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Several years since, I took up, as a matter of genealogical interest, the question whether the first Thomas Low, of my paternal line, in America was, ~~or was not~~, the son of John Lowe, captain of the ship *Ambrose*, of Winthrop's fleet in 1630. Crowell's History of Essex states such to be the case.

P. 24. "Among the names which are known to have been long prevalent in this place are the following:

- 1634—John Perkins;
- 1635—Robert Andrews, Wm. Goodhue,
George Giddings;
- 1638—John Burnham;
- 1639—Andrew Story;
- 1643—Thomas Low;
- 1648—John Choate."

P. 45. "In 1643, Thomas Low settled in this place, on land since owned by the late Captain Winthrop Low. His house was about thirty-five rods south of Captain Low's mansion."

P. 74. "The next town meeting was held, as the Record says, February 19, 1677 (new style, March 2, 1678), at which the town voted that the Selectmen confer with the Chebacco neighbors, about what they petitioned, and report at the next town meeting. The inhabitants here chose William Cogswell, John Andrews,

Thomas Low and William Goodhue, a committee to confer with the Selectmen." (This was about having preaching in Chebacco). "Several conferences were held, but without any decisive result."

- P. 119. "1712, April 12th, died Dea. Thomas Low, aged 80. He left a widow, Martha, and seven children, Samuel, Jonathan, David, Martha Dodge, Joanna Dodge, Sarah and Abigail Goodhue. (Names of children not quite correct.) He was one of the deacons of the church here from its commencement to his decease." There is much more about him, including an extract from his will.

On page 478, under the head of Corrections, is the following:

"Page 119—Dea. Low was the son of Thomas, the first settler (see p. 45), d. Sept. 8, 1677, and *grandson* of Capt. John Low, commander of the ship *Ambrose*, and Rear Admiral of a fleet of twelve ships, which sailed from England for Salem in April, 1630. To Dea. Thomas' son Samuel, were born Samuel, Asa and Daniel (d. 1824, aged 78)."

This last-named Daniel Low was the father of *Capt. Winthrop Low*, who is mentioned by Prof. E. P. Crowell as the authority for the statement as to the descent from Capt. John Lowe of the *Ambrose*. So it appears that Capt. Winthrop Low was a great-grandson of Deacon Thomas Low. Said Winthrop Low died Aug. 31, 1866, at the age of four score and one years.

A sketch of his life and character appeared in the Salem Register not long after, from which it ap-

pears that he was a man of firm character and strongly religious. "His power of attention was so great, even in his childhood, that he could recollect particular expressions in the prayers of Rev. Mr. Cleaveland, uttered sixty years before, and repeat them as he did to a grandson of Mr. Cleaveland, but a short time before he died." He was much respected and lamented. It seems worth while to mention these things as his character is a factor in connection with his statement to Rev. Mr. Crowell. He must have believed his statement to be true even if he was mistaken.

Crowell's History speaks, on p. 354, of two family relics, which I, Wm. G. Low, have seen. The first is "a cane with a head of bone, encircled by a broad band of silver where it is joined to the cane, which was brought from England. On it is this inscription: 'Owned in ye Family. Engd about 1573; D. L., U. America, March 14, 1803.'" This inscription seems to have been put on the cane by Daniel Low, the father of Capt. Winthrop Low.

The other relic is a "copy of the Scriptures printed in 1579, pp. 554, quarto, brought to this country by Capt. John Low and handed down in the family from father to son as an heir-loom." It is of the Geneva edition; translations by Coverdale, Whittingham and others, and printed at London by Christopher Barker, Printer to the Queen. "On the blank leaves of the book are written the following names: 'Susan Low her book 1677, May 19,' 'Thomas Low his Book' (apparently written about the same time); 'Samuel Low' and 'John Low.'"

Crowell's History is followed, I believe, by Babson's History of Gloucester. See p. 113 thereof.

Rufus Choate, Esq., of Essex, informed me that the matter for Crowell's History of Essex was col-

lected by Rev. Robert Crowell, the pastor of the Congregational church there, and that, after said Crowell's death, the town of Essex purchased the collection and induced Prof. E. P. Crowell, of Amherst College, son of Robert, to edit it; whence Crowell's History referred to.

