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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

Clement Briggs of Weymouth, Massachusetts

The following chapter is extracted and summarized from *Clement Briggs of Plymouth Colony and His Descendants 1621-1965*, compiled by Edna Anne Hannibal of Palo Alto California with abstracts of probate and land records by Claude W. Barlow, Ph.D. of Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. Grayce (Harper) Alsterad's 1978 work, *William Card 1710-1785 with Ancestors and Descendants* was another valuable source of information.

Daniel³ Brigg's granddaughter had the unusual name of Almy (Card) Goff. Perhaps his wife, Lydia, or his mother, Ann, was descended from another Rhode Island colonist, William Almy.

1. CLEMENT¹ BRIGGS was born in England and died at Weymouth, Massachusetts probably in early 1650. His will was executed in Weymouth and probated in Boston 24 August 1650. He married first at Dorchester, Massachusetts before 1 March 1630 JOAN ALLEN. Joan died before 1640 at Weymouth. Clement married second before 1640 ELIZABETH __, she died at Weymouth; her will was made 11 November 1685 and probated at Boston 11 August 1691.

In a deposition he made on 19 August 1638, Clement stated that he was living on Bardmundsey Street in Southwark, England in 1616 with Mr. "Samuell Lathame." By that time, he was already old enough to be an apprentice fellsmonger or tanner.

Clement Briggs arrived at Plymouth Colony as a single man in November 1621 via the *Fortune*. Lots were cast for these passengers in 1623 and Clement received "1 acre beyond the first brooke to the wood westward." In 1627, he received "one of the four heyfers that came on the Jacob called Raghorne,"; he shared this heifer with twelve others.

On 6 February 1631, Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony wrote a letter to Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts Bay Colony that four men were moving to Wessaguscus (later Weymouth) in Massachusetts Bay Colony: "now ther are diverce goone from hence, to dwell and inhabite with you, as Clement Briggs John Hill John Eedy, daniel ray, the which if either you or they desire thir dismissions: we shall be redy to give them: hoping you will doe the like; in the like cases, though we have heard something otherwise. Thus with our Prayers to ye Lord for your prosperity, as our owne, and our harty salutations unto you all we rest."

Some have argued that Clement Briggs and the others who went to Massachusetts were not of the original Pilgrim group and left for religious reasons. Another possibility is that Clement

and the others were granted land in Weymouth before the boundary was drawn between the two colonies. Clement, as a fellsmonger, may have relocated to Weymouth in order to obtain the bark from a certain species of oak tree used in the tanning process.

On 1 March 1630/1, Constable Thomas Stoughton was fined £5 by Governor Winthrop for "taking upon him to marry Clem^t and Joan Allen." Stoughton had exceeded his authority and at that time, the Governor received a fee of £5 for performing marriage ceremonies.

On 6 October 1634, Clement Briggs was fined ten shillings for entertaining an Indian without permission. On 6 March 1637/8 he was bonded £10 for his wife to appear in the next court because Arthur Warren had been in her company; there is no evidence that this was a moral charge against Joan. Clement was found not guilty of an extortion charge on 4 December 1638.

On 8 October 1637 Clement exchanged four acres of land in Plymouth for four acres of land on the "Joanes" River belonging to John Browne of Plymouth. Clement sold Robert Hicks one acre of land in Plymouth on 29 August 1638. Clement and Hicks had known each other in England where they lived on the same street and both were fellsmongers and passengers on the *Fortune*. On 26 December 1651, Clement and 58 other men purchased land in Marshfield, Massachusetts; he must have died soon thereafter.

Clement's will was probated in Boston on 24 August 1650 and witnessed by John Rogers and Robert Tucker. The inventory of his estate was valued at a little over £65.

The last will and Testiment of Clement Briggs of Waymouth in New England first, I give my soule to God (that) gave it. it(em) I give my son Thomas my home lott at Plemouth 20 acres by esteema(tion) and my biggest iron pott. It(em) I give to my son Jonathan 3 acres of my land joning to John __es lands that is not break up an enter to it when hee is of the aige of 18 years and when he is of the aige of 21 years to have as much ___ 3 acres one 4th pt of all my land in Waymouth and after decess of my wiff it is my will hee shall have one 4th pt more if shee dye not before hee bee of the aige of 21 years But if shee should dye before Jonathan be 21 years ouild then it is my will it should be for the bringing up of my children It(em) I give to my son Clemet my housing and the other half of my land in Waymouth and hee to enter to it when hee is of the aige of 21 years—if his mother—be decesed before, but if not then he should not have it tell after her decese—But if my wiff should die before Clemant be—21 year ouild it is my will the land should be for the bring(ing) up of my children. it(em) I ___ give my sons Thomas dauid John—Remem² my other Land at Plemouth (or in Plimouth Col) jointly and equally amonst them. It is my will in one year thereafter Clemt do enter to the forsed land hee shall give his brother Remem 20s—and John 10s and it is my will that Jonathan shall give 10s to his bro. dauid and to his bro. Thom. 10s in one year after he do enter to half my land and it is my will that my wiff shall be my Exequatrix it is also my will that degon Rogers and Robert Tucker should be my overseers in trust.

