel, b. 23 May 1665. m. Mary Severance. 7. John, b. 13 Oct. 1668. m. 1700? Sarah Wadleigh. 8. Margaret, b. 17 Oct. 1670. m. Wm. Taylor. * 9. James, b. 17 Dec. 1672. 10. Jeremiah, b. 20 Apr. 1675. m. Ruth Johnson. 11. Elizabeth, b. 24 Sept. 1678. m. John Sinclair. 12. Catherine, b. 1680. m. Richard Dolloff, son of Christian Dolloff. (parents of John Dolloff, wife Mary Miles, dau. of Wm. & Hannah (Heath) Miles. John & Mary possibly parents of Hannah (Dolloff) Burbank.)

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* James Bean⁽²⁾ b. 17 Dec. 1672, Exeter, N.H. d. 6 Jan. 1753, Kingston, N.H. m. 3 times. #1, probably 1692 in Exeter, --? Coleman. She bore him 2 Ch. and died. #2, Sarah Bradley, 3 Dec. 1697, at Exeter. b. 19 Aug. 1673, Haverhill, Mass. d. 17 July 1738, Kingston, N.H., dau. of Daniel & Mary (Williams) Bradley. (Daniel Bradley b. 1615, England. d. Atkinson, N.H. 13 Aug. 1689. m. Mary Williams 21 May 1662, Haverhill, Mass., b. 20 Sept. 1641, Newbury, Mass. d. 16 Oct. 1714.) #3, 2 Nov. 1738, Kingston, N.H., Mary (Prescott) Coleman Crosby, b. 11 June 1677. d. 3 Jan. 1740, Kingston, N.H. Dau. of James & Mary (Boulter) Prescott. No ch. by this marriage. She had been m. 2 times before this union with James (2). She m. #1, 2 Nov. 1699, Jabez Coleman, b. 27 July 1668, son of Tobias & Ann Coleman. He and son Joseph were killed at Kingston, 4 Sept. 1724. 6 yrs. later Mary m. 9 Nov. 1730, Thomas Crosby. He died and she then married James Bean (2). James joined the Kingston Church, 22 Oct. 1725. His 2nd wife, Sarah, was also a member. At her

death the Pastor of the Church included some remarks about her in his official church records. She was a very devoted Christian, and a mother who served her family and God with all her heart. She suffered a long illness before her death, which was a time of sorrow to the entire community. She was a greatly beloved woman in all of Kingston, N.H. The Pastor tells of her steadfastness in the shadow of death. She was one of the Queens in the household of the Clan MacBean in America.

Mary(Prescott)Coleman Crosby, the wife of Jabez Coleman, was the mother of Phebe Coleman, wife of Abraham Colby. Hubbard Colby was their son.

Little is known of James 1st wife who probably died right after the birth of Edward (3). James had 9 ch.-2 by 1st wife, 7 by 2nd, Sarah.

1. John, b. 1693. Brentwood, N.H.
2. Edward, b. 1695, Exeter, N.H.
- * 3. Benjamin, b. 15 May 1699. Kingston, N.H.
4. Margaret, b. 16 Apr. 1702. " " m. John March, 15 June 1723, Kingston, 1st Church.
5. Joseph, b. 17 Oct. 1704. Kingston, N.H.
6. Jeremiah, b. 9 Apr. 1707. " "
7. Rachel, b. 16 July ---- " "
8. Samuel ?
9. -----?

James Bean became a large land owner in Kingston. His holdings began with a plot of 30 acres he received as a grant from the town of Exeter, 21 Feb. 1698. He also had land deeded to him from his father. Old land records show that he owned several farms in that in that part of Exeter which later became Kingston. He was a man of high esteem in his community. The character of this man will be seen in the story of his attempt to rescue his 3 neices from the Indians, who kidnaped them on 22 July 1710, and carried them away to Canada. In war James and his brother Daniel, served as a team, and they perfectly complimented each other. Daniel was a large man, and more of a flamboyant nature, and big hearted. Both learned the craft of the deep forest while trappers, and they learned it well. When there was an emergency in town where Indians were feared they usually called for James and Daniel Bean.

