

Descendants of Richard Beers

Generation No. 1

1. CAPT. RICHARD¹ BEERS was born Unknown, and died Sep 04, 1675¹. He married ELIZABETH ?. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Notes for CAPT. RICHARD BEERS:

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

BEERS, or BEERE, RICHARD, Watertown, freeman 9 March 1637, served in the Pequot war, was representative 1663-1675, had Sarah, buried 10 October 1639; Sarah, again, who married 24 June 1660, Isaac Stearns, and next, 23 July 1677, Thomas Wheeler; Mary, born 10 March 1643, who married Joseph Rice of Sudbury, as Bond thinks; Eliezur, who was made administrator jointly with his mother of the will of father, Judith, born 26 March 1646, who married an Allen; Elnathan, before mentioned; Jabez, 4 August 1661; Elizabeth who married 25 May 1710, Samuel Ward, as his second wife, Richard, 22 October 1659; and Abigail, April 1662, died very soon. He was captain and killed in Philip's war at Squakeag, now Northfield, 4 September 1675, probably having time only to make nuncupative will, after being wounded.

From Pope's The Pioneers of Massachusetts:

BEARE, BEARCE, BEARSE, BEIRCE, BEERE, BEERES, BEERS, Richard, inn-keeper, Watertown, freeman Mar. 9, 1636-7. Town officer, Captain. He deposed 17 (10) 1662, that Thomas Mahew lived at Mistick, also Medford in 1636. [Mdx. Files] Petitioned the governor, Oct. 24, 1665, for grant of land in consideration of services in the Pequot War, and other services, having been an inhab. of this jurisdiction ever since the first beginning thereof. Wife Elizabeth; ch. Sarah b. and d. in 1639, Mary b. 10 (1) 1642, Judith b. 26 (1) 1646, Jabez b. Oct. 4, 1651, Richard b. Oct. 22, 1659.

He was slain in battle Sept. 4, 1675. He made will Aug. 6, prob. Oct. 5, 1675; beq. to wife Elizabeth and children; dau. Sterns had recd. her portion. Agreement filed June, 1711, by the children and heirs of Capt. Richard Beers, viz.: Elnathan, Jabez, Richard, Mary Wheeler; Joseph and Mary Rice, heirs of Mary Rice; Judith Allen, Elizabeth and Samuel Ward, and David Stone. [Reg. XXXVIII, 325]

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

BEERS, RICHARD, Watertown, freeman 1637, was representative from 1663 to 1675, 13 years, and captain in Philip's war. He was killed in battle with the Indians at Northfield, Mass., 4 Sept. 1675. His name is spelled Beares in colony records.

More About CAPT. RICHARD BEERS:

Cause of Death: Killed in Philip's War at Squakeag, now Northfield¹

Freeman: Mar 09, 1636/37¹

Children of RICHARD BEERS and ELIZABETH ? are:

- i. SARAH² BEERS, b. 1639²; d. Oct 10, 1639^{3,4}.

More About SARAH BEERS:

Burial: Oct 30, 1639⁵

2. ii. SARAH BEERS, b. Dec 05, 1639, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA; d. Jan 24, 1723/24, Concord, Middlesex Co., MA.
3. iii. MARY BEERS, b. Mar 10, 1642/43; d. May 13, 1677, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA.
- iv. JUDITH BEERS, b. Mar 26, 1646⁶.
- v. RICHARD BEERS, b. Oct 22, 1659, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA^{7,8,8}; d. Unknown.
- vi. JABEZ BEERS, b. Aug 04, 1661^{8,9}.
- vii. ABIGAIL BEERS, b. Apr 15, 1662, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA^{10,11}; d. Apr 30, 1662, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA¹².
- viii. ELIEZUR BEERS, b. Unknown; d. Dec 05, 1701¹³; m. SUSANNA GEORGE, Apr 21, 1690¹³; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for ELIEZUR BEERS:

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

BEERS, or BEERE, ELIEZUR, Watertown, son (Bond thinks eldest) of Capt. Richard, married late in life, 21 April 1690, Susanna, daughter of Robert Harrington, widow of John Cutting, and died without issue, 5 December 1701. His widow married 2, or 21 January 1705 (Bond gives both dates), Peter Cloyes.

- ix. ELIZABETH BEERS, b. Unknown; d. Aft. Nov 15, 1729¹⁴; m. SAMUEL WARD¹⁵, May 25, 1710^{16,17}; b. Sep 24, 1641, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA^{18,19}; d. Nov 15, 1729, Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA¹⁹.

Notes for SAMUEL WARD:

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

WARD, SAMUEL, Marlborough, son of William of the same, born probably in England, took oath of fidelity 1652; was captain and representative 1679 and 1680; married 6 June 1667, Sarah, daughter of John Howe of the same, had Sarah, born 22 April 1668; Joseph, 1670; Elizabeth 1672; Mary, 1676; Samuel, March 1678; Bethia, 25 May 1681; and Daniel, 1687, died at 13 years and his wife died 11 August 1707. His will of 22 May 1727, near 2 years before his death was disputed by the heirs on account of most of the estate being given to son Samuel. He had second wife Elizabeth who outlived him. Conjecture is wholly unable to explain who she was.

