



Our Hitchcock Ancestors

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Hitchcock Context

The earliest Hitchcock discovered to date was John Hitchcock born 1595. The Hitchcock name came to the end of the line with the marriage with David Hoar 01 May 1741 at Springfield, Massachusetts. She was an immigrant to Nova Scotia Canada.

(Possibly) Richard Hiscockes

1. John Hitchcock b. 1595 at Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, England d. 12 Jun 1629 at All Cannings, Wilts, England m. Mary Franklin 07 Feb 1614 at Marlboro, Wilts, England

Fenny Compton¹

Fenny Compton is a village and parish in Warwickshire, England, about eight miles north of Banbury. In the 2001 census the parish had a population of 797, increasing to 808 at the 2011 census.

1. John Hitchcock 1595 – 1629 Mary Franklin 1590 - 1629

John Hitchcock was born 01 Jul 1586 in Allcanning, Wiltshire, England. He died 12 Jun 1629 in All Cannings, Wiltshire, England. He married Mary Franklin, daughter of Thomas and Joan Franklin, 07 Feb 1614 in Marlboro, Wilts, England. She was born 1590 in Kinnett, Wilts, England and died 12 Jun 1629 at St. Peters, Marlborough, Wiltshire, England.

They had at least two children

- i. Matthias Hitchcock b. 5 Jul 1610 in Fugglestone, St Peter, Wiltshire, England, United Kingdom, d. 16 Nov 1669 in New Haven, New Haven, Colony of Connecticut, British Colonial America, m. Elizabeth Moss. They had several children
2. ii. Luke Hitchcock b.1 July 1614, married Elizabeth Gibbons d. 1 Nov. 1659

2. Luke Hitchcock 1614 - Nov 01, 1659 Elizabeth Gibbons 1620 - 1696

Luke Hitchcock, son of John Hitchcock and Mary Franklin, was born 01 Jul 1614 at Fenny Crompton, Warwickshire, England. He died at Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut on 1 November 1659ⁱ. He married Elizabeth Gibbons Jan 1641, or 1639 at Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA. She was born at Fenny Crompton, Warwickshire, England in 1620, daughter of Thomas Gibbons and Elizabeth Pierpont. She secondly married widower William Warriner on October 2, 1661. He died in 1676. She married 3rd widower Joseph Baldwin . She died at Springfield, Massachusetts, USA on April 25, 1696.

With Luke Hitchcock she had three children

3. i. John Hitchcock b. 27 Sep 1642 New Haven Connecticut, m Hannah Chapin daughter of Samuel Chapin and Cisilly Penny on 27 Sep 1666 in Springfield Hampden County, MA
 - ii. Hannah Hitchcock b. 1645, d. 7 Mar 1731 Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA., m. Chiliab Smith on 2 Oct 1661,
 - iii. Luke Hitchcock b. 5 Jun 1655 Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, d. 24 Jan 1727 in Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts,ⁱⁱ m. Sarah (Burt) Dorchester (1655-1746), daughter of Jonathan Burt on 14 Feb 1676.

On July 1, 1644 he took the Freeman Oath for selectmen² at New Haven, Connecticut. Sometime between this time and June 5, 1646 when he was a member of the jury at a court held in Hartford (again in March 1647) he moved to Wethersfield, Connecticut where he married Elizabeth Gibbons.

He was a shoemaker. In 1653 and 1656 he was a selectmen Wethersfield, Connecticut. He There are records of

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenny_Compton

² See List of Freeman in appendices

various pieces of land by him in Wethersfield, Connecticut. It is said to him was able to make friends with the Indians who gave a deed to the town of Farmington, but it was destroyed when his wife used it to cover pie in the oven.

His widow married William Warriner on 2 Oct 1661, and she moved to Springfield, Massachusetts with her two sons. William Warriner died in 1776. She married Joseph Baldwin on 17 Sep 1678 at Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. After his death in 1684 she returned to Springfield, Massachusetts.

Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts

Springfield, a city in the state of Massachusetts, United States, and seat of Hampden County. Hampden County was established in 1812 out of parent county Hampshire which was established in 1662. Springfield sits on the eastern bank of the Connecticut River near its confluence with three rivers: the western Westfield River, the eastern Chicopee River, and the eastern Mill River. As of the 2010 Census, the city's population was 153,060. Metropolitan Springfield, as one of two metropolitan areas in Massachusetts (the other being Greater Boston), had a population of 692,942 as of 2010. It is the largest city in western New England, and the urban, economic, and cultural capital of Massachusetts'

Connecticut River Valley. It is the third-largest city in Massachusetts and fourth-largest in New England after Boston, Worcester, and Providence. Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, lies 24 miles (39 km) south of Springfield, on the western bank of the Connecticut River.

Springfield was founded in 1636 by English Puritan William Pynchon as "Agawam Plantation" under the administration of the Connecticut Colony. In 1641 it was renamed after Springfield, Essex, England, following incidents that precipitated the settlement joining the Massachusetts Bay Colony. During its early existence, it flourished as both an agricultural settlement and trading post, although its prosperity waned dramatically during and after King Philip's War in 1675, when natives laid siege to it and burned it to the ground as part of the ongoing campaign.

3. John Hitchcock 1642 – 1711/712³ Hannah Chapin 1644 - 1719

John Hitchcock born 27 Sep 1642 New Haven, Connecticut. He died 09 Feb 1711/12 Springfield, Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay Colony, British America.ⁱⁱⁱ He married Hannah Chapin daughter of Samuel Chapin and Cisilly Penny on 27 Sep 1666 in Springfield Hampden County, MA. She was born 2 Dec 1644 in Springfield, Massachusetts and died 21 May 1719 in Springfield. They had the following children:

- i. Daughter Hitchcock b 4 Sep 1667 and died 4 Sep 1667.
- ii. Hannah Hitchcock b. 10 Sep 1668 m. Samuel Parsons d. 17 Jul 1748
4. iii. John Hitchcock b. 13 Apr 1670 in Springfield, Massachusetts, Married Mary Ball 24 Sep 1691



³ See appendices "Calendar"

Springfield died 4 Jul 1751 (see Below)

- iv. Samuel Hitchcock b 21 Aug 1672, married Sarah Weller d. 1727.
- v. Luke Hitchcock b. 23 Mar 1674/75 m. Elizabeth Walker 1699, d. 6 Apr 1752 Springfield,
- vi. Nathaniel Hitchcock 28 Aug 1677 married Abigail Lombard, d. 27 Apr 1761
- vii. Captain David Hitchcock b. 7 Feb 1678/79 Springfield, m.1704 [Elizabeth Ball?] [Elizabeth Mighill?] d. 28 Apr 1762 Monson, Hampden County bur. North Main Street Cemetery
- viii. Johnathan Hitchcock b. 26 Nov 1682 d. 26 Nov 1682
- ix. Sarah Hitchcock b. 11 Jan 1686/87, d. 17 Apr 1690.

4. John Hitchcock 1670 - 1751 Mary Ball 1691 -1751

John Hitchcock son of John Hitchcock and Hannah Chapin in Springfield, Massachusetts on 13 Apr 1670 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He married Mary Ball, daughter Samuel Ball and Mary Graves on 24 Sep 1691 in Springfield, Ma. He died 14 Oct 1760 in Springfield.

