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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.

Benjamin Harrington of Providence, Rhode Island

I am indebted to Dorothy (Bennett) Inderkum of Sacramento, California for generously sharing with me the results of her research. A principal source in the information below is *The Hearnden Line*, compiled for Mrs. J.M. Morrison, 1944, by Winifred (Lovering) Holman, S.B.; F.A.S.G., Lexington, Massachusetts. A copy is available at the Library of *The New England Historic Genealogical Society* in Boston, Massachusetts. The name seems to originally have been Hearnden, Herndell, etc. but became established as Harrington by the third generation in New England. It should be noted that Benjamin¹ Harrington was not the son of John¹ and Anne (Clinton) Harrington of Charlestown, Massachusetts as appears in some sources.

1. BENJAMIN¹ HARRINGTON died at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island between February 1686/7 and 17 May 1687 and was buried in the North Burying Ground, Providence, Rhode Island (John O. Austin, *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*) He married, probably in Massachusetts, before December 1647 ELIZABETH WHITE (*William*¹). Elizabeth was born about 1630 and died at Providence, Rhode Island after December 1701; she married second, as his second wife, RICHARD PRAY, who died before 13 December 1701, whose first wife, Mary ____, died in 1686. Elizabeth was the daughter of William¹ and Elizabeth (__) White of Boston, Massachusetts.

Benjamin was probably living in Essex County, Massachusetts in December 1647 when he was presented in Lynn for beating his wife, as witnessed by Ezekiel Gilbert and Henry Collins. Apparently, Elizabeth was not free from scandal herself. She was presented for stealing clothes from Mary Pray and was ordered to make double restitution. (*Essex Court Files*, 1:133,137)

Benjamin first appears in Providence, Rhode Island in 1651 when he had a privilege of 25 acres for which he paid and received quittance in March. He was taxed 4 shillings in June of 1652. On 27 October 1656, Providence "ordered yt William White be accomodated with a house Lot adjoining to Benjamin Herndell his house lot and further according to convenience Ordered yt inlargeing of Benjamin Herndell his lot." (*Early Providence Records*, hereinafter *EPR*)

On 17 February 1659, Benjamin was brought into court by a £10 bond to answer to "the breach of peace and fright comitted on the family of william white, of this Towne." William White was also bonded £10 to appear at the next town court in Providence to prosecute Benjamin. (*EPR*, 15:75-76)

William White of Boston, bricklayer, with consent of wife of Elizabeth, for £20 sterling, "payd by Elizabeth the wife of Benjamin Herenden of providence" confirmed to Benjamin land, dwelling house, and other housing in Providence on 16 October 1662. (*EPR*, 4:9-10)

In his *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*, Austin states that Benjamin's will was presented for probate 4 April 1688 and an inventory of goods and property totalling £142-07-02 was taken on 27 May 1687 without citing a source. On 20 October 1688, "Elizabeth, now wife of Richard Pray, deeded to her son, Isaac Hearnden, the homestead, houses, orchard, etc. which were given her, for life, by the will of her late husband, dated 1 Feb 1686[/87], of which she was named executrix. (*EPR*, 5:34-37) It was suggested in an unidentified manuscript at *The New England Historic Genealogical Society*, that Isaac may have been the youngest child and perhaps this deed was a gift from Elizabeth to get Isaac started in married life.

Isaac must have deeded this land back to his mother, because on 13 December 1701 she sold to Joseph Whipple of Providence her "dwelling house and all land thereunto lieing and adjoyneing (part belonged to husband Benjamin Hearnden and to my father William White)..." which was to revert to son Isaac Hearnden upon Elizabeth's decease, but which she had purchased by a deed from Isaac. (*EPR*, 4:219). This is supported by the Holman manuscript which indicates that on 10 February 1689, "Isaac Hearnden of Providence for a valuable consideration... also for the duty of Naturall love & affection I beare unto my deare Mother Elizabeth Prey... (home stall & house)..." ; it not clear what is the source of this record.

