



Our Mosher Ancestors

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Mosher Context and Name

The earliest Mosheres may have been located in Alsace, France near Strasbourg. The name may have come from two German words Moss [Moss] and Herr [Lord]. After Alsace was annexed to France both German and French names were used. The French spelled the name Mosier or Motier. The German Mosher prevailed. In England. Other spellings of the name include, Moger, Moser, Mosser, Mosier, and. Mosner. The Mosher of German were protestant. They fled to England to avoid persecution. Our earliest “Mosher” reported here is John

Monger born abt. 1646. Hugh Mosher emigrated to North America around 1632. **The information before Hugh Mosher before June 12, 1632, can not be verified and hence it has been removed to Appendicies.**

1. Hugh Mosher 1632 - 1713 Rebecca Maxson

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-171> Rev. Hugh Mosher aka Mosier, Moger, Mosyer

Hugh Mosher was born on 12 Jun 1632 in Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island. Hugh Mosher married Rebecca Maxson in 1665 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts. She was born 6 Feb 1637 in Quidneck, Washington County, Rhode Island and died on 29 Dec 1707 in Newport, Rhode Island.

He married Sarah (Butcher) Harding, widow of the Rev. John Harding. Before 25 Feb 1708. She died in Newport May or June 1716.

2. i. Nicholas Mosher b. 1666 Dartmouth, Bristol County Massachusetts, d. 14 Aug 1747 Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, m. Elizabeth Audley 14 Aug 1687 probably in Dartmouth, Bristol, Rhode Island.
 - ii. John Mosher b. 1668 in Rhode Island.
 - iii. Ann Mosher b. abt 1670 probably in Rhode Island
 - iv. Hannah Mosher b.1670 probably in Rhode Island
 - v. Joseph Mosher b. 1670 probably in Rhode Island
 - vi. Mary Mosher b. 1672 in Newport, d. 1748
 - vii. James Mosher b. 1675, Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts d. 1768
 - viii. Rebecca Mosher b. 1677 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
 - ix. Daniel Mosher b. 1678 in Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Note: In “Hugh Moshier” The Great Migration Begins Immigrants to New England 1620-1633 Volume II Page 1302-1304 Robert Charles Anderson discounts the background to

2. Nicholas Mosher b. 1666 – 1747 Elizabeth Audley 1669 – 1747

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-173> Captain Nicholas Mosher

Nicholas Mosher, son of Hugh Mosher and Rebecca Maxson, was born in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts on 16 Dec 1666. He died on 14 Aug 1747 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island. He married Elizabeth Audley on 14 Aug 1687 probably in Dartmouth. She was born on Jun 1668 at Newport, Newport, Rhode Island. She died on 29 Dec 1747 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island.

Children:

- i. Hugh Mosher b. 16 Nov 1690 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 1764 Dutchess County, New York, m. Sarah Davol 25 Apr 1717 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts.
- ii. Joseph Mosher b. 7 Apr 1692 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 30 Jan 1766 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, m. Methitable Smith b. 23 Oct 1718 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America
- iii. Mary Mosher b. 16 Dec 1695 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 1769 Dutchess, New York, United States, m. Phillip Allen abt 1715, m. Seth Russell 05 Apr 1759 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- iv. Elizabeth Mosher b. 16 Apr 1697 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. m. Benoni Tripp 21 Nov 1728 at Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States
- v. Thomas Mosher b. 16 Feb 1697/98 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 1776 Richmond, Rhode Island m. Hannah Davol 09 Feb 1726/27 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America

3. vi. Nicholas Mosher b. 1 Jan 1702/03 in Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts d. Abt. 1765 Beekman, Dutchess, New York, British Colonial America, m. Rebecca Wilcox Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, British America
 - vii. Mercy Mosher 06 Jul 1705 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 11 Mar 1747 possibly at Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, m. Caleb Shrieve 24 Aug 1729 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States
 - viii. Rebecca Mosher b. 20 Mar 1706/07 Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts d. date unknown m. John Wilcox 20 Sep 1729 Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island
 - ix. Ephraim Mosher b. 05 Mar 1708/09 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 1710 at Dartmouth.
 - x. Margaret Mosher b. 17 Jan 1712/13 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. Aft. 11 May 1746 at Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, m. William Taber 07 May 1732 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, British America

Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Website: <https://www.town.dartmouth.ma.us/>

Dartmouth is a coastal town in Bristol County, Massachusetts, and was the first area of Southeastern Massachusetts settled. Dartmouth itself is part of the Farm Coast New England comprising a chain of historic coastal villages, vineyards and farms. It is part of the Massachusetts South Coast. It was first settled in 1650 and was officially incorporated in 1664. Dartmouth's history was that of an agricultural and seafaring community, but during the late 19th century its coastline became a resort area for the wealthy members of New England society. It was named for the town of Dartmouth, Devon, England, from where the Puritans originally intended to depart for America. The land was purchased with trading goods from the Wampanoag chiefs Massasoit and Wamsutta by elders of the Plymouth Colony; reportedly thirty yards of cloth, eight moose skins, fifteen axes, fifteen hoes, fifteen pairs of shoes, one iron pot, and ten shillings' worth of assorted goods .[2] It was sold to the Religious Society of Friends or Quakers, who wished to live outside the stringent religious laws of the Puritans in Plymouth.

There are still Quaker meeting houses in town, including the Smith Neck Meeting House, the Allens Neck Meeting House, and the Apponegansett Meeting House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The town's borders were originally named in the charter (and set by King Philip) as the lands of "Acushnea, Ponagansett, and Coaksett." This includes the land of the towns of Westport, Fairhaven, and Acushnet, and the city of New Bedford. In 1789, the towns of Westport and New Bedford, which included Fairhaven and Acushnet, separated and were incorporated as towns themselves.

Both Tiverton, RI and Little Compton, RI are geographically part of Massachusetts and are separated from the rest of Rhode Island by direct interstate highway access so smaller routes connect to the area (RI 138, MA/RI 24, RI 177/MA 177, and MA 81, and MA 88). Route 24 lies an average of 15 to 20 miles away in Tiverton, RI and Little Compton, RI, Massachusetts Routes 177 and Massachusetts Route 140 and Massachusetts Route 24 are based upon old Indian routes and trails.

There are many rivers that flow north-south in Dartmouth, such as the Copicut River, Shingle Island River, Paskamanset River, Slocums River, Destruction Brook, and Little River. Dartmouth is divided into two primary sections: North Dartmouth (USPS ZIP code 02747) and South Dartmouth (USPS ZIP code 02748).¹

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dartmouth,_Massachusetts <https://www.town.dartmouth.ma.us/>

Tiverton Rhode Island

<http://www.tiverton.ri.gov/>

Tiverton is a town in Newport County, Rhode Island, United States. Tiverton is located on the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay, across the Sakonnet River from Aquidneck Island (also known as the Island of Rhode Island). Together with the adjacent town of Little Compton, the area is disconnected from the rest of the state of Rhode Island. The northern portion of the town is located on Mount Hope Bay. Much of the town is located along a granite ridge which runs in a north–south direction, rising approximately 170 feet in elevation from the bay. A large section of exposed granite can be observed at the highway cut for Route 24, near the Main Road interchange. The northern portion of greater Tiverton is also known as North Tiverton, Rhode Island.

The Towns of Tiverton, Rhode Island and Dartmouth, Massachusetts are separated by about 10 miles and Dartmouth. Tiverton was incorporated by English colonists in 1694 as part of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. In 1746, in the final settlement of a long colonial boundary dispute between Rhode Island and Massachusetts, Tiverton was annexed to Rhode Island by Royal Decree (together with its fellow towns along the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay, Barrington, Bristol and Little Compton, and the town of Cumberland, to the north of Providence). Tiverton was incorporated as a town of Rhode Island in 1747. Until that year, Tiverton also controlled the area of East Freetown, Massachusetts, as an outpost. The boundary settlement of 1746 had put East Freetown in Massachusetts, and in 1747 it was purchased by Freetown.