They had the following children

- 5. i. John Hitchcock b 14 Dec 1692 in Springfield, Massachusetts, m Abigail Stebbins 1 Aug 1717, died 25 Aug 1777
 - ii. Mary Hitchcock b. 20 Mar 1695 in Springfield d. young
 - iii. Sarah Hitchcock b. 20 Dec 1697 in Springfield, married Samuel Gunn
 - iv. Mary Hitchcock b. 20 Mar 1699/00 in Springfield, married (1) Daniel Arms 2 Sep 1737, (2) Samuel Taylor 15 Jul 1718, (3) Ebenezer Brnard 20 Aug 1754 in Springfield. She died 17 Jun 1781
 - v. Abigail Hitchcock b. 4 May 170 in Springfield m. Samuel King, Nathaniel Hitchcock b. 23 Sep 1705 Married Hannah Taylor
 - vi. Thankful Hitchcock b. 1 Oct 170 in Springfield 7 married Jonathan Scott died 4 Oct 1801
 - vii. Jerusha Hitchcock b. 23 Feb 1709, married Daniel Warner
 - viii. Margaret Hitchcock 25 Oct 1712, in Springfield married David Cooley, died 6 Aug 1804 in Palmer, MA
 - ix. Mercy Hitchcock 9 Jun 1717 in Springfield married Increase Sikes died 30 Dec 1797
 - x. Samuel Hitchcock 9 Jun 1717 in Springfield died 22 Apr 1777

5. John Hitchcock 1692 - 1777 Abigail Stebbins 1695 - 1783

John Hitchcock, son of Ensign John Hitchcock and Mary Ball, was born December 14, 1692 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He married Abigail Stebbins on August 1, 1717 in Springfield. He died August 25, 1777 in Springfield, Massachusetts ^{iv} Body lost or destroyed.

Excerpts from The Genealogy of the Hitchcock Family:

Both his grandfathers, Dea. John Hitchcock and Samuel Ball were in the fight with the Indians at Turner Falls, May 18, 1676, and the General Court granted "to the survivors of the flight & the descendants of the other" atowntship which was called in honor of the fight Fall Town, afterwards incorporated at Bernardston. John Hitchcock received his grandfather Ball's share (See Holland's History Western Mass.) The township was about six miles square and had at that time not one inhabitant.

John Hitchcock appears to have been one of the one hundred and twenty-five persons for whom the town of Springfield laid out the east end of them town-four miles wide east and west, and twelve miles long north and south, -in three division, each person to have a lot in each division. The widest lot Pynchon's one hundred thirty rods wide and four miles long: the narrowest being eight feet. They called a rod sixteen feet.

Mention is made in his will which was signed March 14, 1774 and presented to the Probate court "First Tuesday in October being seventh dau of s'd month 1777" of all his children except Miriam and Reuben. He gave his son John all his land at Wilbraham, "being my lot in ye outward commons on the east side of the Great river being about thirty rods in breath and four miles in length." His wife outlived him.

He died in 1777. She died October 14, 1760 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.^y

They had 9 children:

6. i. Abigail Hitchcock, born June 1, 1718 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, died 19 Nov 1793 in Onslow, Colchester County Nova Scotia. m. David Hoar May 27, 1741 in Brimfield Massachusetts.
 - ii. Miriam Hitchcock, born July 14, 1720 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts; married Jedediah Bliss. She died November 19, 1793 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.
 - iii. John Hitchcock, b. 21 Apr 1722 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, m. Thankful Burt May 1743, d. 11 Oct. 1807 Wilbraham, Massachusetts.^{vi}
 - iv. Reuben Hitchcock, born December 1723 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He died in Louisburg July 17, 1745.
 - v. Josiah Hitchcock, b. 29 Nov 1726 Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, m. (1)Martha Hitchcock (first cousin and daughter of Luke Hitchcock and Martha Colton) 1 Aug 1717, (2) widow Lucy Ely d, 6 Jan 1819 Springfield.^{vii}
 - vi. Simeon Hitchcock, born July 22, 1728 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He died November 30, 1754.
 - vii. Benjamin Hitchcock, born September 28, 1730 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He died January 5, 1780.
 - viii. Isaac Hitchcock, born June 7, 1732 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He died June 30, 1781.
 - ix. Levi Hitchcock, born March 20, 1734 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He married Lucy Adams. He died at sea December 6, 1777 at Sulawesi, Tehgah, Indonesia.