At Mr. Choate's suggestion I wrote to Prof. Crowell, who is his cousin, enquiring as to the basis for the statement about the bible having been brought over by Capt. John Lowe, &c. He replied:

“My father obtained his information about it directly from Captain Winthrop Low, a man of clear and strong intelligence and well informed in historical matters, especially those relating to his family. Still he may have accepted a tradition which was not founded in fact.”

There appears to be no documentary evidence, so far as I am aware, on record in this country that is not based on this statement of Crowell's.

Let me here give such information as I have about the first *Thomas Low*.

In the early records of Ipswich he appears to be mentioned more than once.

The Ancient Records of the Town of
Ipswich (Mass.)

from 1634-1650

Edited & Published by Geo. A. Schofield,
Ipswich, Mass., of the Ipswich Chronicle.

P. 23. April the 6th, 1641. Granted to Thomas Low, ten acres of upland at Chebacco, next his ten acres there, in exchange for 10 acres due to him by grant unto Mr. Rogers Company near the three miles brook by Mr. Appleton's farme.

- P. 26. 4th of the 2 mo. 1643. Mr. Hubbard and Geo. Giddings are appointed to view what Land is convenient for Goodman Lowe, upland and meadow.
- P. 25 July 18, 1643. Granted to Thomas Low 6 acres of marsh beyond Chebacco River.
- P. 29. At a meeting the 4th of 11 mo. 1646. The names of such as promise carting voluntary toward the cart Bridge, beside the rate, a 2 day work apiece, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Appleton, Mr. Rogers, Deacon Whipple, Sergeant Jacob, Thomas Bishop, Ensign Howlett, Goodman Griffin, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. William Payne, John Andrews, Jun., Samuel Pod, Mr. Wade, Mr. Robert Payne, Daniel Warner and Thomas Safford, Thomas Stace, Goodman Foster, Edward Brag and *Goodman Loe*, Goodman Adams, Goodman Gittings, Mr. Cogswell and Goodman Wiat.
- P. a. The generall Towne meeting held the 19th of December, 1648. A list of the names of those that did *subscribe their names* to allow unto Major Denison three severall somes yearly while he continued to be our Leader—
 (Among them) Thos. Loe 0 2 0
 (probably shillings)

Whether all these references are to the same person I do not know. The one of the 4th of the 2 mo. 1643 might indicate a new and landless arrival.

There is a deposition on record made in 1660 by Thomas Low (1) and by his daughter Sarah, in which his age is given as about 55 and hers as

about 23. It was made in complaint of Fuller *v.* Lee, Essex Court Files, book 5, leaf 80, and was sworn in court held at Ipswich the 25th of September, 1660.

Thomas Low (1) of that part of Ipswich, Mass., called Chebacco Parish, now town of Essex. His Will dated 20 Apr. 1677, proved 6 Nov. 1677 (see Essex Probate Files 17242) mentions wife Susanna and children John, Thomas, Margaret and Sarah and grand-children Thomas Low, Margaret Davisson, Sarah Safford and Sarah Low.

He died 8 Sept. 1677.

His son John m. 10 Dec. 1661, Sarah Thorndike, of Beverly.

Margaret m. Daniel Davisson.

Sarah m. Joseph Safford.

His son *Thomas Low* (2).

M. 4 July 1660 Martha Boreman, (dau. Thos. B.)

Born about 1632 or 1631. d. 12 Apr. 1712, aged 80 yrs.

Will dated 17 June, 1708; proved 5 May, 1712; Essex County Probate Files 17244.

Tombstone with inscription in Essex churchyard.

Children: Thomas B. 14 Apr. 1661.

m. (1) Mary Brown.

(2) Sarah, dau. of Harlakenden Simonds.

2. Samuel (d. before 6 Mar; 1724).

3. Jonathan, b. 7 July, 1665.

4. *David*, b. 14 Aug. 1667.

m. 28 Dec. 1699, Mary Lamb, dau. Caleb Lamb, of Roxbury.

He d. before 25 Nov. 1736.