Men from the Tiverton outpost took part in the Battle of Freetown, on May 25, 1778, during the Revolutionary War. On the 31st of the same month, a party of about 150 British regulars of the 22nd Regiment under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell attacked the town. Rivington's Gazette reported that the British were making a pre-emptive attack based on intelligence that the American militia at Tiverton was preparing an attack against them. However, another report in the New Hampshire Gazette stated the militia was waiting in prepared defensive positions. The result of this skirmish was two British killed, several more wounded, and some fire damage to the lower mill in Tiverton. None of the militiamen were wounded or killed.

For about three years of that war, December 1776 – October 1779, Rhode Island proper (now known as Aquidneck Island) was occupied by the British. During this time, Tiverton was a refuge for Americans fleeing this occupation, and a mustering place for colonial forces, gathering to drive away the British. (The occupying forces eventually were withdrawn strategically, as General Clinton marshalled his forces for the 1780 British invasion of South Carolina.

In 1856, the northern part of the town was set apart from Tiverton, and renamed Fall River, Rhode Island, by the Rhode Island General Assembly. On March 1, 1862, in a case between the states that reached the United States Supreme Court, both Fall Rivers were made part of Massachusetts and the state boundary was placed in its current location near State Avenue.²

Quaker Hill, Pawling Dutchess County, New York

Quaker Hill is a hamlet in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, United States. Quaker Hill is also a twelve-mile-long ridge which runs through the town. Quaker Hill is in the southern portion of the area known as the "Oblong" that was designated by the Treaty of Dover in 1731, and "known from pre-Revolutionary times as Quaker Hill". It is the location of the Oblong Friends Meetinghouse, built in 1764. According to historian

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiverton,_Rhode_Island

Richard Norton Smith, "the first antislavery protest meeting in North America convened" in 1767 in the Oblong Friends Meetinghouse.³

3. Nicholas Mosher 1702/03 – 1765 Rebecca Wilcox 1711 -aft 1756

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-205> Nicholas Mosher

Nicholas Mosher, son of Nicholas Mosher and Elizabeth Audley, was born 1 January 1702/03 in Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts. He married Dorothy Potter on 12 Oct 1723. They had one son, James born 1725 and Elizabeth probably died in childbirth⁴

He married his second wife Rebecca Wilcox, (age 18) on 20 Jan 1729 at Little Compton, Rhode Island. Rebecca and Nicholas were first cousin sharing the same grandfather Hugh Mosher. Rebecca Wilcox, daughter of John Wilcox (1670-1718 and Rebecca Mosher⁵

They had the following children

- i. Deliverance Mosher b. 12 Mar 1730 in Tiverton, Rhode Island. M. Levi Preston, d. 1813 Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States
4. ii. Jabez Mosher b. 02 Sep 1731 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States, m Elizabeth Preston 1755 New York, United States. d. 1810 Cambridge, Washington, New York, United States,
- iii. Wilcox Mosher b. 16 Jan 1733 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, m. Hannah Wickman 1751 Rhode Island, d. 17 Jul 1813 Hoosick, Rensselaer, New York, USA
- iv. Freelove Mosher b. 1736 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, m. Obediah Wilbur d. 28 Sep 1827 Chatham, Columbia, New York, United States
- v. Elizabeth Mosher b. 1738 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, m. (1) Hurd, m. (2) David Tallman
- vi. Susannah Mosher b. 1740 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, m. John Simon Covell
- vii. Nicholas Mosher b. 26 Jul 1752 in Beekman, Dutchess, New York, m. Sarah Allen 5 Jan 1774 in Cambridge, New York (2) Susannah Bracey 1796 d. 16 Jul 1835 Hope, Ontario,
- viii. Margaret Mosher b. abt 1753 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, m. Samuel Russell 18 Dec 1771
- ix. Rebecca Mosher b. 1754 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess New York, d. 1796 in White Creek Washington, New York
- x. Lewis Mosher b. 1756 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess New York, m. Mary Freeman d. abt 5 Feb 1835 in Wolfe Island, Frontenac, Ontario,

Nicholas left Tiverton Rhode Island for Beekman at least by 1752 when son Nicholas was born. Rebecca died sometime after 1756. Nicholas died there in 1765.