6. Abigail Hitchcock 1718 - 1802 David Hoar 1741 - 1801

Abigail Hitchcock, daughter of John Hitchcock and Abigail Stebbin, and 5th great grandmother of the Author, was born on June 1, 1718 in Springfield, Hampden, MA. She married David Hoar, son of Leonard Hoar and Esther Hubbard. on May 27, 1741 in Brimfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.

He was born 23 Feb 1713/1714 in Brimfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA, m: 27 May 1741 in Brimfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA, d: Abt. 1801; He conveyed a property Aug 1, 1791.

He died after 01 Aug 1791 in Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia, Canada⁴.

She died about 19 Nov 1793 in Onslow, Colchester County Nova Scotia.⁵ She is buried in the Onslow

⁴ Carol Campbell & James F. Smith, *Planters and Grantees of Cobequid, Nova Scotia, 1761-1780* (Truro, Nova Scotia, Colchester Historical Society, 2011), Colchester Historical Museum, Truro, Nova Scotia, v1 468.

Cemetery, Upper Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia^{viii}

They had eight children:

- i. David Hoar, b. 14 May 1742 in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts. He died November 10, 1743. Possibly buried in the Shepody Cemetery, Shepody, Albert County, New Brunswick.^{ix}
- ii. Abigail Hoar, born October 9, 1744 in Brimfield Massachusetts.
- iii. Mary Hoar, born July 26, 1746 in Brimfield Massachusetts. [He married Alexander Mackenzie?]
- iv. Solomon Hoar, born September 24, 1748 in Brimfield, Massachusetts. He married Mary Lynds in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died April 9, 1828 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia
- v. Ebenezer Hoar b. 13 May 1751 in Brimfield, Massachusetts, m. Catherine Downing, daughter of James Downing and Janet Montgomery 5 Jan 1775 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, d. 6 Aug 1819 Onslow, Colchester Nova Scotia^x
- vi. David Hoar born 1753 Brimfield, Massachusetts. In 1779 he married Ruth Lynds. He died in Hopewell Hill, NB
- vii. Ruth Hoar born October 17, 1756 in Brimfield, Massachusetts. She married William Pitt Whippe on Dec 5, 1771. He died Dec 8, 1848 in Onslow, Colchester County, NS.
- viii. Prudence Hoar, born July 29, 1760 in Warren, MA She married Joseph Weatherbee in 1781. She died Jan 5, 1799.

Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts⁶

Brimfield, a town in Hampden County, Massachusetts, United States was first settled in 1706 and was officially incorporated in 1731. Brimfield was originally part of Hampshire County, Massachusetts. The original Hampshire County included territory that is now in modern-day Hampden County, Franklin County, and Berkshire County as well as small parts of modern-day Worcester County. Brimfield is bordered by Sturbridge on the east, Holland and Wales on the south, Monson and Palmer on the west, and Warren on the north. Brimfield is located 35 km (22 miles) away from Springfield, 40 km (25 miles) away from Worcester, 66 km (41 miles) away from Hartford, 105 km (65 miles) away from Boston, 169 km (105 miles) from Albany, 114 km (71 miles) away from Pittsfield and 246 km (153 miles) from New York City.

Abbreviations

Aft after b. born bp baptism m. married d. died

Appendices:

Calendar Old Style-New Style, Julian & Georgian

The old calendar used up to about 1752 in Protestant countries was the Julian Calendar based on 365.25 days. In 1582 Great Britain and empire switched to the Julian Calendar and since the actual year is 365.2422 days long the switch over caused a 11 day out of synch problem. To solve this problem, it was proclaimed that September

⁵ Gwen Lefton, *Ancestral Lines* (1994), Colchester Historical Society, 929.2, Page 61., Nourse, Henry S., *The Ancestry of the Hoar Family in America*, 1899 53 NEHGR, 92-101, 186-199, 289-299, Page 197. Carol Campbell & James F. Smith, *Planters and Grantees of Cobequid, Nova Scotia, 1761-1780* (Truro, Nova Scotia, Colchester Historical Society, 2011), Colchester Historical Museum, Truro, Nova Scotia, v1 465.

