

Descendants of Gilbert Brooks

Generation No. 1

1. GILBERT¹ BROOKS was born About 1621 in England¹, and died Jun 13, 1695 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA². He married (1) ELIZABETH SIMMONS. She was born Unknown, and died Jul 1687 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA³. He married (2) SARAH REDWAY Jan 18, 1687/88 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA⁴, daughter of JAMES REDWAY. She was born About 1642 in Hingham, Plymouth Co., MA⁴, and died Unknown in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Notes for GILBERT BROOKS:

Per SAVAGE'S Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 1

BROOKS, GILBERT, Scituate, came in the Blessing from London, 1635, aged 14, living with William Vassall; after at Marshfield, by wife Elizabeth who Deane says, was daughter of Gov. Edward Winslow (which by some is disputed), beside Gilbert and John, presumed by Deane to have been born at Marshfield, had Elizabeth born 1645; Sarah, 1646; Mary, 1649; Rachel, 1650; Bathsheba, 1655; Rebecca, 1657; and Hannah, 1659; all baptized at Scituate, was at Rehoboth 1679-83, there married Sarah, widow of Samuel Carpenter.

From POPE, The Pioneers of Massachusetts:

"BROOKS, Gilbert, age 14, came with William, in the Blessing in July 1635; as servant to Mr. William Vassall, Scituate, before Plymouth Court 5 March 1638/9. Resided in Marshfield in 1645. Constable. He removed to Scituate, then to Rehoboth. He gave power of attorney 20 March 1694 to his son-in-law Robert Crossman of Taunton, who sold his land in Scituate in 1699. Children Elizabeth and Sarah baptized at Scituate June 21, 1646, Mary baptized July 15, 1649, Rachel baptized July 7, 1650, Phebe baptized September 5, 1652, Bathsheba baptized April 8, 1655, Rebecca baptized April 12, 1657. He died 13 June 1695. Will dated June 6, 1695, being aged; probated July 7, following: Bequests to wife Sarah; to Zachariah Carpenter that lives with me, grandchildren Bathsheba Walker and Brook Thresher; to nine daughters, only Rachel's share to be given to my grandson Benony Wigen. Son-in-law Robert Crossman and William Manle executors."

From Farmer's Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England

BROOKS, Gilbert and William, were of Scituate between 1633 and 1657.

from "Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records 1687-1745" compiled by H.L. Peter Rounds, C.G.; vol. 1

Will of GILBERT BROOK of Rehoboth, dated 6 June 1695, probated 5 July 1695. Wife Sarah. Zachariah Carpenter that lives with me [no relation stated]. 9 daughters [not named]. Daughter Rachel's share to Grandson Benony Wigin. Sons-in-law Robert Crossman & William Manle, Executors. Grandchildren Basheba Walker, & Brooke Thresher. Witnesses: Samuel Newman, Richard Bowen & Nathaniel Chaffee, all of Rehoboth. [1:128/9]

Inventory of Estate of GILBERT BROOKS of Rehoboth, who died 13 June 1695, dated 4 July 1695. Includes an "Appendix to the Will of Gilbert Brooks." Mentions "My children or Grandchildren as follows:" Mary Coleborn, Hannah Crossman, Bethiah Thresher, Rebecca Horskins & Ester Stephen. Appraisers: Nicholas Peck & Richard Bowen [1:129/30]

Account of debts of Estate of GILBERT BROOKS, who died 30 December 1695, dated 15 July 1696, presented by Robert Crossman & William Manley Executors. [1:153]

Account of Legacies from Estate of GILBERT BROOKS, dated 6 July 1696 paid by Robert Crossman & William Manley, Executors. Widow not named. Children: Bathshebe Walker, Bethiah Thresher, Saray Lyon, Elizabeth Stevens' children & Rachel (being in Long Island). Mary Colebond shows dislike of the Will. Legacies also to: Zachariah Carpenter, Benoni Wiggins, Brooks Thresher & Rebecca Hoskins [1:154].

From "Bristol County Probate Records" in NEHGS Register, v. 63, pp. 82-83

June 6, 1695. I Gilbert Brooks of Rehoboth, "being aged & Vnder present weaknes and Expecting my Chaine", do make my will. To beloved wife Sarah my dwelling house, orchard and homelot, my feather bed with its furniture, my chest with a lock and key to it and what other household stuff she may desire for her need. "Dureing the time of her Widowhood and Bearing my Name", she to give in security that the tenement and fences shall be

kept in repair and that no waste be made of said estate, but that it shall upon her decease or marriage be delivered to my executors "Vnless by unaVoydable Cassualty the said house or goods should be Damnified or Destroyed", Also I give her six sheep, one cow, half my swine and half my provision in my house, half my flax and yarn and a quarter of my wool in my house, also a "Barell of Sider"; "in Case god taks me away when the Croop is on the ground", said wife to have the whole crop, and six bushels of corn until harvest, otherwise sixteen bushels of corn, ten of Indian and six of rye. To Benoni Wigin, my grandson, land, and a quarter part of my commons, on the North Side, "my Bed he Vseth to lye on & Bolster one blanket & one Coverlit and a pair of sheets in his hands", and my old Iron Pot. To Zachariah Carpenter that lives with me, forty shillings, my sword that I bought last, with half my ammunition and an axe that was his fathers. To my nine daughters an equal share of my estate, only my daughter Rachel's share I give to my grandson Benoni Wigen. If any of my children be dead, their share to go to their surviving children, that is to say with what some of them have had already as may appear on the other side of the leaf with my hand to it. "My Beloued sons in law Robert Crossman & william Manle" to be executors. To my grandchild Basheba Walker twenty shillings "if she liue with me". To my grandson Brook Thresher twenty shillings. To Zachariah Carpenter, a coverlid. Witnessed by Samuel Newman, Richard Bowen and Nathaniel Chaffee who, all of Rehoboth, made oath to said will at Bristol, July 5, 1695 before John Saflin, Probator. John Cary, Registrar; Entered Oct. 5, 1695, by John Cary Registrar:

Inventory of the estate of Gilbert Brooks of Rehoboth, "who Deceased the thirteenth Day of June 1695" taken July 4, 1695 by Nicolas Peck and Richard Bowen, and sworn to at Bristol, July 5, 1695 by Robert Crossman and William Manley, the executors. Amount, £84..00..00.