Beekman, New York

Website <https://www.townofbeekman.com/>

Beekman is a town in Dutchess County, New York, United States. It is part of the Poughkeepsie–Newburgh–Middletown, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area as well as the larger New York–Newark–Bridgeport, NY-NJ-

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quaker_Hill,_New_York

⁴ Ingraham, Susan, Nicholas Mosher and Rebecca Wilcox The First Mosher's to Move to New York, <http://www.susaningraham.net/nicholas-and-rebecca.html> accessed October 26 2018

⁵ Ingraham, Susan, Nicholas Mosher and Rebecca Wilcox The First Mosher's to Move to New York, <http://www.susaningraham.net/nicholas-and-rebecca.html> accessed October 26 2018

CT-PA Combined Statistical Area. Beekman is located in the southeastern part of Dutchess County, about 70 miles (110 km) north of New York City. Most of the town is drained by Fishkill Creek, which flows west to the Hudson River at Beacon. The southern corner of the town is drained by Stump Pond Creek, part of the Croton River watershed that flows to the Hudson at Croton-on-Hudson.

The "Beekman" name became attached to the area in 1697, from Henry Beekman, a Kingston native, who had numerous land stakes in Dutchess County. The town had also been occupied by the Wappinger Indians, before the first European settlers arrived around 1710. The Beekman Patent, granted to Beekman in 1697, was the second largest land holding in Dutchess County. In 1737, Beekman became an official precinct, and local government was erected. 1788 was the initial period of establishing towns and counties in the newly independent state of New York, but parts were removed subsequently to form other towns. Beekman contributed part of its territory to the newer towns of LaGrange (1821) and Union Vale (1827). Iron ore extraction and smelting were important in the early economy. The Beekman Patent was a manor until after the Revolution. Residents could only lease the land and pay rent in wheat, fat fowls and work on roads. The series *Settlers of the Beekman Patent* chronicles the lives of all residents there in the 18th century.

Beekman saw its first place of worship shortly thereafter, a Lutheran church located off Beach Road, which was frequented by German emigrants. The Quaker family, well known in the area for being one of the initial settlers, created a meeting house in 1771 in Gardner Hollow, named the "Apoquague Preparative Meeting". The church attracted most of the population at the time, and those who did not worship there frequented St. Denis Church, a Catholic church, just beyond the East Fishkill border.

Although Beekman has no major highways, it does have two major thoroughfares. New York State Route 55 crosses from the Pawling town line to the Union Vale town line and is a direct route northwest into the city of Poughkeepsie. Route 216 goes from Route 55 into the town of East Fishkill where it meets Route 52.⁶

4. Jabez Mosher 1731 - 1810 Elizabeth Preston 1733 - 1766

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-428> **Captain Jabez Mosher Sr.**

Jabez Mosher, son of Nicholas Mosher and Rebecca Wilcox was born 02 Sep 1731 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁷

m Elizabeth Preston 1755 New York, United States.

[1810 Cambridge, Washington, New York, United States,]

They had the following children

- i. John Mosher
- ii. Hugh Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1485> b, bet 1751-53
5. iii. Hezekiah Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-427> b. 18 Oct 1756 in Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess Co, NY d. Aug 1821 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada, m. Rachel Harriet Hodges , daughter of Timothy Hedge and Meribah, 16 Mar 1775 at Cambridge, Washington, New York, US

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beekman,_New_York

⁷ "Rhode Island Town Births and Baptisms Index, 1639-1932", , FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F8M4-Y8P> : Sun Mar 10 17:43:32 UTC 2024), Entry for Jabez Mosher and Nicholis Mosher, 2 September 1731.accessed July 24 2024

- iv. Jabez Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1470> b. 16 Mar 1759 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess New York d. 1810, m. (1) Abigail Deaker (b. 17 Mar 1765 in Hopkinton Rhode Island), m 4 Mar 1834 (2) Maria Belay (b. abt 1785)
- v. Mercy Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1484> b. abt 1760
- vi. David Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1471> b. 26 Apr 1761 in Beekman, Dutchess, New York, United States
- vii. Elisha Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1483> about 1765 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess, New York, d. Nov. 1837 in Flint
- viii. Margaret Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1476> b. Apr 1765, d. 31 Oct 1841 in Nunda, Livingston, New York, m. William Gould Deake 1781 (b. 6 Mar 1761 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, d. 1 Aug 1843 in Nunda, Livingston, New York)