Whatever the case in these confusing purchases, on 9 June 1701 Elizabeth had made it very clear who owned what: "Whereas there is a fame gone abroad that there is Some person or persons intending to purchase the house & land to it adjoyneing which lieth in ye Towne of Providence... which formerly belonged unto Benjamin Hearnden Sen^r of said Providence (deceased) and to purchase it of Isaac Hearnden hath no Right... to ye said house, nor inn or to any of the said lands, neither by Reversion nor any other wayes; But all the Right... to the said house & lands wholly belongeth unto me Elizabeth Prey (widow), formerly Elizabeth Hearnden; as may appeare by a deede under the said Isaac Hearnden his hand & seal, and I the said Elizabeth Prey, Doe therefore by these presents forbid all & Every person or persons whome so ever; for Bargaineing or purchaseing the said house and lands, or any part hereof, of the said Isaac Hearnden: 9 June 1701 Elizabeth Prey formerly Elizabeth Hearnden." (*EPR*, 5:256)

Children, born in Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island (Warren Adrian Barber, correspondence, 14 September 1998):

- i. *son*
- ii. BENJAMIN JR., b. ca. 1650; d. Providence, RI 18 April 1694; m. Providence, RI 1670 LYDIA WELLS, b. Providence, RI 1652, d. 1710.
- iii. ALICE, b. 1651; d. Providence, RI after 1718; m. Providence, RI 25 Dec 1669 DANIEL BROWNE, b. Providence, RI ca. 1642, d. Providence, RI 29 Sep 1710, son of Chad and Elizabeth (Sharparowe) Browne, (*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 80:74-77).
- iv. JOSEPH, b. 1652; d. North Smithfield, Providence Co., RI 19 April 1694; m. 1671 SARAH TILLINGHAST, b. Providence, RI 1652.

Children, b. Providence, RI, surname *Hearnden/Harrington*: 1.
Richard, b. 1674; freeman at Coventry, Kent Co., RI 1742; resided at

- North Kingstown, Washington Co., RI. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan 1674/75. 3. *Ebenezer*, b. 21 June 1681; d. after 1778; freeman at Warwick, Kent Co., RI 1734; resided at North Kingstown, Washington Co., RI in May 1778. 4. *Job*, b. Dec 1683; m. Martha Elizabeth Weeden, b. Providence, RI ca. 1678. 5. *Joseph*, b. before 1690; d. after 1754. 6. *child*.
- v. SARAH², b. 1654; d. Providence, RI 2 April 1677; m. Providence, RI 15 May 1675 DAVID WHIPPLE, son of John and Sarah (___) Whipple, c. Dorchester, MA 28 Feb 1656, d. 18 Dec 1710, m. (2) 11 Nov 1677 Hannah Tower (*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 32:403-407).
Child, surname *Whipple*: 1. *David*.
- vi. THOMAS, b. 1655; d. Providence, RI before Aug 1722; m. Providence, RI 1685 HANNAH ___.
- vii. MARY, b. 1658; d. 1707; m. Providence, RI 14 Oct 1675 ANDREW EDMONDS, b. 1639, d. 1695.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. 20 Aug 1660; d. Providence, RI 27 Aug 1727; m. (1) ESTER ___, d. 1694-95; m. (2) DELIVERANCE ___, d. 1728.
Children, surname *Hearnden/Harrington*: 1. *Thomas*. 2. *Elisha*. 3. *William*. 4. *Benjamin*. 5. *Solomon*. 6. *Preserved*. 7. *Abigail*, m. ___ Tucker. 8. *Ester*. 9. *Keziah*. 10. *Meribah*. 11. *Martha*.
- ix. JOHN, b. 1662; d. (then Scituate, now) Foster, Providence Co., RI 1738-1741; m. 1698 LYDIA CRANSTON, dau. of John and Mary (Clarke) Cranston (Lois Barr, correspondence [2 Sep 1999]; hereinafter *Barr*).
Children, surname *Hearnden/Harrington*: 1. *Elizabeth*, b. 1700; d. after 1769; m. James^[3] Bates Sr. (*Francis*²⁻¹), b. 23 Oct 1695, d. 1763, probably the son of the compiler's direct ancestors, Francis² and Mary (Burgess) Bates, see *Francis Bates of Topsfield, Massachusetts* for more information; resided in Kent Co., RI; seven children (*Barr*). 2. *John*. 3. *Josiah*, m. perhaps Elizabeth Bennett (*John*³⁻², *Edward*¹). 4. *Amos*. 5. *Jonathan*. 6. *Stephen*.
2. x. ISAAC, b. 1668; m. SARAH ___.

