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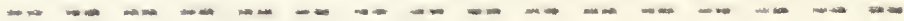
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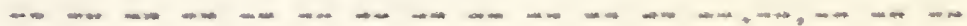
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INTRODUCTION.

The Nowell family in England dates back to about the beginning of the 13th Century.

The first one of the name was Richard Nowell of Nevet alias Rede, the seat of the family being at Readhall in Lancashire.

The first patent of arms was granted to his grandson, Adam Nowell, and dated the 26th of June in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward I. or 1267. Another patent was issued to his son, Lawrence Nowell in the 42d year of the reign of King Edward III.

The grant of arms to Adam Nowell was confirmed by "Henry" King at arms at the Visitation of Lancashire in 1563. They consisted of "argent three covered cups sable, crest, an arm emboured in armor proper garnished, holding in the hand a fire ball".

Alexander Nowell, a member of this family, was Dean of St. Paul's during the reign of Edward VI. He was probably an uncle of Increase Nowell who was secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and who came to New England with Winthrop in 1630.

No connection has as yet been established between the Massachusetts and Maine families.

TOWELL FAMILY

Being a brief account of Capt. Peter Towell of York, Maine, and of some of his descendants.

Capt. Peter Towell was born in the year 1700; the place of his birth is at present unknown. He came to New England from the Island of Jersey in the English Channel, sometime before the year 1693, being first found at Salem in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. In the old records he is spoken of as being a blacksmith.

It seems probable that he did not remain in Salem for any great length of time for on "February 18, 1694-5" he purchased ten acres of land in York, from Joseph Banks of York, for 12 pounds, and on Oct. 14, 1695, he purchased 10 acres more in that part of York called "Scotland", for 20 pounds, from Richard Coxan "taylor" of Salem. His removal from Salem to York took place during the summer of 1695.

The probability is that he had been stationed in the vicinity of York with troops which had been placed there to guard the frontier from the attacks of the French and Indians from the north; in a military order dated at "Yorke", Aug. 26, 1696, he is mentioned as "serjeant Towell".

Shortly after his removal from Salem to York he was summoned before the court for selling a horse on "ye Lords Day". He admitted his guilt and was fined ten shillings.

From this time on, he was a prominent man in the affairs of the town. The town of York made him a grant of 20 acres of land June 28, 1699, another grant was made to him of 40 acres Feb. 28, 1702, and several others at subsequent dates. In 1714 he was one of the selectmen of York.

Sometime during the year 1698 he married Sarah Teare, daughter of Peter Teare and Mary Davis, he had been a prominent man in the early history of the town of York and at one time was Register of Deeds for York County. He met his death at the hands of the Indians in the "massacre of York" Jan. 25, 1691/2. His wife, Mary Davis, was a daughter of Capt. Joan Davis who had been Deputy Governor of Maine under Sir Ferdinando Gorges.

Sarah Teare was born in Jan. 1676 and died Sept. 16, 1739, aged 53 years, 3 mos. After her death, Peter Towell married Mrs. Mary Preble, Feb. 19, 1730. She was the widow and fourth wife of Abraham Preble. Her maiden name was also Preble, she being the daughter of Capt. Abraham Preble.

He had six sons and three daughters, all by his first wife. From "Mr. Marshalls Record Books" we learn that Peter Towell, born 1670, died May 10, 1740, in the 70th year of his age.

His will is dated Aug. 8, 1738, and was admitted to probate May 30, 1740. His sons John and Ebenezer were appointed administrators of the will and the inventory was returned July 14, 1740, amounting to 2035 pounds; 14 shillings; 3 pence.

The tombstone of his first wife is still standing in York on the farm of Mr. J. H. Nowell, a direct lineal descendant of his son Paul: it bears the following epitaph:-

"Here lies ye precious dust of Mrs. Sarah Nowell, late virtuous consort of Capt. Peter Nowell: a pattern of modesty & sobriety - prudence & diligence, truth & faithfulness - eminent for serious and undisturbed Devotion in ye Solemn worship of God, Adorning her Profession by a blameless Faithful conversation. She departed this life in the well grounded hope of a better, Sept. 29, 1729, in ye 53rd year of her age".

"The beareth of Peter Nowell his children borne unto him by Sarah his wife".

