



## Retson Genealogy Newsletter

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This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Grace and Clifford Retson and traces the genealogy of that couple. A website is located at <http://www.retson.ca/retsongeneology.html>

### Some of our ancestors were English

The Queen is dead. Long live the King, Charles III. The last two Charles were not the most admired members of royalty. Charles I (1600-1649) was executed but not before his actions and those of his Archbishop Laud and the persecution of our ancestors led many of them to depart England for the New World, the first wave beginning with the pilgrims in 1620 and the second wave with the Puritans from 1628 to the 1640s. Charles II (1630-1685) when he was restored to the Monarchy in 1660s continued his persecution and was responsible for the execution of two of our ancestor's in-laws executed, one by assassination and his wife by being be-heading. All of these ancestors who departed to New England during this period were fervent protestants, who rejected both the Catholic faith and as well the strictures of the Church of England.

In order to list as many of these English emigrants as possible I have provided links to their stories where more information may be found. Information on Families in alphabetical order may be found at <http://www.retson.ca/retsongeneology.html>

These early English ancestors emigrated as early as 1620 when two families arrived in the British North America on the Mayflower. The greatest number came in a wave from 1630 to 1640 and more during the remaining of the 1600s. The first wave included Francis Cooke and his son John Cooke and Richard Warren. Francis Cooke's parents and ancestry is yet to be discovered. Some have suggested he came from Norwich England. Francis Cooke was born about 1583. He left for Holland around 1603 and returned briefly to England before returning to Holland. Francis, and his oldest son John, who was born in Holland, came on the Mayflower to Plymouth in 1620. He left behind his wife Hester and other children. Francis's wife and their daughter Jane and son Jacob arrived on the Anne in 1623. Two more children, Hester and Mary, were born at Plymouth.

Richard Warren was a merchant from London. When the Pilgrims were planning to leave Leyden, Holland, to migrate to the new world, they found that they needed to find financial investors and additional settlers. Several of the new recruits came from London, Mr. Richard Warren among them. John Cooke married Richard's daughter Sarah March 28 1634. More information on these families can be found at <https://www.retson.ca/cooke.pdf> and <https://www.retson.ca/warren.pdf> These were the pilgrims to distinguish them from a number of later English ancestors, the puritans who emigrated to the United States from 1630 to 1640.

The first Gaylord in North America was William Gaylord who landed at Mattapan or Dorchester Massachusetts on the Mary and John on May 30, 1630. In 1635 some of the party journeyed to the Connecticut Valley and located at what today is Windsor Connecticut. More information may be found at <http://www.retson.ca/Gaylord.pdf>