In May 1652, the Widow Elizabeth Briggs was granted land at Southampton, Long Island. The lot owners of Southampton salvaged usable whale parts whenever they washed up on the coast: "*Squadrons for cutting up whales that might drift upon the shores, 1653, Widdow Briggs has one share.*" She was granted 50 acres on 1 February 1655 in the Seabonac Division of 41

lots. Apparently, Elizabeth returned to Weymouth at some point, she is "*of Weymouth*" in deeds of 1672 and 1684 and living there until her death, prior to 11 August 1691.

Elizabeth Briggs of Weymouth made her will the 13 of November 1683, as follows: To her son David she gave £10; to her grandchild Clement Briggs £15 at 21 yrs; to her son Remember Briggs, the remainder of her estate; Stephen French, Ebenezer White and Joseph Pitty to be overseers. Codicil reads: "*Whereas my son David is deceased since publishing this my last will, etc.... I declare that the £10 I gave him, my grandchild Clement Briggs shall have.*" Dated 11 November 1685; probated at Boston 11 August 1691. (*Suffolk Probate Records*, 8:49)

Children, by Joan Allen:

2.
 - ii. THOMAS², b. Weymouth, MA 14 June 1633; m. ANN ____.
 - iii. JONATHAN, b. Weymouth, MA 14 June 1635; d. before 18 Nov 1690; m. Taunton, MA EXPERIENCE HARVEY, dau. of William and Joane (Hucker) Harvey.
 - iv. JOHN, b. 1637; d. probably before 1662.

Children, by Elizabeth ____:

- v. DAVID, b. 23 Aug 1640; d. after 13 Nov 1683 and before 11 Nov 1685; m. MARY BARKER.
- vi. CLEMENT, b. Weymouth, MA 1 Jan 1642; d. Weymouth, MA 7 Nov 1669 (*Suffolk Probate Records*, 7:2); m. HANNAH PACKER, dau. of Samuel Packer of Hingham and Bridgewater, MA, she may have m. (2) Thomas Randall of Easton (*Packard Genealogy*). Administration of Clement's estate was granted on 19 Nov 1669 to Hannah and her father with William Chard of Weymouth as their surety (*Suffolk Probate Records* 7:1); William Chard may have been a direct ancestor of the compiler.
Child, surname *Briggs*: 1. *Clement*, b. before 1670; probably m. Bridgewater, MA 3 Nov 1697 Elizabeth Field when he was of North Purchase.
- vii. REMEMBER, b. 8 Jan 1644; ; [m. (1) 15 Aug 1662 REBECCA HASKINS]; m. (2?) MARY ____ . Information on Remember and his descendants was provided by Diana Kay (Smith) (Brumm) Perna of Minneapolis, MN from the research of her great-grandfather, Charles Augustus Briggs.

Children, maternity uncertain, surname *Briggs*: 1. *William*, b. 21 Nov 1663; m. 13 July 1687 Constant Lincoln, b. 16 May 1665; m. (2) 17 Oct 1693 Elizabeth Lincoln, b. 24 April 1669. 2. *Rebecca*, b. 15 Aug 1665; m. 11 Feb 1691 Nathaniel Thayer. 3. *Richard R.*, b. 7 April 1668; m. Mary Kingsbury, b. 19 July 1670. 4. *John*, b. 26 Feb 1671; d. 29 June 1750; m. 29 May 1727 Mary Burt. 5. *Joseph*, b. 15 June 1674; d. 18 Dec 1751; m. Mehitabel Hall. 6. *Benjamin*, b. Taunton, MA 15 Sep 1677; d. Dighton, MA 1744; m. Sarah Allen, b. 2 March 1679; ancestors of Charles Augustus Briggs. 7. *Richard 2nd* [*sic*], b. 12 Jan 1679; d. 1 Jan 1733; m. 1706 Mercy Lincoln. 8. *Hannah*, b. 17 Feb 1681; m. 17 April 1698 Samuel Waldron.