Jabez left his home in Quaker Hill in 1766 to Cambridge (later set off as White Creek). There he held several town offices on the Albany Committee for Correspondence⁸ He served in the French & Indian War. Elected to the local Committee of Safety for Cambridge, Albany Co. 2 Feb 1776. Jabez and Jabez Jr. both served in the 16th Reg. of Albany Co. militia

5. Hezekiah Mosher 1756 - 1821 Rachel Harriet Hodges 1761 – 1821

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-427> Hezekiah Mosher

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/108645074/hezekiah-mosher>

Hezekiah Mosher, son of Jabez Mosher and Elizabeth Preston was born on 18 Oct 1756 in Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess Co, New York. He married m. Rachel Harriet Hodges 16 Mar 1775 at Cambridge, Washington, New York, US.

He is listed on the US Revolutionary War Rolls May 1, 1777, in New York as a private in the 1st Battalion⁹ Hezekiah is listed as a resident of Augusta April 1796.¹⁰

There is a Hezekiah Mosher who received a grant of Concession #6 Lot 3 of 200 acres in the Township of Oxford, Grenville County 1 May 1798¹¹.

There is a Hezekiah Mosher who received a grant of Concession #7 Lot 3 East Side , All in the Township of Oxford, Grenville County on 1 May 1798¹²

There is a Hezekiah Mosher who received a grant of Concession #2 Lot 6 W1/2 of 100 acres in the Township of Augusta, Grenville County 10 Jul 1801.¹³

He died d. Aug 1821 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada¹

.Excerpts from Find a Grave for Hezekiah Mosher Memorial ID 108645074 ·

(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/108645074/hezekiah-mosher>) [Source for this¹⁴]

⁸ www.susaningraham.net/jabez-and-elizabeth

⁹ Ancestry.com. U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007. Original data: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M246, 138 rolls); War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, Record Group 93; National Archives, Washington. D.C.

¹⁰ Augusta, Royal Township Number Seven page 18

¹¹ Crown Land Grants of Grenville County, page 61

¹² Crown Land Grants of Grenville County, page 62

¹³ Crown Land Grants of Grenville County, page 7

¹⁴ Dutchess County, NY: The Settlers of the Beekman Patent (Online database: AmericanAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2016), (Orig. Pub. by Frank J. Doherty, Pleasant Valley, NY. Frank J. Doherty, The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: An Historical and Genealogical

Hezekiah "Ki" Mosher was born in Beekman, Dutchess Co., New York on October 18, 1756, and died in Augusta, Ontario, Canada in 1821. He was the son of Jabez Mosher and Elizabeth Preston. Ki married Rachel Hodges on March 16, 1776, in Cambridge, Washington Co., New York. Ki enlisted for a 3 year term in the Revolution May 1, 1776, and again on May 1, 1777, but deserted the next day. After difficulties with the NY Commission for Detecting Conspiracies in 1778, he migrated to Augusta and made his home there.

The folks in Augusta believed Ki was in league with the devil, as he seemed to acquire money with no apparent visible means of employment. Ki lived on a homestead near old Merwin Lane road and one of his favorite places was the rocky ridge about 600 yards south of his homestead. Ki had the habit of tapping the rock while sitting on it, presumably to while away the time and enjoy the lovely surroundings. Most folks shied away from the place, which they firmly believed was haunted and called "Spook Hill", while others could not resist the temptation of their own curiosity.

It seems that some local fellow, no doubt intoxicated at the time and thus prone to visions, saw Ki on the rock one night tapping away, and a horridly fiendish hand appeared to come up out of the ground directly behind the rock. This awful hand appeared to give Ki some money after which, amidst a sulfuric mist, it silently disappeared; and Ki, after apparently musing for some time in the dull moonlight, slowly arose from his seat on the rock and addressing a few words of parting to the scene, went through the motion of putting something in his pocket, and then made his way slowly home.