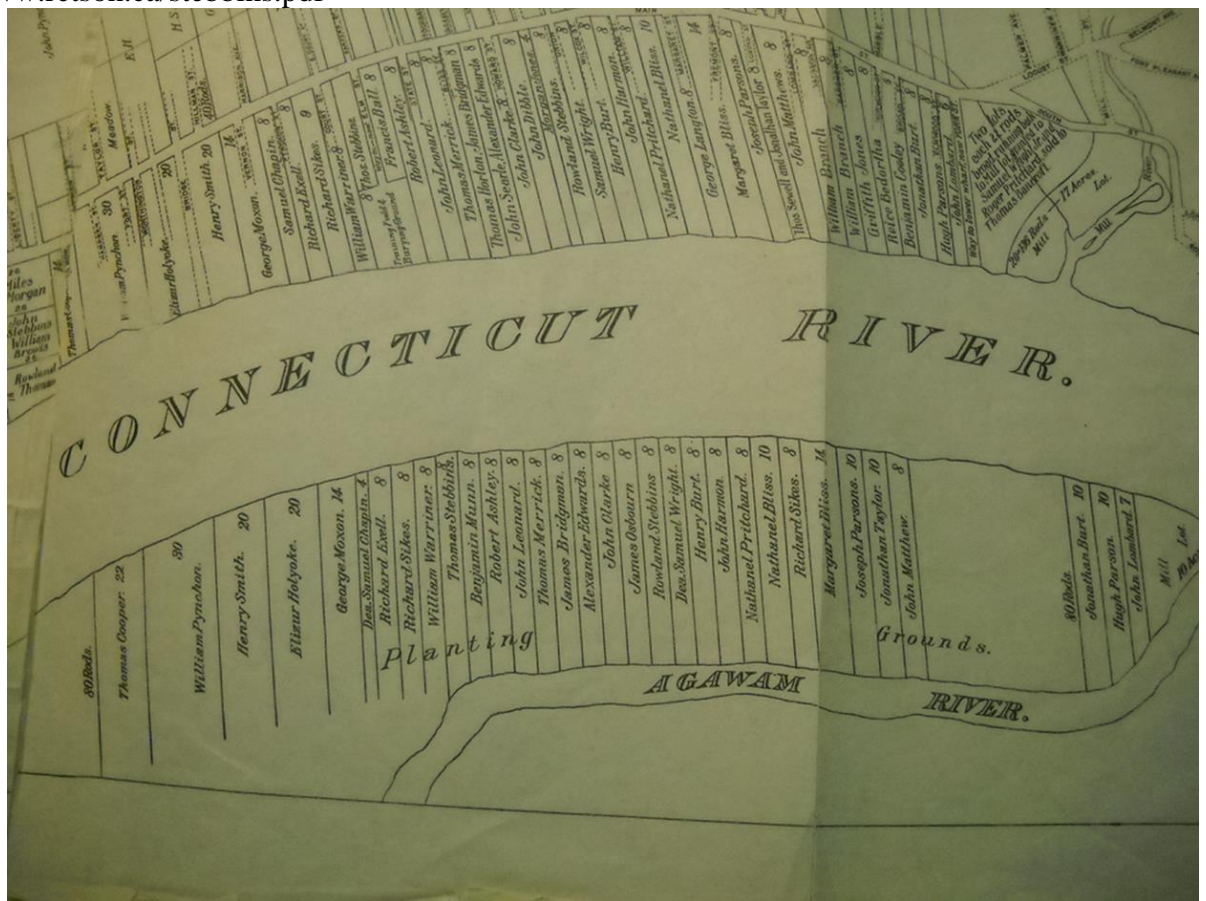
On March 29, 1630 William Phelps, his wife, Ann Dover and six children sailed from Plymouth England on the ship Mary and John, and arrived at Nantasket (Hull) Massachusetts on May 30 1630. The Mary and John immigrants organized the town of Dorchester upon their arrival and founded the First Parish Church of Dorchester in 1631. More information on the Phelps may be found at <http://www.retson.ca/phelps.pdf>

This Bateman line refers to the Bateman line which came from England, possibly Suffolk County to Massachusetts around 1631. Work remains on confirming information contained in this file. This Bateman family line ended when Priscilla Bateman b. 26 Apr 1687 married Thomas Gould about 1714 in Killingly Windham, Connecticut. More information on this Bateman family can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/batemangould.pdf>

The earliest Mosher's 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" that can be confirmed was Hugh Mosher who emigrated to North America around 1632. Hezekiah Mosher emigrated to Canada before 1800. More information on the Mosher's can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/mosher.pdf>

The Stebbins family is an interesting case of how families participated in mass migrations. Edward Stebbins emigrated to America about 1633. Rowland Stebbins emigrated in 1634. More information on the Stebbins can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/stebbins.pdf>

A map from



<http://www.earlyamericanancestors.com/locations/springfield/springfieldlandmap.jpg> shows many of our ancestors from English descendants who mass migrated first to Boston area and then onward . See larger map at <http://www.retson.ca/connecticutriver.pdf>

This map shows the mass migration of families to Springfield Massachusetts. The following ancestors can be found on this map. From top left to bottom right:

Samuel Chaplin, Thomas Stebbins, Francis Ball, Thomas Merrick, Rowland Stebbins, Samuel Wright, Henry Burt, Deacon Samuel Chapin, Benjamin Munn, Deacon Samuel Wright,

Thomas Lynde born about 1622 Dunstable, Bedfordshire, emigrated to Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1634. His descendant Jacob Lynde with Wife Mary Gould emigrated to Nova Scotia sometime between 1759 and 1761. The ancestral line by that name ended with the marriage of Mary Lynds to Solomon Hoar in Malston, Massachusetts on 28 Mar 1746. Further information on this line may be found at <http://www.retson.ca/lynds.pdf>

The Chaplin were some of our English ancestors who originated in Devonshire, England. Deacon Samuel Chaplin emigrated to America about 1635 with wife and all but two children. Descendants of this individual included US Presidents Grover Cleveland and William Howard Taft, Canadian Prime Minister Richard Bedford Bennet and T..S. Eliot. The line of direct ancestors bearing this name came to an end when Hannah Chaplin married John Hitchcock on 27 Sep 1666 in Springfield, Massachusetts. More information on the Chapins can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/chapin.pdf>

