

Descendants of John Barker

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ BARKER was born Unknown in Stoke Nayland, Suffolk, England, and died Unknown. He married MARGARET WALTER. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Child of JOHN BARKER and MARGARET WALTER is:

2. i. MARY² BARKER, b. Unknown; d. Apr 23, 1677, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA.

Generation No. 2

2. MARY² BARKER (*JOHN*¹) was born Unknown, and died Apr 23, 1677 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA^{1,2}. She married ISAAC STEARNS. He was born About 1600², and died Jun 19, 1671 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA^{3,4}.

Notes for ISAAC STEARNS:

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

STEARNS, ISAAC, Watertown 1630, came probably with Sir Richard Saltonstall in the fleet, was admitted freeman 18 May of next year though he may have been drawn thither as much by regard for Winthrop, since he was not a distant neighbor of the Governor in their native land. He was of Neyland, Co. Suffolk where his two eldest children were baptized; Mary, 6 January 1627; and Ann, 5 October 1628. Here by wife Mary (though Dr. Cogswell in Geneal. Reg. I. 43, calls Sarah mother of John) had John, born perhaps the first year; Isaac, 6 January 1633; Sarah, 22 September 1635; though this by Pulsifer in Geneal, Reg. VII. 159 is given carelessly, as ch. of Isaac and Mary Storie; Samuel, 24 April 1638; Elizabeth and Abigail. He died 19 June 1671, and his will 14 of that month provides for wife Mary, for children of his son John; for the children of his daughter Mary, deceased besides special remembrances of Isaac and Mary; for the children of daughters Sarah, Elizabeth and Abigail several mentions his kinsman Charles Stearns and makes his own son Isaac, and Samuel executors. His widow died 2 April 1677. Probably he is the ancestor of nearly all of his name several thousand in number, in Massachusetts but sure. Farmer should have qualified his universality. He was on the first jury that tried civil cause in New England when large damages were given against Endicott for assault on Thomas Dexter in May 1631. His daughter Mary married 9 July 1646, Isaac Learned, and died before her father. Ann married 25 December 1650, Henry Freeman; Sarah married 7 June 1655, deacon Samuel Stone; Elizabeth married 13 April 1664, Samuel Manning; and Abigail married 27 April 1666, deacon John Morse.

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ISAAC STEARNS

ORIGIN: Nayland with Wissington, Suffolk

MIGRATION: 1630

FIRST RESIDENCE: Watertown

OCCUPATION: Tailor.

FREEMAN: 18 May 1631 (as "Isaacke Sterne") [MBCR 1:366].

EDUCATION: He signed his will.

OFFICES: Trial jury, 3 May 1631 [MBCR 1:86].

Watertown selectman, 8 November 1647, 7 November 1670 [WaTR 1:10, 102]. Committee to design a bridge, 28 December 1647 [WaTR 1:11]. Fence viewer, 13 June 1648 [WaTR 1:16]. Rater, 1652 [WaTR 1:31]. Viewer of land, 3 January 1658[9] [WaTR 1:59]. Town meeting held at his house, 8 December 1659, 13 December 1670 [WaTR 1:63, 103]. Constable, 1659-61 [WaTR 1:65, 67, 74]. Surveyor of highways, 12 January 1662[3] [WaTR 1:75]. Committee to speak with William Knopp about the education of his daughter [WaTR 1:104].

ESTATE: On 25 July 1636 "Isaac Sterne" was granted fifty acres in the Great Dividend [WaBOP 5]. On 28 February 1636/7 he received eleven acres in the Beaverbrook Plowlands [WaBOP 7] and on 26 June 1637 eleven acres in the Remote Meadows [WaBOP 8]. On 10 May 1642 he was granted a Farm of two hundred and fifty-nine acres [WaBOP 12].