Among the sons of John MacBean of Exeter, James has the largest family of descendents by far. His sons and daughters were strong men and women, both physically, morally and spiritually. John(3) lived at Brentwood all his life, and was a respected member of the community.

Edward moved to Nottingham, N.H., and was the father of the Beans of Mt. Vernon, Maine.

Benjamin lived at Eastham, Mass., but drowned in Exeter River as a young man.

Joseph lived at Kingston, and became the father of the Beans of Salisbury, N.H.

Jeremiah, in late life, settled his sons on land he bought for them between Candia and Deerfield, N.H. He was the famous Deacon Bean of Kingston, N.H.

Samuel settled his sons as pioneers at Terrystown, Sutton, N.H., and became the father of the Beans of North Hatley, Quebec; Glover, Vt. and Corinth, Maine.

Even though Benjamin died so young he became the father of the Beans at Conway, N.H.

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*Benjamin Bean(3) b. 15 May 1699. Kingston, N.H.
 d. 1738. Exeter, N.H.
 m. Mehitable Mayo, dau. of Nathaniel & Mary(Brown) Mayo, 5 Aug. 1725, Boston, Mass. She was b. 3 Apr. 1705.

He was accidentally drowned in the Exeter River when his boat capsized. His son Benjamin was with him, but was saved. Mehitable then married his cousin, Jeremiah(4), son of John(3) -see pg. 59 - who was employed as a cooper in Haverhill.

Benjamin was baptised in the 1st Church of Kingston, along with his wife, 16 Sept. 1733. On 4 Nov. 1733, 5 of his children were baptised, namely Sarah, Benjamin, Mehitable, David & Jonathan.

He and Mehitable first lived at Eastham, Mass. and evidently moved to Haverhill in late 1731, because of two things. His dau. Mehitable, is recorded as born in Haverhill, and on 5 Aug. 1731 his father executed a deed in his favor, conveying land "To my well beloved son, Benjamin Bean, of Eastham, Mass". This showed that he and Mehitable moved to Haverhill after that date. In addition to the list of children born to them there were 3 more. In 1735, twins were born, and youngest child was born in 1737.

children. 1. Sarah, b. 14 May 1727. Eastham.

* 2. Benjamin, b. 9 May 1729. Eastham.

3. Mehitable, b. 1731. Haverhill.

4. David(the King), b. 1733 " } twins ?

5. Jonathan, b. 1733. " }

6. Twins, b. 1735. Where?

8. Youngest Child, b. 1737. Where ?

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*Capt. Benjamin Bean (4)

b. 9 May 1729. Eastham, Mass.

d. 24 Aug. 1788. Bow, N.H.

m. Mary Baker, 1753. Dover, N.H., dau. of Capt. Thomas & Christine(Otis)LeBeau Baker, b. 16 Feb. 1726, Brookfield, Mass. d. 13 Feb. 1826, N. Conway, N.H. bur. Deering Cem., West Side Road, N. Conway, N.H., in Bean Lot. (Christine was dau. of Richard Otis, whose family were killed by Indians. She was taken to Canada, later m. LeBeau. After he d. she came back to N.H. She met and m. Capt. Baker, of Northampton. They settled in Brookfield.)

5 children. 1. Ebenezer, b. 5 Sept. 1755. Epping, N.H.

2. Benjamin, b. 28 July 1757. " "

3. Mary(Polly)b. May 1759 " "

* 4. Mehitable, b. 1761.(should be 5 July 1763) Epping.

5. Douglas, b. May 1764. Bow, N.H.(should be Epping.)

As a youth, Benjamin was bound out to labor, as his mother could not support such a large family alone. At the end of his term he enlisted in the French & Indian War, going to Dover to rendezvous. He served with great distinction in the successful battle of Louisburg. After the war he went into the masting business at Summersworth, N.H., supplying masts from the forests for the ship building business.