From "The William Ward Genealogy", 1925, pp. 70:

Samuel's house-lot (by reversion from his brother Richard-- see Chapter VIII) was west of the Indian line, and probably near the old John Gleason place. His contract with his parents and his standing under the will of his father are told near the end of Chapter X.

Under him, succeeding his father, the original "William Ward" house (i.e., the remaining structure on the original site) was frequently the place of the midweek church meetings and also the recognized abode of visiting and temporary ministers. During the intermittent French and Indian wars from 1689 to 1713, it was a garrison-house as during King Philip's War.

In his will dated May 22, 1727, Samuel Ward says he is "well stricken in years and crazy in body, but of perfect mind, and memory," His will was contested on Probate Court, December 19, 1729, by all his children and heirs (except his son Samuel, the chief beneficiary in virtue of a concurrent agreement to care for him and his wife during their lives) on the ground that he was crazy in mind as well as in body. At length the heirs agreed among themselves touching his will, and desired the judge to approve it.

More About SAMUEL WARD:

Residence: Marlboro, Middlesex Co., MA

Will Contested: Dec 19, 1729

Will Dated: May 22, 1727

- x. ELNATHAN BEERS, b. Unknown; d. Feb 06, 1695/96, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA²⁰; m. SARAH TAINTER, About 1681²¹; b. Nov 20, 1657, Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA^{22,23}; d. Unknown.

Notes for ELNATHAN BEERS:

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

BEERS, or BEERE, ELNATHAN, Watertown, brother of the preceeding, married about 1681, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Tainter, had Mary, born March 1682, died soon; Richard, February 1683, died soon; Simon, 19 July 1684; Mary, again, 11 February 1688; and Richard, again, 17 February 1691.

Generation No. 2

2. SARAH² BEERS (*RICHARD*¹) was born Dec 05, 1639 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA, and died Jan 24, 1723/24 in Concord, Middlesex Co., MA. She married (1) ISAAC STEARNS Jun 28, 1660 in Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA²⁴, son of ISAAC STEARNS and MARY BARKER. He was born Jan 06, 1632/33^{25,26}, and died Aug 02, 1676²⁷. She married (2) THOMAS WHEELER Jul 23, 1677²⁸. He was born Unknown, and died Dec 24, 1704 in 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 preceeding 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., MA²⁹

Notes for THOMAS WHEELER:

See T.A.G., v. 12, 1935: Captain Thomas Wheeler and Some of His Descendants, by Homer Worthington Brainard

Children of SARAH BEERS and ISAAC STEARNS are:

- i. MARY³ STEARNS, b. Oct 08, 1663³⁰; d. Unknown.
- ii. ISAAC STEARNS, b. Aug 26, 1665³⁰; d. Unknown.
- iii. SARAH STEARNS, b. Jan 20, 1666/67, Lexington, Middlesex Co., MA³¹; d. Aug 12, 1725, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA; m. JOHN WHEELER, Dec 27, 1678, Concord, Middlesex Co., MA³²; b. Feb 18, 1655/56, Concord, Middlesex Co., MA; d. Dec 01, 1736, Concord, Middlesex Co., MA.
- iv. SAMUEL STEARNS, b. Jan 11, 1667/68³²; d. Unknown.

3. MARY² BEERS (*RICHARD*¹) was born Mar 10, 1642/43³³, and died May 13, 1677 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., MA. She married JOSEPH RICE About 1670, son of EDMUND RICE and THOMASINE FROST. He was born 1637 in England, and died Unknown.

Notes for JOSEPH RICE:

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

RICE, JOSEPH, Sudbury, probably youngest son of Edmund the first, born in England, married 1658, Mercy King, perhaps daughter of Thomas of Watertown, but no issue is found in Barry, who says, by wife Martha he had Martha, born 14 January 1662; Josiah, 3 May 1663; Caleb, 1666; and this wife Martha died 4 January 1669; by third wife Mary, by Bond thought daughter of Capt. Richard Beers, he had Joseph, 5 June 1671; Eleazer, 26 October 1672; removed to Marlborough, was freeman 1672; had there Mary, 13 August 1674; perhaps driven by the Indian war to Watertown, his wife died there 13 May 1677; and there by 4th wife Sarah had Jonathan, 26 March 1679; and Sarah, 14 February 1681, who died soon, and again might have, at Marlborough, Phineas, 24 August 1684.

Child of MARY BEERS and JOSEPH RICE is:

- i. JOSEPH³ RICE, b. Jun 05, 1671³⁴; d. Dec 03, 1745, New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., MA; m. MERCY KERLEY, Nov 10, 1708, Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA; b. May 02, 1681, Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA; d. Oct 16, 1727, Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA.

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