- 2. i Peter. b. Feb. 24, 1698/9. d. y.
- 3 ii Sarah. b. June 29, 1700.
- 4 iii Mary. b. July 15, 1702.
- 5 iv Joan. b. Mch. 18, 1705.
- 6 v Peter. b. 1707.
- 7 vi Ebenezer. b. Nov. 12, 1709.
- 8 vii Abraham. b. Feb. 20, 1711/2
- 9 viii Paul. b. 1714.
- 10 ix Milas. b. 1717.
- 11 x Esther. b. July 12, 1721.
- 12 3 Sarah NOWELL: married Capt. Jonathan Hane about 1716
- 13 i Jonathan. b. Feb. 13, 1717/8.
- 14 ii Daniel. b. Oct. 27, 1720.
- 15 iii Mary. b. Jan. 4, 1722/3. d. y.
- 16 iv Sarah. b. July 8, 1725.
- 17 v Joshua. b. Mch. 29, 1728.
- 18 vi Mary. b. Oct. 7, 1730.
- 19 vii HulDAH. b. Apr. 1732.
- 20 viii Abraham. b. Feb. 10, 1733/4.
- 21 ix Ebenezer. b. Jan. 20, 1736/7.
- 22 x Tehemish. b. Mch. 17, 1740.
- xi Charles. b. Apr. 3, 1743.
- 4 MARY NOWELL: married Capt. John Lane about 1750.
- 23 i John. b. July 4, 1734.
- 24 ii Henry. b. Aug. 19, 1737. d. Dec. 1737.
- 25 iii Joanna. b. Sept. 18, 1738. d. Oct. 19, 1827.
- 26 iv Daniel. b. May 11, 1740. d. Oct. 11, 1811.
- 27 v Jabez. b. Sept. 21, 1743. d. Apr. 30, 1830.

5 JOHN HOWELL: married Tabitha Case, the line of this family has not been worked out as yet.

The tombstone of John Howell is still standing in York near that of his mother above mentioned it bears the following epitaph:-

"Here lies interred ye remains of
Deacon John Howell who dec'd Oct. ye
9th, 1743 in ye 50th year of his age,
Much lamented".

6 PETER HOWELL: married Lydia Jenkins June 19, 1729.

- 28 i Mary. b. Feb. 14, 1729/30. m. Ebenezer Simpson.
- 29 ii Peter. Feb. 16, 1731/2. m. Sarah Gray.
- 30 iii Daniel. m. Elinor Jenkins.
- 31 iv Shadrach. m. Joanna R. Gerrish.
- 32 v Lydia. m. Israel Worsdon.
- 33 vi Mercy. m. Jotham Young.

29 PETER HOWELL: married Sarah Gray.

- 34 i Ebenezer. m. Abigail Emory.
- 35 ii John. unm.
- 36 iii Martha. m. Simon Emory.
- 37 iv Lydia. m. Mr. Chick of York.
- 38 v Sally. unm.

30 DANIEL HOWELL: married Elinor Jenkins.

- 39 i Daniel. m. Abigail Johnson.
- 40 ii Isaac. unm.
- 41 iii Peter. m. Patience Kingsbury. had 3 dau.
- 42 iv Jeremiah. m. Sally ----
- 43 v Lydia. m. William Kingsbury.
- 44 vi Elinor. m. Abraham Thompson.
- 45 vii Hannah. m. Jotham Jenkins.

28 MARY HOWELL: married Ebenezer Simpson, Jan. 16, 1752.

31 SHADRACH HOWELL: married Joanna R. Gerrish.

- 46 i Shadrach. m. Mary Mason.
- 47 ii Timothy
- 48 iii Joanna. m. Mr. Young.
- 49 iv Mary. m. Jos. McIntire.
- 50 v Eunice. m. David Webster.
- 51 vi Dorcas.
- 52 vii Mercy. m. Jotham Mason.
- 53 viii Mary. m. Nathaniel Simpson.
- 54 ix Lydia. m. Geo. Abbott.