Hezekiah and Rachel Harriet Hodge had the following children:

- i. Jabez Mosher <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-1470> b. 12 Nov 1779 New York, United States, d. 23 Nov 1867 Alabama, Genesee, New York, United States, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16442516/jabez-mosher>
- ii. Timothy Mosher 1786- 1828
6. iii. Sophia Mosher b. 18 Apr 1799 d. 18 May 1880 Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. William Martin Spicer 1829 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada
- iv. Jabez Mosher 25 Feb 1800 d. 23 Jan 1855
- v. Harriet Mosher 1801d. 6 Nov 1863 Rochester, Munroe, New York
- vi. Nancy Mosher 1803- -

Folk tales of Hezekiah Mosher and Spook Hill

This folk tale has always fascinated me and presented a challenge to proof. Gena Ortega, MA, MAR suggests that the first task of proving or disproving a folk tale is to develop the research question. After reflecting on the question of the research question the question of how one would establish the proof or disproof of whether an ancestor was in "league with the devil" as some have suggested of Hezekiah "Ki" Mosher I was persuaded that Thomas Kuhn's *The Structure of a Scientific Structure* that a better approach would be to suggest a better model than to attempt a disproof. After looking at the meager evidence available to prove a "league with the devil" I propose that we consider alternative explanations. The first one that comes to my mind is the possibility that Hezekiah was a bootlegger who made his livelihood by selling his own made brew. My research question thus becomes "Was Hezekiah Mosher a bootlegger?"

Study of All the 18th Century Settlers in the Patent, ten volumes. 1990-2003). <https://www.americanancestors.org/DB409/i/37844/292/59784561>

Possible Resources:

Joan Rupert-Barkley SPIRITS OF THE 1800's

https://livingherebrockville.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/4/7/37475311/joan_rupert-barkley_-_spirits_of_the_1800s_-_may_june_living_here_-_2015.pdf

Poem by Lieut. Col. Sterling LeRoy Spicer

Have you heard the tale of old Spook Hill
Just north of Prescott Town
Where at night the spooks enjoy the chill
And the devil walks up and down.
Yes the devil walks up and down.

Have you heard how Ki would tap the stones
And money his act would crown,
As it came from fingers like dead men's bones,
As the devil walked up and down?
Yes, the devil walked up and down.

Would you test the thrill of old Spook Hill
Just north of Prescott Town
Go out some night in the gala moonlight
When the sky is a murky brown
As the devil walks up and down.

There are hump backed rocks on old Spook Hill
Where serpents crawl around
And the shades of night shroud spirits chill
And one ghost acts the clown
As the devil walks up and down.

Have you heard how demons loiter there
Not far from Prescott Town
Where Ki would tap and the spooks would rap
As the devil walked up and down?
Yes, the devil walked up and down.

Have you never visited old Spook Hill
Where every bush is a lair
For a fiendish ghost as a listening post
And the sounds would raise your hair
As the devil keeps lurking there.

Would you lose your cheer and sense the fear
Of old Spook Hill's reknown
You must see the sneer and feel the leer
Of the ghost who acts the clown
As the devil tramps up and down.

The air is chill on old Spook Hill
When clouds like demons frown
Though you hear the trill of the whip-poor-will
Low ghostly moans still sound
As the devil walks up and down.

There are creepy tales of old Spook Hill
Just north of Prescott Town
They would raise goose skin on a porpoise fin
For the devil walks up and down,
Yes the devil walks up and down.

Those are eerie spots on old Spook Hill
Of Pioneer days reknown
Where the cold dank air stands deadly still
And the rocks turn upside down
As the devil lurks around.

If you visit the shades of old Spook Hill
Just north of Prescott Town
You may meet with Ki and wonder why
As you see this haunted mount
The devil walks up and down
Why the devil walks up and down.