5. Martha, b. 10 March, 1669.

m. *Richard* — Dodge.

6. Joanna, m. — — — Hale.

7. Sarah, m. Nathan Webster
8. Abigail, m. Joseph ~~Cove~~. *Goodhue*
9. Nathaniel, d. 30 July, 1693.
10. John, d. 29 Nov. 1695.

Thomas Low((²))'s son, *David*, was my ancestor. The son Thomas (3) who married Sarah Symonds, moved to Gloucester.

John Winthrop's History of New England opens as follows:

"A. D. 1630, March 29, Monday (Easter Monday). Riding at the Cowes, near the Isle of Wight, in the *Arbella*, a ship of 350 tons, whereof Capt. Peter Milborne was master, being manned with fifty-two seamen and twenty-eight pieces of ordnance (the wind coming to the N. by W. the evening before), in the morning there came aboard us Mr. Cradock, the late governor, and the masters of his two ships, Capt. John Lowe, master of the *Ambrose*, and Mr. Nicholas Hurlston, master of the *Jewel*, and Mr. Thomas Beecher, master of the *Talbot* (which three ships rode then by us—the *Charles*, the *Mayflower*, the *William* and *Francis*, the *Hopewell*, the *Whale*, the *Success* and the *Trial* being still at Hampton and not ready), when upon conference, it was agreed that (in regard it was uncertain when the rest of the fleet would be ready) these four ships should consort together; the *Arbella* to be admiral, the *Talbot* vice-admiral, the *Ambrose* rear-admiral, and the *Jewel* a captain; and accordingly articles of consortship were drawn between the said captains and masters; whereupon Mr. Cradock took leave of us, and our captain gave him a farewell with four or five shot."

They came to anchor off Yarmouth. April 8th they finally sailed for America.

Having gotten together the above, I decided to prosecute my quest by first discovering the home port of the *Ambrose*; then, if possible, identifying her captain, John Lowe, and next ascertaining whether he had a son Thomas Lowe. Through a correspondent of Mr. Russell Loines, I found that there was in the Record Office in London mention of the grant of letters of Marque in 1629-30 to the *Ambrose of Ipswich*, Capt. John Lowe. This record will be given later

Turning my attention to Ipswich, England, research among the church and other records there brought to light a family of mariners and vessel owners named Lowe. As will appear later, the ownership of the *Ambrose* was, in part at least, held by this family and its kindred, and no other family of mariners of the name appearing in Ipswich, it seems highly *probable* that the captain John Lowe sought for was a member of this family or some branch of it. Of this I feel confident.

It is desirable that I now record much of what has been found about this Lowe family of Ipswich, County Suffolk, England.

There appear to have been several brothers, viz: John, Matthew, Barnabas, Robert, and a sister named Bridget, m. Daniel Croford, children of William Lowe and Margaret (Wardall) Lowe. Margaret Lowe was a sister of Rev. Robert Wardall, minister of St. Clement's parish church in Ipswich from 1583-1606, and the records of that parish give most of the baptisms, &c., in the family, though not quite all. St. Margaret's furnishes a few items.

As a starting point, I propose now to cite the

Will of John Lowe, mariner, who m. Susan Serles,
12 Aug. 1583:

WILL OF JOHN LOWE,
of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, mariner
dated, 3 Dec., 1612.

I bequeath to the poor of St. Clement's where I do now dwell £6.

To my wife, Susan, so long as she remains unmarried, all my tenements in Ipswich for life.

To my son, William Lowe and the heirs of his body, my dwelling house in St. Clement's, Ipswich, a half quarter of the ship *Rebecca*.

To my son, John Lowe, and his lawful heirs, the tenement where Jeremy Joyner now lives, a half quarter of the ship *Tobias* and a half quarter of the *Little Suzan*.

To my son, Thomas Lowe and his lawful heirs, the tenement where my sister Bridget dwells in Wykes Bishopp, also my lighter or vessel called *The William* and a quarter of the ship *Little Suzan*.

To my son, Richard Lowe and his heirs, my tenement where John Chaplin now dwells in Ipswich and a quarter of my best ship.