"An appendix to the will of Mr. : Gilbert Brooks late of Rehoboth Deceased--
That which I have Payd my Children or Grand Children as follows
to Mary Coleborn a Cow a Mare & a horse
to Hannah Crossman a Cow
to Bethiah Thresher a Cow
Rebecca Horskins shall haue no more of my Estate haueing Received some other things with a warming Pan
already
Ester Stephens has had her whole Share"
signed Gilbert X Brook. Entered Oct. 5, 1695 by John Cary Registrar:

More About GILBERT BROOKS:

Estate Inventory: Jul 04, 1695, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA⁵
Immigration: Jul 1635, From London, England, in the Blessing, age 14^{6,7}
Residence: England, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA and Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA
Will Dated: Jun 06, 1695, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA⁸
Will Proved: Jul 05, 1695, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA⁸

More About ELIZABETH SIMMONS:

Burial: Jul 17, 1687, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA⁹

Notes for SARAH REDWAY:

Per Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 3
REDWAY, REDWEY, READAWAY, or REDDAWAY, JAMES, Rehoboth 1646, probably had John, perhaps more, as Sarah, who married 25 May 1660, Samuel Carpenter; and was buried 28 October 1676.

Children of GILBERT BROOKS and ELIZABETH SIMMONS are:

- i. ELIZABETH² BROOKS, b. 1645, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA¹⁰; d. Bef. Jul 06, 1696¹¹; m. ? STEVENS; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About ELIZABETH BROOKS:

Baptism: Jun 21, 1646, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{12,13}

- ii. SARAH BROOKS, b. 1646, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA¹⁴; d. Unknown; m. ? LYON, Bef. Jul 06, 1696; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About SARAH BROOKS:

Baptism: Jun 21, 1646, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{15,16}

- iii. MARY BROOKS, b. 1649, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA¹⁷; d. Unknown; m. ? COLEBORN, Bef. Jul 04, 1695; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About MARY BROOKS:

Baptism: Jul 15, 1649, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{18,19}

- iv. RACHEL BROOKS, b. 1650, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA²⁰; d. Unknown.

More About RACHEL BROOKS:

Baptism: Jul 07, 1650, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{21,22}

- v. PHEBE BROOKS, b. 1652, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA; d. Unknown.

More About PHEBE BROOKS:

Baptism: Sep 05, 1652, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{22,23}

- vi. BATHSHEBA BROOKS, b. 1655, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA²⁴; d. Unknown; m. ? WALKER, Bef. Jun 06, 1695; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About BATHSHEBA BROOKS:

Baptism: Apr 08, 1655, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{25,26}

- vii. REBECCA BROOKS, b. 1657, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA; d. Unknown; m. ? HOSKINS, Bef. Jun 13, 1695; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About REBECCA BROOKS:

Baptism: Apr 12, 1657, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{26,27}

- 2. viii. HANNAH BROOKS, b. 1659, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA; d. Aft. Jul 04, 1695, Taunton, Bristol Co., MA.
- ix. BETHIAH BROOKS, b. Unknown; d. Aft. Jul 06, 1696²⁸; m. SAMUEL THRESHER, Dec 04, 1683²⁹; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for SAMUEL THRESHER:

Per SAVAGE'S Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 4

THRASHER or THRESHER, SAMUEL, Taunton, perhaps brother of the preceding married 4 December perhaps 1683, Bethia Brooks of Rehoboth.

More About SAMUEL THRESHER:

Residence: Taunton, Bristol Co., MA

- x. GILBERT BROOKS, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- xi. JOHN BROOKS, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. HANNAH² BROOKS (*GILBERT*¹) was born 1659 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA³⁰, and died Aft. Jul 04, 1695 in Taunton, Bristol Co., MA³¹. She married ROBERT CROSSMAN Jul 21, 1679 in Taunton, Bristol Co., MA^{32,33}, son of ROBERT CROSSMAN and SARAH KINGSBURY. He was born Aug 03, 1657 in Taunton, Bristol Co., MA^{34,35,36,37}, and died About 1738 in Taunton, Bristol Co., MA.

Notes for ROBERT CROSSMAN:

Per SAVAGE'S Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 1

CROSSMAN. ROBERT, Taunton, son of the preceding married 21 July 1679, Hannah Brooks, had Nathaniel, b. 10 March 1680.

Child of HANNAH BROOKS and ROBERT CROSSMAN is:

- i. NATHANIEL³ CROSSMAN³⁸, b. Mar 10, 1680/81^{39,40}; d. Unknown; m. SARAH MERRICK, Oct 21, 1703, Taunton, Bristol Co., MA^{41,42}; b. 1688, Norwich, New London Co., CT⁴³; d. Unknown, Taunton, Bristol Co., MA.

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