(Source: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/108645074/hezekiah-mosher>)

6. Sophia Mosher 1799 – 1880 William Martin Spicer 1787

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-2945> Sophia "Sarah" Spicer formerly Mosher
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126785124/sophia-spicer>

Sophia Mosher, daughter of Rice and Margaret Mosher was born about 1799. She married William Martin Spicer possibly in 1820. He was born in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada and died 11 Jan 1871 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada.

Their children included,

- i. William Lester Spicer b. 1821 Augusta Township, Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. 02 Feb 1899 Augusta Township, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. Hannah Knapp Abt. 1846 Ontario
- ii. Phebe Harriet Spicer b. Oct 1826 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. William Trenholm 05 May 1842 in Augusta Township
- iii. Hannah Maria Spicer b. 06 Feb 1829 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. 23 Mar 1912 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada m. John Wesley Pyke 15 Oct 1851 in Augusta Township, Grenville County, Ontario, Canada
- iv. Charles William Spicer b. 05 Jul 1830 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, d. 17 Apr 1864 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada unmarried

- v. Robert Nicholson Spicer b. 11 Aug 1832 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario d. 26 Nov 1904 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario m. Elizabeth Jane Perrin 02 Jun 1857 in Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario
- vi. Henry James Spicer b. 06 May 1834 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario d. 31 Jan 1908 Prescott, Ontario m. Maria Youker Abt. 1857 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario
- vii. Hiram Francis Spicer b. Feb 1837 in Augusta, Grenville, d. 30 Jun 1918 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada, m. Delila Young 1861 in Ontario
- viii. Edward Holden Spicer b. 23 Sep 1839 Augusta Twp., Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. Oct 1919 m. Matilda Bass Abt. 1868 Ontario, Canada

Sophia Spicer died 18 May 1880 in Grenville County Ontario.

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Appendices

Researching Mosher

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1. Hugh Moger bur. 23 Jan 1657 Wincanton, Somerset, England

2. John Moger abt. 1546 – abt 1612 Dm. (1) Denis Browne 8 Sep 1586 Cucklington, Somerset, England, m.
(2) Edith Crosse 16 Oct 1576, d. 15 Jan 1611 Cucklington, Somersetshire, England

John Moger, possibly son of Hugh Moger, was born abt 1746 in Cucklington, Somerset, England. He married
(1) Denis Browne 8 Sep 1586 at Cucklington, Somerset, England, My her he had two daughters,
i. Agnes Moger b. 20 Dec 1668 Cucklington, bp. 1568
ii. Mary Moger b. 29 Sep 1570, bp. 1570 Cucklington
She died abt 1575.

John then married Edith Crosse 16 Oct 1576 at Cucklington, Somersetshire, England. She died in April 1619 in England and was buried in Cucklington, Somerset, England on 22 Apr 1619,

They had the following children,

3. i. Hugh Moger (1579-1659) Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- ii. Tristram Moger b. Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- iii. Edith Moger b. abt. 25 Dec 1581 in Cucklington, Somersetshire, England, bp 25 Dec 1581 d. 1593?
- iv. John Moger b. 27 Oct 1584, d. 27 Nov. 1584 in Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- v. Robert Moger bp. 11 Sep 1587 in England, d. 1587 in Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- vi. Robert Moger bp 4 Feb 1588/1589 in Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- vii. John Moger bp. 25 Jul 1590, d. 1584 in England
- viii. Edith Moger bp. 22 Apr 1595 Cucklington, Somersetshire, England
- ix. Nicholas Moger b Dec.1596, d. 1670 Cucklington, Somersetshire, England

John Moger died Jan 1612 bur. 15 Jan 1612 Cucklington, Somersetshire, England.

3. Hugh Moger 1579-1656 Margaret ? - 1658

Hugh Moger, son of John Moger and Edith Crosse, was born in 1577/78 in England. He was baptised at the age of 31 in England. He died at age 79 in Jan 1656/57. He married Margaret ____ who died in 1658 and buried 1 Aug 1658.

