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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.

Edmund Hart of Westfield, Massachusetts

The family of Edmund¹ Hart is well documented in "John¹ and Mary (Hart) Greet of Westfield, Massachusetts, Southold, Long Island, and Wethersfield, Connecticut: With Notes on the Family of Edmund¹ Hart and on Charity² Hart, Wife of Thomas² Loveland of Glastonbury, Connecticut" (Gale Ion Harris, *The American Genealogist*, 72:42-48 [Jan 1997]; hereinafter *TAG*) and *The Great Migration Begins* (Robert Charles Anderson, The New England Historical Genealogical Society, hereinafter *TGMB*). Additional information was provided by Alice Smith, a fellow descendant of the compiler's immigrant ancestor, John¹ Lanning. Edmund was not the brother of Deacon Stephen¹ Hart as sometimes claimed.

1. EDMUND¹ HART, born about 1610; died intestate at Westfield, Massachusetts about 23 September 1672 "by the immediate hand of God in thunder and lightning"; married about 1638 [[MARY] PHELPS] (*History of Weymouth*), the sister or sister-in-law of George Phelps; she died Weymouth, Massachusetts 20 Aug 1659.

Edmund¹ Hart from Dorchester and Weymouth arrived in Westfield by 17 October 1664, when "lately of Waymouth," he purchased Westfield meadow and upland from Praisever Turner of Northampton. He died intestate about 23 September 1672 "by the immediate hand of God in thunder and lightning." His only son, Elisha² Hart, died nearby in Windsor, Connecticut, on 15 Aug 1683, leaving an estate to be distributed by his administrators, Edward Neale and Thomas Loveland, "to said Heart's eight Sisters, to each an equal portion." Undated entries under "The Lands of Isaac Phelps" at Westfield mention land "bought of Father George Phelps which was formerly Edmund Harts" and "two parcels bought of Edward Neal and Thomas Loveland administrators to Elisha Hart." (*TAG*)

From *The Great Migration Begins*:

ORIGIN: Unknown.

MIGRATION: 1632

FIRST RESIDENCE: Dorchester

REMOVES: Weymouth 1636, Westfield 1664

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Dorchester church prior to 14 May 1634 implied by freemanship.

FREEMAN: 14 May 1634 (as "Edmonde Harte," eighth in a sequence of ten Dorchester men) [Massachusetts Bay Colony Records 1:369]

EDUCATION: He made his elaborate mark to a deed in 1666 [Suffolk Land Records 5:82].

ESTATE: Granted sixteen acre Great lot of Dorchester, 16 Jan 1632/3 [DTR 1]; "John Phillips shall have for Edward Hart three-quarters of an acre meadow at Squantum Neck," 1 Feb 1635/6 [DTR 15] received Lot #53, four acres, in the meadows beyond Naponset [DTR 321].

Granted eighteen acre Great Lot in Weymouth, 1636 [Weymouth Hist 199]; granted lot #49, seven acres, in the first division, and Lot #19, twenty-one acres, in the second division, 14 Dec 1663 [Weymouth Hist 200-01].

In the Weymouth land inventory of about 1643 "Edmond Hart" held three parcels of land: eleven acres in the East Field, "first granted to him"; three acres on Kingoke Hill, "first granted to Aingell Hollard"; and eighteen acres among the Great Lots [Weymouth Hist 188].

On 5 September 1664 "Edmond Hart of Weimouth" sold to James Nash Senior of the same "my dwelling house & lot adjacent thereunto being twenty acres more Oregon less...land first granted of Edward Sarrell alienated from him to Timothy Wales from him to Stephen French & now in the possession of Maine Edmond Hart," also "my two divisions of commons." also "all my right title and interest in the town" [SLR 5:82].

On 17 October 1664 "Edmund Hart of Waymouth, planter, "purchased of Praisever Turner of Northampton, miller, one-half of two parcels which Turner had purchased from Edward Griswold of Windsor, at Woronoco, "being seven Oregon eight miles...from Springfield": one-half of twenty-five acres of meadow, and one half of twenty-five acres of upland meadow (the other half of each lot being sold to Cornelius Merrey) [HamLR A:58]

30 September 1672: "Edmund Hart of Westfield dying suddenly this sennight past inquiry was made by a jury of 12 men concerning his death who found it to be by the immediate hand of God in thunder & lightning as they conceive; their verdict is on file. And the said Edmund Hart dying intestate the inventory of his estate was presented to this Court and power of administration upon is granted to George Phelps which he accepted of. Also Elisha Hart son of Edm[un]d Hart being weak to manage his own matters chose his uncle the said Geo[rge] Phelps for his guardian from the court approved for that end" [HamPR 1;147].