9. *Samuel*, b. 20 April 1683; m. Abigail Goodwin. 10. *Mary*, b. 1 Jan 1686; m. 17 March 1706 Benjamin Caswell. 11. *Mehitabel*, b. 18 June 1688.

2. THOMAS² BRIGGS (*Clement*¹) was born at Weymouth, Massachusetts 14 June 1633 and died at Taunton North Purchase, Bristol County, Massachusetts 1 April 1696. He married probably at Taunton ANN __ who died after 1707.

On 7 June 1659, "*150 Acres of land was granted Thomas, son of Clement Briggs, deceased, and 20 acres of meddow if it bee had in the place desired which is on the way from Deadum from Taunton betwixt a pond & the Mill riuer which comes from Taunton, betwixt Taunton and Massapauge Pond.*" This grant was in the northeast part of modern Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Thomas Briggs killed a wolf on 20 May 1690 and another on 2 June 1691. He was also a member of the Military Company of Taunton.

The estate of Thomas Briggs of North Purchase was sworn by Samuel Briggs, his younger son and an inventory was taken on 1 April 1696; the two older sons had refused to participate. On 5 May 1696 Thomas' three sons made an agreement by which Samuel was to care for their aged mother Ann and land was given to their sister, Susannah (Briggs) Cobb. The widow Ann Briggs renounced her dower on 26 August 1697.

Ann outlived her son Samuel and she went to live with her daughter, Susannah (Briggs) Cobb. Samuel's widow, Mary, was released from Samuel's obligation to care for Ann and she married Benjamin Caswell. On 2 September 1707, Ann and her son-in-law, John Cobb, sold to Benjamin and Mary (Hall) (Briggs) Caswell "*1/3 interest in land and dwellings for 10 pounds in open and money.*"

Children, born in Taunton North Purchase:

- i. THOMAS³, d. at E. Greenwich, RI about 1736; m. MARTHA __.
3. ii. DANIEL, b. at Taunton, N. Purchase, MA in 1665; m. LYDIA __.
- iii. SAMUEL, d. at Norton, N. Purchase, MA; m. Taunton, MA 27 July 1692
MARY HALL, b. 3 Oct 1672, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (White) Hall;
she m. (2) 17 March 1706/07 Benjamin Caswell, b. Taunton 1676.
- iv. SUSANNAH, m. JOHN COBB.

3. DANIEL³ BRIGGS (*Thomas*², *Clement*¹) was born at Taunton North Purchase, Massachusetts in 1665 and died at East Greenwich, Rhode Island in 1728/30. He married perhaps on Patience Island, Rhode Island LYDIA __; she died before 1730.

Like his father Thomas, Daniel was named as having killed a wolf on 2 June 1691. On 7 October 1702, Daniel Briggs of Patience Island, Portsmouth, Rhode Island bought 90 acres in East Greenwich, Rhode Island from Joseph Waight. It was the 16th farm in the second division. This transaction was witnessed by James Reynolds and John Heath.

On 20 January 1708/9 Daniel Briggs of East Greenwich, yeoman, signed his mark, D.B., to sell Joshua Davis share no. 3 of "*boggey meadow*" in East Greenwich; this deed was witnessed by Anthony Sadler and John Heath. Daniel gave twelve acres of the northwest corner of his farm to his son Benjamin for "*love and affection*" on 24 December 1717.

Children:

- i. BENJAMIN⁴, b. E. Greenwich, RI 5 May 1695; d. there 25 Nov 1759; m. SUSANNAH SPENCER, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (___) Spencer.
- ii. HANNAH, m. JOSEPH GARDNER, b. ca. 1671; d. after 1733; son of George and Tabitha (Tefft) Gardner; resided at East Greenwich, RI; their descendants moved to Pownal, VT.
- iii. MARTHA, b. 27 Dec 1708; m. 28 May 1719 SAMUEL SPENCER, son of Michael and Elizabeth (___) Spencer.
- iv. DELIVERANCE, m. 28 Oct 1732 SETH JONES, b. 18 March 1710, son of Jeremiah and Mary (Reynolds) Jones.
- * v. MERCY, m. at E. Greenwich, RI 13 June 1733 WILLIAM⁴ CARD (*Peleg*³, *James*², *Richard*¹), b. N. Kingston, RI about 1710, d. Pownal, VT in 1784/5, son of Peleg³ and Rebecca (Dolover) Card. See *Richard Card of Newport, Rhode Island* for more information.

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