- 46 BENJAMIN HOWELL: m. Mary Mason.
- 47 i Rebecca, m. Wm. Jenkins.
- 48 ii Mark, m. Mary Jollen.
- 49 iii Andrew, m. Eliza Dale.
- 50 iv Jotham, m. Miss Flinsted.
- 51 v Rebster, m. Abigail Simpkins.
- 52 vi Wm. Gerrish, m. Jane Robinson.
- 53 46 MILDRED HOWELL:
- 54 vii Timothy.
- 55 viii George, m. Martha Grant, Dec. 2, Dec. 14, 1891
- 56 ix Charles, m. Eliza Robinson.
- 57 48 JOANNA HOWELL: married Mr. Young.
- 58 49 MARY HOWELL: married Jos. McIntire.
- 59 50 FREDERICK HOWELL: married David Webster.
- 60 52 MARY HOWELL: married Jotham Mason, Sept. 11, 1898.
- 61 53 MARY HOWELL: married Nathaniel Simpson, Aug. 21, 1896.
- 62 54 LYDIA HOWELL: married Geo. Abbott.
- 63 7 BENJAMIN HOWELL: married Patience Hamilton. His grave stone is still standing in York near those of his mother and brother John; it bears the following epitaph - "Here lies the body of Mr. Benjamin Howell who departed this life July the 1st, 1761".
- 64 1 Jonathan, b. 1746, d. Jan. 1, 1821, m. Elizabeth Frost, d. Dec. 1, 1829. Interred at Co. Warwick, Me.
- 65 64 65 JONATHAN HOWELL.
- 66 i Ebenezer, b. 1768, d. 1860, m. Rachel Grant and Sally Hayes.
- 67 ii Patience, b. Nov. 24, 1770, m. Capt. Robbs.
- 68 iii Fathima, b. Jan. 24, 1775, m. Capt. Hayes.
- 69 iv Jonathan, Jr. b. Mar. 1, 1775.
- 70 v George, b. Dec. 7, 1777.
- 71 vi Theodosia, b. Mar. 5, 1780, m. Reuben Neal.
- 72 vii Henry, b. Feb. 20, 1780.
- 73 viii Hannah, b. Sept. 14, 1782, m. James Johnson.
- 74 ix Mary, b. Oct. 11, 1784.
- 75 66 BENJAMIN HOWELL: m. Rachel (Grant) Howell.
- 76 i Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1782, m. Mr. Charles Frafton, d. Nov. 22, 1843.
- 77 ii Mary, b. Jan. 14, 1790, m. William Adams, d. Sept. 1877.

- 63 iii Patience, b. 1737, d. 1831.
- 69 iv Sabrina, b. May 23, 1759, m. Humphrey Chadbourne 1st, 2nd, Ebenezer Littlefield, d. May 1833.
- 70 v Sophia, b. 1752, d. 1817.
- 71 vi Lucretia, b. 1801, m. 1831.
- 72 vii Joshua Rosell, b. Dec. 1st, 1805, m. Sarah Hammond, d. Nov. 14, 1890.
- 73 viii Sybil, b. Mar. 10, 1810, d. Aug. 1833.
- 74 72 JERUSA ROSSELL and Sarah Hammond Roswell.
- 75 i Ebenezer, b. Apr. 10, 1833, m. 1st, Ann, and Rachel.
- 76 ii Sybil, b. Apr. 22, 1833.
- 76 iii A. Augusta, b. June 3, 1837, d.
- 77 iv John A. b. Jan. 2, 1840, m. Hannah A. Weymouth.
- 78 v Charles, b. Feb. 14, 1842, m.
- 79 vi George, b. Oct. 2nd, 1844, m. 1st Laura Roberts; and-
- 80 vii William, b. Jan. 15, 1847, m.
- 81 viii Mary, b. Aug. 8, 1850, m. Thomas Harvey.
- 82 ix Sarah, b. Nov. 9, 1853, d.
- 83 x Asa, b. Feb. 7, 1855, m. Willis Reed, d.
- 84 xi Joshua, b. Oct. 7, 1863, m. 1st, Carrie C. Hussey, 2nd, Carrie T. Potter.

- 85 8 Mrs. ROSSELL: 4th son Capt. Peter Rosell, m. 177. m. 1736, Family Tree.
- 86 i Samuel, b. 1730.
- 87 ii Abner, b. 1742.
- iii Nathaniel, b. 1744.

- 88 9 MRS. ROSSELL: m. Mary Cutting.
- i John Rosell, m. Mrs. Simpson.

89 10 MRS. ROSSELL:

i Ebenezer, m. Mary Hill, Feb. 24, 1803, b. Apr. 25, 1736. They were buried at St. George, Winford, near the home where 14 children were born and 10 survived, their average age being 73 years.

Child
Susan, m. John Wentworth.
Their son was the late Alonzo B. Wentworth of Boston, Mass. who began a genealogy of the Rosell family, part of whose work is included in this paper.