In the Watertown Inventory of Grants "Isaac Sterne" held nine parcels: homestall of twelve acres; ten acres of

upland; two acres of meadow; two acres of meadow in Plain Meadow; "three acres of upland ... being a homestall"; "fifty acres of upland being a Great Dividend"; "twenty-seven acres of upland ... beyond the Further Plain & the fourth lot"; twelve acres of plowland in the Further Plain (Beaverbrook Plowlands); and twelve acres of Remote Meadow [WaBOP 77-78]. In the Inventory of Possessions he held three parcels: two acres of meadow in Pond Meadow (formerly owned by Richard Kimball); ten acres of Remote Meadow (originally granted to William Jennison); and a Great Dividend of sixty acres (formerly granted to William Jennison) [WaBOP 117]. In the Composite Inventory he held thirteen parcels, being the twelve listed above (with some minor adjustments) and a farm of two hundred and fifty-nine acres [WaBOP 22].

On 16 April 1664 "Isaac Sternes" of Watertown deeded to "my son Samuel Sternes ... one message or tenement ... in the abovenamed town and is the now dwelling house of the said Samuel Sternes containing one dwelling house with a parcel of land adjoining thereunto by estimation four acres" and "one parcel of land granted me by the town called In Lieu of the Township, and five acres of meadow land in that meadow called Nonesuch" [MLR 4:123].

In his will, dated 14 June 1671 and proved in October 1671, "Isack Sternes of Watertown" bequeathed to "Mary, my beloved wife," his entire estate during widowhood (or if she remarries, dower rights); to "my grandchildren, the children of my son John Sternes," £80 which, "being added to what my son had formerly," will make them up to a double portion; to son "Isaac Sternes" £70 to make up his portion; to son "Samuel Sternes" £40 to make up his portion; to "my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Mary, deceased," £35, of which "my grandchild Isaac Lernot" is to get £10 and the remainder to the rest of the children of "my daughter Mary Lernot," to make up her portion; to daughter Sarah Stone, £40, to make up her portion; to daughter Elizabeth Manning, £20 to make up her portion ("to be secured for the good and benefit of the children"); to daughter "Abigail Morse" five acres of meadow "being at Samuel's farm" and £40 to make up her portion; to "my kinsman Charles Sternes," £10; sons Isaac and Samuel Sternes executors; residue equally to surviving children [MPR 4:127-28].

The inventory of "Isaac Sternes, Sr., taken the 28th of 4th [June] 1671, who deceased the 19th the 4th [June] 1671," totalled £524 4s., of which £407 was real estate: "housing and homestall of twelve acres," £100; four acres upland and two acres meadow, £18; eight acres upland, £26; six acres meadow land, £30; three acres marsh, £15; fourscore acres of upland, £60; twelve acres upland, £12; nine acres upland, £5; sixty acres upland, £15; fifteen acres upland, £8; four acres meadow land, £8; twenty-five acres meadow land, £60; one hundred ninety acres of meadow, £40; and one hundred five acres upland, £10 [MPR 4:129-30; Bond 451, who provided the total, but misread the date of death].

BIRTH: By about 1600 based on estimated date of marriage.

DEATH: Watertown 19 June 1671 [WaVR 33 (and inventory)].

MARRIAGE: By 1625 Mary Barker, daughter of John and Margaret (Walter) Barker of Stoke Nayland [Lechford 291-92]. On 23 May 1665 "Goodwife Stearns Senior" was one of several Watertown residents warned to town meeting to answer for not "attending their seats in the meetinghouse appointed them by the town" [WaTR 1:85]. She died at Watertown on 23 April 1677 [WaVR 42]. (John Brooks Threlfall has identified the parents and other ancestors of Mary Barker [GMC50 439-50].)

CHILDREN:

i MARY, bp. Nayland with Wisington, 6 January 1625/6; m. Woburn 9 July 1646 Isaac Learned, son of WILLIAM LEARNED .

ii ANNA (HANNAH), bp. Nayland with Wisington, 5 October 1628; m. Watertown 25 December 1650 Henry Freeman [WaVR 15 (which incorrectly calls the groom "Samuel")], son of SAMUEL FREEMAN .