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brimfield,_Massachusetts

2 would be followed by September 14. As well the old-style calendar the calendar year began on Lady Day 25th of March i.e., the year ran from 25 March to 24 March. Hence January 24, 1712 old style would be January 24, 1713 new style. The correct way to describe a date in the “overlap” period from January 1 to March 24 is to state the Old/New Style as 1712 /1713 which means

“January 24, 1712 old style is what we call January 24, 1713”

List of Freeman⁷

The status of freeman was primarily of political importance, for it gave one the right to vote for colony officers. In some colonies, though, freeman was tied to church membership, and so the meaning was somewhat different. Massachusetts Bay and New Haven, the most Puritan of the Puritan colonies, made church membership a prerequisite for foremanship, while the rest of the New England colonies did not.

List of freemen may be used for a number of purposes beyond proving biographical information about an immigrant. Like tax lists later, a list of freeman provides basic information about the presence or absence of a person on a given date. And, as noted above, freemanship in Massachusetts Bay and New Haven supplies information about church membership, from which we can learn not just whether this individual was a church member at a given time; we can also reconstruct some of the history of churches whose records have been lost by studying the lists over a period of years.

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⁷ Anderson, Robert Charles, *The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*, Volume VII, T-Y Boston, MA: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 2011


4th great grandfather
 **Solomon Hoar**
 b: 24 Sep 1748
 Bimfield, Hampden, Massachuse
 d: 09 Apr 1828
 Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,


3rd great grandfather
 **David Gould Hoar**
 b: 28 Sep 1783
 Onslow Township, Colchester Co
 d: 1861
 East Mountain, Colchester Count


2nd great grandmother
 **Agnes Hoar**
 b: 27 Jul 1812
 Onslow Township, Colchester Co
 d: 13 Feb 1896
 East Mountain, Colchester Count


Great grandmother
 **Rebecca Nelson**
 b: 04 Apr 1841
 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
 d: 18 Mar 1924
 Salmon River, Colchester County,

Paternal grandmother
 **Beatrice Mary Clifford**
 b: 16 Feb 1887
 Brookside, Colchester County, N
 d: 16 Sep 1958
 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S


Father
 **George Clifford Retson**
 b: 19 Dec 1912
 Bible Hill, Colchester, Nova Scoti
 d: 17 Feb 1997
 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

10th great grandfather
 **John Hitchcock**
 b: 01 Jul 1586
 Allcanning, Wiltshire, England
 d: 12 Jun 1629
 All Cannings, Wiltshire, England

9th great grandfather
 **Luke Hitchcock**
 b: 01 Jul 1614
 Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, E
 d: 01 Nov 1659
 Wethersfield, Hartford County, Co

8th great grandfather
 **John Hitchcock**
 b: 27 Sep 1642
 New Haven, New Haven County,
 d: 09 Feb 1711/12
 Springfield, Hampshire, Massach

7th great grandfather
 **John Hitchcock Jr**
 b: 13 Apr 1670
 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA
 d: 04 Jul 1751
 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA

6th great grandfather
 **John Hitchcock**
 b: 14 Dec 1692
 Springfield, Hampden County, MA
 d: 25 Aug 1777
 Springfield, Hampden County, MA

5th great grandmother
 **Abigail Hitchcock**
 b: 01 Jun 1718
 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA
 d: 19 Nov 1793
 Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,

The relationship of the Hitchcock to the author

James C. Retson
 The Author

- i <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54526863/luke-hitchcock>
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- iii <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/7153140/john-hitchcock>
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- vii <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35165450/josiah-hitchcock>
- viii <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/197487355/abigail-hoar>
- ix <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/144733478/david-hoar>
- x <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/195528509/ebenezer-hoar>