2. ISAAC² HARRINGTON (*Benjamin*¹) was born at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island in 1668 and died at Norwich, New London County, Connecticut in 1727. He was married at Providence, Rhode Island on 10 February 1689 to SARAH ___, who died at Norwich, Connecticut in 1744.

Soon after selling his home place back to his mother, Isaac bought 50 acres eight miles outside of Providence on the southern side of Westquodomsett Brook, near the Pawtucket River from Rebecca Whipple. Later, on 31 March 1696, he sold 50 acres of this plot with a house to Samuel Wilkinson. (*EPR*, XIV:271). Apparently, Isaac had settled near his older brother in the Westquodomsett section and probably went on to Norwich, Connecticut in 1696. He was a weaver by trade and Norwich may have afforded him greater economic opportunities.

On 7 January 1724 in Providence, the following was witnessed, etc.: "Isaac Hearnden of Norwich, CT., yeoman, ...to Robert Currie of Providence... all my right of and to the Commonage 7 undivided lands... which appertaineth to me by the last will... of my father Benjamin Hernden and again repeated & confirmed by a deed made unto me by my Honored deceased mother."

Isaac made his will 3 September 1727 and it was proved 16 August 1728. It reads as follows: "Will of Isaac Herington of Norwich, New London Co., Conn." "Dated 3 Sept 1727." "Isaac, very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, etc... Debts and funeral charges to be paid by the Executrix... Bequeathes to Sarah, dearly beloved wife, my Dwelling hous or housing in sd Norwich and Ten Acres of Land Where ye sd hous stands to be laide in such form as She my sd Wife so causes With all ye privilegs thereon or thereunto belonging to be hur own for Ever and at hur own Disposing And also I give unto my sd wife all my moveable Estate Both Within Doars and Without to be hur own for Ever and at hur own Dispos - and the improvement of Sum of my other Lands During life as hereafter Exprest..." "to my Granddaughter - Unis Bennett - my daughter Sarah dcd-s youngest Daughter fourty shillings mony to be paid by my Executorix heareafter named When She arives to ye age at Eightene years..." "Appoints well beloved wife Sarah Sole Executorix" Isaac signed his mark to this document and it was witnessed by John Bennett, Josiah Harrington, and John Crery. (*New London County Wills*, 6:3-4)

Children, order and places of birth uncertain:

- i. ISAAC³, m. JEMIMA __; resided in Killingly, CT.
- ii. SYLVANUS, m. (1) 26 Jan or July 1727 ELIZABETH LAMBERT; m. (2) 31 July 1729 HANNAH AYR.
- iii. JAMES, m. 23 May 1723 ANN CLARK.
- iv. PATIENCE, m. before 1727 SAMUEL WHALEY of N. Kingston, RI.
- v. JEMIMA, m. ca. 1719 JOSEPH⁴ BENNETT (*John*³⁻², *Edward*¹).
- vi. MARY, d. probably before 1744; m. before 1727 ISAAC⁴ BENNETT (*John*³⁻², *Edward*¹).
- vii. PRUDENCE, m. between 1727 and 1744 WILLIAM THOMPSON.
- * viii. SARAH, d. late in 1722 or early 1723; m. ca. 1714 her second cousin, as his first wife, SAMUEL³ BENNETT (*John*²⁻¹), b. at Stonington, CT 7 September 1694, d. at Coventry, RI between 4 January 1766 and 16 February 1679, son of John² and Elizabeth (Parke) Bennett; direct ancestors of the compiler; see *John Bennett of Stonington, Connecticut* for more information.

Samuel Bennett and Sarah Harrington were second cousins; their paternal grandmothers were both daughters of William¹ White, Ursula (White) Bennett and Elizabeth (White) (Harrington) Pray. See *William White of Boston, Massachusetts* for more information.

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