In 1761 he moved his home and business to Bow, and lived a few miles below Concord, on the west bank of the Merrimac River, where he was a Selectman in 1775. He was a signer of the famous "Test Act" in 1776, and was a Capt. in the Militia and very active in recruiting men for the Army in the Rev. War, and supplying the army with stores.

He, and his two sons, Ebenezer and Benjamin, were in the battle of Bennington, and from there went to meet the British under General Burgoyne at Saratoga, and helped win the day there.

His descendents still have his original Captains' Commission, which was signed by Dr. Mathew Thornton, one of the Declaration of Independence. In local N.H. history Benjamin is known as "Benjamin Bean of Epping".

In 1771, Benjamin bought 2 100 acre tracts of land from Frances & Sarah Carr, at Bow, N.H. A copy of the deed is now in the Bean Archives. The original is in the possession of Mrs. Katherine Herrick, Peterborough, N.H. She is a member of the John Bean of Exeter Family Association.

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*Mehitable Bean(5)

- b. 1761.(should be 5 July 1763) Epping, N.H.
- d. 1828.(should be 14 Mar. 1832) Eaton, N.H.
- m. 8 Nov. 1791, Conway, N.H. to Hubbard Colby of Eaton, son of Abraham & Phebe(Colman)Colby (dau. of Jabez & Margaret(Prescott)Coleman). (Margaret (Prescott) Coleman Crosby Bean was 3rd wife of James Bean (2).) Hubbard b. 7 Nov. 1767. Hopkinton, N.H. d. 7 Mar. 1826. Eaton, N.H.
- They lived in Eaton, N.H., Just a few miles from her home in Conway. They had 6 children, all born in Eaton.
- 1. Mary (Polly) b. 30 Nov. 1792. m. Simon Parker of Bartlett between 1851 & 1856. He d.8 June 1864. d. 7 June 1874. Fairfield, Maine.
- 2. Abraham, b. 26 May 1795. Eaton. d. 23 Oct. 1852. m. 17 Nov. 1823. " Mary Ann March, dau. of John & Abigail March.
- 3. Phebe, b. 24 July 1797. Eaton. d. 28 Oct. 1824. " thrown from sleigh. unmarried.
- 4. Benjamin B., b. 1 Aug. 1800. m. Phebe Foster. d. 6 July 1885.
- 5. Lydia, b. 10 May 1802. d. 29 May 1802.
- * 6. Mehitable, b. 28 Apr. 1804. Eaton. m. Ebenezer Burbank, son of Joseph & Betsy(Walker)Burbank. b. 7 May, 1804, Conway. d. 23 Oct. 1879. (both bur. in Eaton Center Cem.) d. 29 Sept. 1864. Albany, N.H.
- 7. Olive, b. 30 Mar. 1807. Eaton. m. Barnett Walker Burbank, bro. of Ebenezer. d. 15 Apr. 1893. Fairfield, Maine. Barnett b. June 1806. d. 11 Aug. 1876. (Olive, Barnett & Mary Parker all bur. in same lot, Maplewood Cem. Fairfield, Me.

The listing for Mehitable Bean(5) is more complete than the one in the book. These records were taken from our Family Bible, Conway Town and Church Records, Hopkinton Church Records and from N.H. Vital Records at Concord, N.H.

Mrs. Mary(Baker)Bean, Ebenezer Bean, His wife Catherine(Kilgore) Bean, some of their children, Mary(Polly)Bean, and Douglas are all buried in the Deering Cem., West Side Road, N. Conway, N.H. Benjamin (5) d. Piermont, N.H., and Mehitable(Bea)Colby d. Eaton, and undoubtedly is bur. in an unknown cemetery on their farm, with her husband and dau. Phebe.