The inventory of the estate of "Edmund Hart late of Westfield deceased" was signed 25 July 1673 and totalled &68 16s. 6d. Including real estate valued at &96 1s.: "eleven acres of meadows &55"; "twenty acres of land in the woods &40"; "a homelot Fortside four acres land not taken up &1 1s." There was a debt due to Aaron Cooke from "Edmund Hart...his son-in-law John Scone can testify to

it." There is also a cow John Scone hath not inventoried which is said to be given to Scone's wi fe: Also Edward Neale hath one acre of land: Also john Greet hath one acre of land not inventoried" [HamPR 1:148]

On 31 March 1674 the court further ordered that the distribution of the estate of Edmund Hart of Westfield be "that Elisha Hart (for that he is very weak for abilities of his mind...being crazy in his body) shall have &15 of the said estate"; "Edm: Hart's daughters shall have the rest of the estate in equal portion: and if any of the daughters shall die before distribution of the estate be made such portion shall go to the children of such daughters if they have any; and Elisha Hart's having at the last Court at Springfield chosen his uncle George Phelps for his guardian whom that court allowed of, this court declares that no person shall trade Oregon bargain with the said Elisha without the consent of his said guardian " [HamPR 1:154]

BIRTH: By about 1610 on receipt of land grant in 1633.

DEATH: Westfield about 23 September 1672, "by the immediate hand of God in thunder & lightning" [HamPR 1:147].

MARRIAGE: By about 1638 ___ ___; she died Weymouth 20 August 1659.

Children (*TAG*, *TGMB*):

- i. ELIZABETH², b. Weymouth, MA say 1638; m. Weymouth, MA 26 June 1661 JOHN MOOR.
- ii. MARTHA, b. Weymouth, MA 12 Oct 1640; d. [Westfield, MA] ca. 1683; m. 24 Jan 1662 EDWARD NEALE of Weymouth.
- iii. *daughter*, b. say 1642.
- iv. *daughter*, b. say 1644.
- * v. CHARITY, b. say 1646, m. by 1677 THOMAS² LOVELAND son of the Widow Loveland; direct ancestors of the compiler, see *Hale, House and Related Families* for more information.

It seems to have escaped prior notice that a sixth sister, Charity Hart, had married Thomas² Loveland, son of the "widow Loveman" of Wethersfield (modern Glastonbury), the other administrator of Elisha Hart's estate in 1683. On 20 May 1678, Thomas Loveland "of Wethersfield," for twenty bushels of wheat, sold to John Root of Westfield land "which fell to him the said Loveman [*sic*] by the decease of Edmund Hart formerly of the said Westfield." The deed recites that the land was Loveland's "proper right by his present wife Charity daughter to the said Edmund Hart Deceased and whatever was willed and ordered by Springfield Court to be the portion of my Said wife out of his Fathers estate." Witnesses John Chester Jr. and Steven Chester were Wethersfield men. Thomas and Charity "Loveman" both signed by marks. (*TAG*)

- vi. MARY, b. probably Weymouth, MA say 1648; m. probably at Westfield, MA, after Feb 1665/66 and before 16 Sep 1669 JOHN GREET of Wethersfield, CT, b. ca. 1640, d. before Feb 1687/88, from Newfoundland to Boston ca. 1659, residing at Eagle Neck, Southold, Long Island Sep 1677.
Children, surname *Greet*: 1. *Mary*, b. Westfield, MA say 1668, living in May 1714; m. (1) Wethersfield, CT 9 Feb 1687/8 Zachariah² Seymour (*Richard*¹), b. Hartford, CT ca. 1642, d. Wethersfield, CT Aug 1702 aged 60 years, son of Richard¹ and Mercy (Ruscoe) Seymour of Hartford and Norwalk, CT; m. (2) after Sep 1705 Joseph³ Hollister (*Thomas*², *John*¹), b. after March 1680/1, living in Middletown, CT in 1741, son of Lt. Thomas² and Elizabeth (Lattimer) Hollister of Wethersfield. 2. *John*, b. Westfield, MA 1 or 6 Jan 1670[/1?]. 3. [*Edmund*], "Ed Gritt" appears on a list of 72 names on an undated and unnumbered page bound near the front of the first volume of the original Wethersfield vital records.
- vii. EXPERIENCE, b. Weymouth, MA say 1650; m. by 1677 WILLIAM¹ SHEPARD of Westfield, MA; divorced Oct 1677.
Child, surname *Shepard*: 1. *John* m. Elizabeth³ Woodruff (*Matthew*²⁻¹).
- viii. SARAH, b. say 1653, m. (1) by 25 July 1673 JOHN SCONE of Westfield, MA, d. Westfield, MA 19 Aug 1684; m. (2) Springfield, MA 15 July 1692 JOHN BURBANK of Suffield, (then MA, now) CT.
Child, surname *Scone*: 1. *Sarah*, b. Westfield, MA 7 March 1678; m. Wethersfield, CT 2 March 1699 John² Taylor (*William*¹), b. Wethersfield, CT July 1649.
- ix. ELISHA, b. by 1658; d. 1683 "infirm in mind."

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