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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.

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### John Warner of Warwick, Rhode Island

The important sources for this brief but interesting chapter are two of Austin's works, *One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families* and his *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*.

1. TIMOTHY<sup>A</sup> WARNER was born in England about 1589 and married at St. Albans Abbey in Hertford, England on 17 September 1610 to MARGARET DOVER, who was born in England about 1593. However, Margaret may be identical with the child of that name christened at St. Albans on 18 July 1585, daughter of George Dover (*International Genealogical Index of The Genealogical Society of Utah, affiliated with The Church of Jesus Chris of Latter-Day Saints*). According to Mr. Vernon Valantine of La Crescenta, California, as referenced in the Ancestral File of The Genealogical Society of Utah, they were the parents of the immigrant, John<sup>1</sup> Warner.

Child:

2. ii. JOHN<sup>1</sup>, b. in 1615; m. PRISCILLA HOLLIMAN.

2. JOHN<sup>1</sup> WARNER (Timothy<sup>A</sup>) was born in London, England and christened at St. Albans Abbey, Hertford, England on 20 August 1615 and died at sea returning from Rhode Island to England before 1 March 1654. He was married at Long Marston, Hertford, England on 6 June 1637 to PRISCILLA HOLLIMAN (Ezekiel<sup>1</sup>, William<sup>A</sup>, Leonard<sup>B</sup>), daughter of Ezekiel<sup>1</sup> and Susanna (Oxton) Holliman. She too was born and died in England.

John Warner arrived in New England from London on 14 April 1635. On 20 August 1637, or shortly thereafter, he and twelve others signed the following compact: "We whose names are hereunder desirous to inhabit in the town of Providence, do promise to subject ourselves in active or passive obedience, to all such orders or agreements as shall be made for public good of the body in any orderly way, by the major assent of the present inhabitants, members of families incorporated together into a town fellowship, and such others as they shall admit unto themselves, only in civil things."

In 1640, John served on a four-man committee to address disputes over the dividing line between inhabitants of Providence and Pawtuxet. That same year, on 27 July, he and thirty-eight others signed an agreement for a form of government.

John and ten others bought a tract of land then called Shawomet, now Warwick for 144 fathoms of Wampum from Miantonomi on 12 January 1643. Later that same year, on 12 September, things took a turn for the worse for John Warner. Two indian sachems, Pomham and Socconocco, made complaints about the colonists of Warwick to the General Court at Boston. John and others were notified to appear at court but declined to obey the summons, declaring that they were legal subjects of the King of England and beyond the limits of Massachusetts territory. Soldiers were sent and the settlers holed up in a fortified house. It was determined that these rebels "held blasphemous errors which they must repent of" or go to trial. They were soon carried off to Boston.

On 17 October 1643, John Warner and others were brought before the court and formally charged with heresy and sedition. On 3 November, the group was imprisoned and sentenced to death upon conviction, breaking out or speaking against church or state. John was imprisoned at Boston until March 1644. Then, the group was released and expelled from Massachusetts and Warwick.

On 20 June 1644, John, acting as secretary for the proprietors of Warwick, signed a letter to the authorities of Massachusetts that "since you expelled us out of your coast" the Narragansetts had subjected themselves and their lands to King Charles. Nevertheless, John Warner served as Town Clerk in 1647 and as Clerk of Assembly in 1648. Apparently he enjoyed a short period of acceptance before another round of troubles began.

On 24 April 1652, at a town meeting, it was ordered that John could no longer hold any town office or vote in town affairs until new charges against him were addressed. He was charged with calling the town officers rogues and thieves, the townspeople rogues and thieves, and for threatening the lives of men, etc. Clearly, he had become irrational and despised, he was no longer welcome in Warwick.

On 27 May 1652, his request to ship himself and his family back to England was granted on the following condition: "provided he take up his abode in the ship, and thence not come forth until his departure, except upon urgent occasion, for his voyage, by order of two magistrates." John and his family sailed to England, except his daughter Rachel. His daughters, Susanna and Mary, remained in England. However, John's son John returned to inherit the estate of his maternal grandfather, Ezekiel<sup>1</sup> Holliman, as Ezekiel had requested.

Children, born at Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island:

- i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. 1 Aug 1645; d. 22 April 1712; m. ANN GORTON.
- ii. SUSANNA
- iii. MARY
- \* iv. RACHEL, d. 8 Nov 1724; m. 16 Nov 1669 ABEL<sup>2</sup> POTTER (*George*<sup>1</sup>, *George*<sup>A</sup>), b. Portsmouth, RI, d. 1692 Warwick, son of George<sup>1</sup> Potter. See *George Potter of Portsmouth, Rhode Island* for more information.

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