Another early English ancestor family was the Belchers, which I have traced back to William Andrew Belcher born in 1534 in Guilsborough, Northamptonshire, England. Jeremiah Belcher born about September 1613 in Wiltshire England, is of particular interest to our line as he was a common ancestor of both our Father George Clifford Retson and mother Grace Elizabeth Atkinson. Jeremiah's second wife, Mary Lockwood gave birth, among others, two daughters Abigail and Dorcus who married two brothers John Gould and Daniel Gould who trace down two independent lives to our parents. Jeremiah Belcher emigrated to Massachusetts, US on board the "Susan and Ellen" in 1635. John Gould b.1610 Towcester England, emigrated in to United States in 1635. More information on the Belchers can be found in <http://retson.ca/belcher.pdf> and on the Goulds at <http://retson.ca/Gould.pdf>

Our original Green Ancestor appears to be Thomas Greene born in 1606 at St Albans, Hertfordshire, England who emigrated to British North America in 1635. We have two descendant lines with his two sons through Lieutenant Henry Green born in 1838 and Samuel Green born in 1645 both in Malden, Massachusetts. More information on the Greens can be found at <https://www.retson.ca/green.pdf>

Our Preston ancestors from England, Roger Preston arrived on the Elizabeth on April 8, 1635 from London England at the age of 21. This family suffered from the Salem Witch Hunt. The line of our ancestors exited when Elizabeth Preston married Jabez Mosher. More information on this line can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/preston.pdf>

Another old English family was the Perrin family who eventually emigrated to the United States about 1637. More information on the Perrins can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/Perrin.pdf>.

Old English Ancestors include the Frost family. William Frost was born in 1495 at Glemsford, Suffolk, England as was his wife Philippa born in 1512. Their son John was likewise born in Glemsford 08 Jan 1540 as was John's wife, Ann Scott about 1538. John and Ann's son Edward Frost was born March 13 1561 and his wife Thomasina Belgrave 1652 both in Stanstead, Suffolk. Their daughter, Thamasine Frost was born August 10 1600. She was the last Frost in our line when she married Edmund Rice in 15 Oct 1618. More information can be found on our Frost Ancestors at <http://retson.ca/frost.pdf>

Edmund Rice born about 1594 somewhere in Suffolk in East Anglia. He became an early settled of Sudbury Massachusetts where he settled in 1638 or 1639. More information can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/rice.pdf>

The earliest Burt discovered to date is Henry Burt born in 1516 Harberton, South Hams District, Devon, England. Henry Burt, his great grandson emigrated from England to New England in 1638. More information may be found at <https://retson.ca/burt.pdf>

One of the oldest English Ancestor family is the Hoare (Hoar in North America). The earliest Hoare that I am fairly certain of was Thomas Hoare born 1508 in Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, England and wife Ellen Byrtle. Their son Charles Hoare was born about 1568 in Gloucester and married Margery Gryffyth. Their son Charles was born 21 Dec 1586 in Gloucester and married Joanna Hincksman. After his death she emigrated to Massachusetts around 1640. Her son John is one of my favourite ancestors while her son Leonard was President of Harvard University dying in office in 1675. More information on the Hoars can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/hoar.pdf>

The Ball family originated in England. Our earliest documented ancestor is Francis Ball. He arrived in Dorchester in 1643. He married Abigail Burt 03 Oct 1644 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Francis Ball drowned in the Connecticut River ("the Great River") October 3, 1648, and his widow married Benjamin Munn, April 12, 1649. She then married Thomas Stebbins 14 Dec 1676. Our last ancestor in this line was Mary Ball who married John Hitchcock on Ball and Mary Graves on 24 Sep 1691 in Springfield. More information on the Ball ancestors can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/ball.pdf>

Daniel Wilcox is the earliest Wilcox found to date and his son Edward Wilcox emigrated to New England at least by 1638. Rebecca Wilcox, married Nicholas Mosher to end this name in our line. More information can be found at <https://www.retson.ca/wilcox.pdf>

The Gutterson came from England sometime in the 1640s. The line ended when Susanna Gutterson married Samuel Preston May 27 1672. Further information can be found at <http://www.retson.ca/gutterson.pdf>

Further information can be found on Porter at <https://www.retson.ca/porter.pdf> and on White at <https://www.retson.ca/white.pdf>. The exact date of their emigration has not yet been found.

Additions to <http://www.retson.ca/retsongeneology.html> since August 1 2022

Ball	<a href="http://www.retson.ca/ball.pdf">http://www.retson.ca/ball.pdf</a>
Bateman Gould Ancestors	<a href="https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Bateman-954">https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Bateman-954</a>
Burt	<a href="http://retson.ca/burt.pdf">http://retson.ca/burt.pdf</a>
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