10 THOMAS ROSSELL: m. 1st Sarah Case, 2nd Rachel Willingford.
Daughter of Col. Thomas Willingford of Dover, N. H. and Mary Gray of New York, daughter of Joseph Gray and Mary, dau. of Peter Grant of Berwick. Little is at present known of this Rosell beyond the fact that he was dead in

1777, according to a vague family tradition he was lost at sea. His only known child is by his second wife -

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1. Marc. 5. -ec. 26, 1752. d. Apr. 3, 1836.

91 John FORTILL: was born in York, but probably after the death of his father, his mother removed to Ferrick where she had relatives. In the year 1777 he ran away from home and shipped on the "Caleigh" which was then lying in Portsmouth harbor; his mother secured his discharge, but shortly after he ran away again and served both on the "Mercury" and the "Privateer" Gen'l Sullivan, while returning to America with a prize he was captured and taken a prisoner to Ireland where he remained about a year, and was finally exchanged at the Barbadoes in the West Indies. After his return to America he enlisted in Capt. Mills Company Col. Mrovers Regt. and later in Capt. Hunt's Company Col. Prescott's Regt. Vol's. The troops with which he served were stationed most of the time in the vicinity of West Point. He witnessed the execution of Maj. Andre, at Tappan, N. Y. in 1780.

In his application for a pension he makes the statement that from the latter part of 1777 until the year 1784, there was not over ten months but that he was in service, either by land or sea. He was honorably discharged at West Point, in 1784, and returned to Ferrick, N. C.

About the year 1788, he married Nancy Warner, b. Nov. 31, 1766. d. Dec. 3, 1834.

He was town surveyor and constable of North Ferrick, N. C. He and his wife are buried in a small family burying lot near the old mill of Samuel Buffum, in North Ferrick, N. C.

91 John FORTILL:

- i Mrs. b. Oct. 7, 1790.
- ii Living. b. May 10, 1791. d. 1862.
- iii Sarah. b. Nov. 13, 1793. d. July 11, 1844.
- iv Marc. b. Dec. 11, 1795. d. 1870.
- v Mills. b. Jan. 10, 1798.
- vi Samuel. b. Apr. 24, 1800. d. July 11, 1860.
- vii Daniel. b. Feb. 23, 1804. d. Dec. 3, 1814.
- viii Lydia. b. Feb. 7, 1807. d. 1874.
- ix Eliza. b. Feb. 23, 1810. d. 1874.

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92 John FORTILL: in Feb. 1814 he enlisted for three years' service in the war of 1812; was wounded at the battle of Plattsburg and was in the hospital at Burlington, Vt., but was never heard from afterwards.

95 WALKER JOURNAL: Married twice, but left no descendants. His organization of town on April 4, 1831. member School Committee - Selectmen in 1850.

96 WILLIAM WALKER: married Nancy Hatch. Went West in the fall of '36. emigrated with his family to Cassiar county, Michigan. remained there about nine years; then went to Illinois; from there to Missouri in the spring of 1849, crossed the plains to California and returned in the spring of 1851. shortly after his return his wife became infatuated with the Mormon doctrines, took a new train, and in the fall of 1851 left him and went to Utah with a party of Missourians; taking the children, Rachel and Oliver, and also all his ready money with her. They were then living in St. Joseph, Missouri. The last thing heard of him is a letter dated at Alton, Missouri.

- 101 i William
- 102 ii Henry
- 103 iii Ambrey
- 104 iv Rachel
- 105 v Malvina
- 106 vi Oliver
- 107 vii Nancy

98 Malvina, 84. Sarah, 68 Lydia. Never married. lived on the old homestead of their father, Ezra Rosell, in North Berwick, Me.

100 WILLIAM WALKER: m. Dec. 4, 1835, Calvin Varney. b. at Wolfboro, N. H. July 26, 1808. d. Nov. 17, 1893.

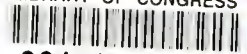
- 108 i Albert A. Varney. b. Nov. 27, 1836.
- 109 ii Charles W. Varney. b. July 30, 1836.
- 110 iii Eliza E. Varney. d. Oct. 3, 1841.
- 111 iv Edgar S. Varney. b. May 9, 1845.
- 112 v Eliza Varney. b. Nov. 1st, 1845. N. Y.

111 EDGAR S. VARNEY: m. Alice E. Child, Lynn, Massachusetts, Aug. 10, 1874. She was born Nov. 14, 1856.

- 113 i Herbert S. Varney.
- 114 ii Edward S. Varney.



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