4. i. Hugh Moger -1666
- ii. Edith Moger bp. 10 Apr 1611, m. Richard Oake
- iii. John Moger, bp 18 Nov 1613 in England
- iv. Mabel Monger bp. 11 Feb 1615/16 in England, d. bef 1656, m. William Illinge
- v. Henry Moger d. June 1619 in England
- vi. Dachwood Moger bp 29 Jun 1619 in England, bur 28 Nov 1619 in England
- vii. Marye Moger bp. 15 Jun 1621 d. 1656 in England, m. William Talbot
- viii. Edith Moger bp. 22 Apr 1595
- ix. Nicholas Moger bp1596
- x. Daniel Moger d. 1656

4. Hugh Mosher Bef. 1608/09

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mosher-299> Nicholas Mosher aka Moger

Hugh Mosher, son of Hugh Moger was baptised 5 Mar 1608/1609. He arrived on board the James in 1632 as “Hugh Moiser” . He died on 22 Jul 1666 in Casco Bay, Maine. His will was administered by son James.

i. James Mosher b. abt 1638

ii. John Mosher abt 1640

5. iii. Hugh Mosher b. 12 Jun 1632 in Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, m. Rebecca Maxson in 1665 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts.

There were other children possibly a Hannah, Ann, Nicholas, John, Joseph, Mary, Daniel, Rebecca and another James.

Who is the father of Hugh Mosher 1632-1713

The source for father of Hugh Mosher is Descendants of Hugh Mosher and Rebecca Maxson Through Seven Generations. I can't get a copy of this book.

Abbreviations:

Abt.	about	aft.	After	aka	also known as	b.	born	bef.	Before
bp	baptism	bur.	Buried	d.	died	m.	married		

Calendar Old Style-New Style, Julian & Georgian¹⁵

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 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”

Also, since the calendar began in March the months if numbered are as follows

March 1, April 2, May 3, June 4, July 5, August 6, September 7, October 8, November 9, December 10, January 11, February 12

List of Freeman¹⁶

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

¹⁵ Greenwood, Val D. The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 3rd Ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co Inc 2000


¹⁶ Anderson, Robert Charles, The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, Volume VII, T-Y Boston, MA: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Volume 2, Pages 2011

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 freemen 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.

ⁱ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/108645074/hezekiah-mosher>


11th great grandfather

	John Moger b: Bef. 1548 Somerset, England d: 1602 Cucklington, Somerset, England.
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10th great grandfather

	Hugh Moger or Mosher b: 1577 England d: Abt 1657 Wincanton, Somerset, England
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9th great grandfather

	Hugh Mosher b: Bef. 1609 England d: 22 Jul 1666 Casco Bay, Maine
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8th great grandfather

	Hugh Mosher b: 12 Jun 1632 Newport, Newport, Rhode Island, d: 03 Nov 1713 , Of Newport, Newport Co., Rhod
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7th great grandfather

	Nicholas Mosher b: 16 Dec 1666 Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett d: 14 Aug 1747 Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island,
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6th great grandfather

	Nicholas Mosher Jr. b: 01 Jan 1702/03 Dartmouth, British America d: Abt 1765 Beekman, Dutchess, New York, B
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5th great grandfather

	Jabez Mosher b: 02 Sep 1731 Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, d: 1810 Cambridge, Washington, New Yor
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4th great grandfather

	Hezekiah Mosher b: 18 Oct 1756 Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess d: Aug 1821 Augusta, Ontario, Canada
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3rd great grandmother

	Sophia Mosher b: 18 Apr 1799 Augusta Twp, 1654301, Ontario, d: 18 May 1880 Augusta Twp., Leeds & Grenville
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2nd great grandfather

	Robert Nicholson Spicer b: 11 Aug 1832 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Cana d: 26 Nov 1904 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ont
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Great grandmother

	Abigail Almeda Spicer b: 13 Sep 1860 Prescott, Ontario, Canada d: 10 Jul 1940 Merrickville, Ontario, Canada
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Maternal grandfather

	Edward Elbert Atkinson b: 26 Feb 1887 Merrickville, Merrickville-Wolford, d: 14 Jan 1957 Vancouver, British Columbia
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Mother

	Grace Elizabeth Atkinson b: 11 Dec 1916 Waskada, Manitoba, Canada d: 04 Jun 2008 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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