iii JOHN, b. say 1630; m. (1) by 1654 Sarah Mixer, daughter of Isaac Mixer (in his will of 8 May 1655 "Isacke Mixture" bequeathed to "my daughter Sarah the wife of Jno. Sternes" [MPR 1:52]; John, son of John and Sara Stearns, b. Billerica "the second week" of May 1654; Sarah, wife of John Stearns, d. Billerica 10 or 18 June 1656) [NEHGR 66:179]; m. (2) Barnstable 20 November 1656 Mary Lothrop, daughter of Thomas Lothrop [PCR 8:46; Billerica record says he m. "Mary Lathrop" in Barnstable "[blank] December 1656"].

iv ISAAC, b. Watertown 6 January 1632/3 [WaVR 3]; m. Cambridge 28 June 1660 Sarah Beers.

v SARAH, b. Watertown 22 September 1635 [WaVR 4]; m. Cambridge 7 June 1655 Samuel Stone, son of Gregory Stone.

vi SAMUEL, b. Watertown 24 April 1638 [WaVR 5]; m. Cambridge 1 February 1662/[3] Hannah Manning.

vii ELIZABETH, b. say 1644; m. Watertown 13 April 1664 Samuel Manning [WaVR 26].

viii ABIGAIL, b. say 1646; m. Watertown 27 April 1666 John Morse [WaVR 27].

ASSOCIATIONS: Charles Stearns, who was in Watertown as early as 1646 and who named a son Isaac, was called kinsman in the will of Isaac Stearns.

COMMENTS: The terms of the will of Isaac Stearns make it clear that John was his eldest son. He may also have been the oldest child, but there is a four-year gap between the last child recorded as born in England and the first recorded as born in Watertown; placing John in this gap would be consistent with his approximate date of marriage. Since he was not recorded as born at Watertown, he may have been born aboard ship in 1630, or in some English parish where the Stearns family possibly perched briefly before sailing for New England.

On 4 December 1638 Isaack Sternes and John Page were fined 5s. for "turning the way about" [MBCR 1:247].
About 1643

Isaacke Sterne of Waterton in New England, planter, sometimes of Stoke Nayland in the County of Suffolke, tailor, and Mary his wife, daughter of John Barker late of Stoke Nayland aforesaid, clothier, deceased," made a letter of attorney to Thomas Gilson of Sudbury, baker, to claim a bond of £5 agreed to be paid before Munnings married Margaret Barker, mother of the said Mary [Lechford 291-92].

More About ISAAC STEARNS:

Freeman: May 18, 1631, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA⁵

Will Dated: Jun 14, 1671⁶

Children of MARY BARKER and ISAAC STEARNS are:

- i. MARY³ STEARNS, b. About Jan 1626/27, Nayland, Suffolk, England; d. 1663⁷; m. (1) ISAAC LEARNED, Jul 09, 1646; b. Feb 15, 1622/23, Bermundsey, Co. Surrey, ENG; d. Nov 27, 1657, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA⁷; m. (2) JOHN BURGE, Jun 09, 1662⁷; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About MARY STEARNS:

Baptism: Jan 06, 1626/27, Nayland, Suffolk, England⁸

Notes for ISAAC LEARNED:

Per SAVAGE'S Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 3

LEARNED, LARNED, or LARNET, sometimes LARNIT, and LERNET,
ISAAC, Woburn, only son of William, born in England, freeman 1647, married 9 July 1646, Mary, eldest child of Isaac Stearns, had Mary, born 7 August 1647; Hannah, 24 August 1649; William, 1 October 1650; removed to Chelmsford, there had Sarah, 28 October or 15 November 1653; Isaac, 16 September or 5 October 1655, and Benoni, 4 December 1656, baptized December 1657; was a selectman, and died 27 November or 4 December 1657. His widow married 9 June 1662, John Burge, and died next year; Mary married Moses Barron; Hannah married 1666, Joseph Farwell; and Sarah married Jonathan Barrett.

Notes for JOHN BURGE:

Family History: 217 Genealogy Books

Oct. 1676. JOHN, Chelmsford, m. 9 June 1662, Mary, wid. of Isaac Larned, eldest d. of Isaac Stearns, as Allen, Hist. of C. 169, tells; and in June 1676, m. Jane, wid. of John Gornell, wh. d. 4 Apr. 1678; and he d. 22 Oct. foll. JOHN, Yarmouth, s. of the first Thomas, m. 8 Sept.

- ii. HANNAH STEARNS, b. About Oct 1628, Nayland, Suffolk, England; d. About Jun 1656, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA; m. HENRY FREEMAN, Dec 25, 1650, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA⁹; b. Unknown; d. 1672.

More About HANNAH STEARNS:

Baptism: Oct 05, 1628, Nayland, Suffolk, England

Burial: Jun 17, 1656, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA¹⁰

Notes for HENRY FREEMAN:

Per SAVAGE'S Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers, v. 2

FREEMAN, HENRY, Watertown, son of Samuel, by wife Mary had Samuel, born 13 December 1657; John, 13 September 1662, and Thomas, 17 December 1664; but, says tradition only son James enjoyed paternal estate; died 1672. The inventory is dated on 18 November in that year.

More About HENRY FREEMAN:
Estate Inventory: Nov 18, 1672¹¹

- iii. JOHN STEARNS, b. About 1630; d. Mar 05, 1668/69, Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA¹²; m. (1) SARAH MIXER, Jun 07, 1653, Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA; b. Unknown; d. Jun 18, 1656, Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA¹²; m. (2) MARY LOTHROP, Dec 1656¹³; b. About Oct 1640, Barnstable, MA; d. 1735.

Notes for JOHN STEARNS:

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

STEARNS, JOHN, Billerica, son of the first Isaac, one of the first settlers of Billerica, married Sarah, only daughter of Isaac Mixer, had John, born May 1654, first born of the two recorded, and Isaac, who died young. His wife died 18 June 1656, and he married December following, at Barnstable, Mary, daughter of Thomas Lothrop, had Isaac, again, 17 April 1658, who died young; Samuel, 3 September 1659; Isaac, again, 23 December 1661; Nathaniel, 30 November 1663, died young; and Thomas, 6 December 1665. He died 5 March 1669, and his widow married 6 May following, Capt. William French, and in 1684 became third wife of Isaac Mixer, and long outlived him.

More About MARY LOTHROP:

Baptism: Oct 04, 1640¹³

- iv. ISAAC STEARNS, b. Jan 06, 1632/33^{14,15}; d. Aug 02, 1676¹⁶; m. SARAH BEERS, Jun 28, 1660, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA¹⁷; b. Dec 05, 1639, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA; d. Jan 24, 1723/24, Concord, Middlesex Co., MA.

Notes for ISAAC STEARNS:

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

STEARNS, ISAAC, Cambridge, son of the preceding lived in that part, called the Farms now Lexington, married 24 June 1660, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Richard Beers, had Sarah, born 14 January 1662; Mary, 8 October 1663; Isaac 26 August 1665; Samuel, 11 January 1668; Abigail; and John, 1675; and died 2 August 1676. His widow married 23 July 1677, Thomas Wheeler; of daughters, Sarah married 27 December 1678, John Wheeler; Mary married 1 January 1694, John Cutler; and Abigail married 29 November 1692, Samuel Hartwell.

More About ISAAC STEARNS:

Freeman: May 03, 1665, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA¹⁸

- v. SAMUEL STEARNS, b. Apr 24, 1638^{19,20}; d. Aug 03, 1683; m. HANNAH MANNING, Feb 01, 1662/63; b. Jun 21, 1642, Cambridge, MA; d. Feb 26, 1723/24.

Endnotes

1. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
2. *The Great Migration Begins*.
3. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
4. *The Great Migration Begins*.
5. NEHGS Register, v. 3, p. 91 (Jan., 1849) "List of Freemen".
6. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
7. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 3.
8. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
9. *The Great Migration Begins*.
10. Watertown Records, Vol. 1: Birth, Marriage, and Death Records.
11. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 2.
12. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
13. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 3.
14. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
15. NEHGS Register, v. 6, p. 380 (Oct., 1852) "Early Records of Boston".
16. James Savage, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers*, v. 4.
17. *The Great Migration Begins*.
18. NEHGS Register, v. 3, p. 239 (July, 1849) "List of Freemen".
19. NEHGS Register, v. 7, p. 160 (Apr., 1853) "Early Records of Boston".
20. *The Great Migration Begins*.