To my son, Robert Lowe and his lawful heirs, my tenement where Edward Lavericke now dwells in Ipswich and one-half of my lighter *The Robert* and a quarter of my best ship, at his age of 18.

To my daughter Suzan, wife of Edmond Humfrey £50.

To my daughter Margaret £200.

To my daughter Elizabeth £200.

To my brother's daughter, Thomasine Low, £5.

Residuary legatee and executrix—my said wife.

Overseer: My friend, William Hamont; he to have 40s. for his pains.

(Signed) JOHN LOWE.

Witnesses: Chr. Ballard, Thomas Gosslyn,
William Wade, John Ballarde.

Proved: 12 July, 1614, by Suzan Lowe, relict
executrix of deceased.

WILL OF SUSAN LOWE
of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, widow,
dated 13 Nov., 1623.

Bequeaths to her five sons, William, John, Thomas, Robert and Richard Lowe, all the shipping left me by their father, John Lowe, my late husband, deceased, to be divided equally among them.

Makes various bequests, including £20 to each of her daughters, Suzan, Margaret and Elizabeth.

Also, leaves Mr. Samuel Warde, preacher, 20 s.—
(~~This Mr. Ward is understood to be brother to Rev. John Ward, the first Minister at Ipswich, Mass.~~)—

Leaves Mr. Thomas Scott, parson of St. Clement's 20 s.

To her sister Wilkenson 40 s.

Executors, sons William, Richard and Robert.

Proved 16 June, 1626, by Robert Lowe, son.

Power reserved to William and Richard, when they shall apply for the same.

Robert Lowe's will is extant but none by the other sons, so far as I find.

FROM ST. CLEMENT'S RECORDS.

John Lowe—Susan Serles, m. 12 Aug., 1583,
Mariner.

Their children—

- William Lowe, bapt. 10 May, 1584.
- John Lowe* ², bapt. 11 Sept. 1586; probably m.
Ellen Revett, dau. Edward
Revett, she bapt. 17 Mch.,
1590.
Had son Thomas, bapt. 18 June,
1620.
Had dau. Ellen, bapt. 24 Aug.,
1621.
(As far as records of St.
Clement's show).
- Thomas Lowe, bapt. 23 June, 1594; m. Cicely
Forde, 21 Dec., 1617.
- Richard Lowe, bapt. 30 July, 1598.
- Robert Lowe, bapt. 27 Dec., 1603, m.
(1) Margaret Caine, 30 Nov.,
1626.
(2) Elizabeth ———
Will proved 23 Nov., 1644.
- Susan Lowe, bapt. 8 Sept., 1588; m. Edmond
Hunfrey.
- Margaret Lowe, bapt. 16 April, 1592.
- Elizabeth Lowe, bapt. 6 June, 1596.
- Rose, bapt. 17 May, 1590,
and
Rebecca, bapt. 17 Nov., 1601, are not men-
tioned in wills. Probably had
died.

APPRENTICESHIPS.

Out of about a dozen recorded cases of apprentices taken by the Lowes I select the following:

- 1601 1. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 20th day of May, 42 Elizabeth (1601) between Richard Dawtrey, son of Henry Dawtrey, of Ipswich, miller, deceased, and John Lowe, of Ipswich, mariner, for 9 years.
- 1601 2. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 17th day of April, 1601, between Joseph Rushbrooke, son of William Rushbrooke of Buddesdale (Botesdale) Suffolk, draper, and John Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, and William Lowe, his son, for 7 years.
- 1604 3. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 20th day of January, 45 Elizabeth (1604) between John Ryvers the younger son of John Ryvers the older of Chattisham, Suffolk, husbandman, deceased, and John Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, and William, his son, for 9 years.
- 1603 4. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 19th day of April, 1 James (1603) between Robert Linge, son of Robert Linge of Clopton, Suffolk, yeoman, and John Lowe the elder of Ipswich, mariner, and John Lowe, Junior, of Ipswich, mariner, for 9 years.
- 1606 5. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 17th day of November, 3 James (1606) between William Wade, son of Edmond Wade of Ipswich, carpenter, deceased, and John Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, and John Lowe, his son, for 9 years.

- 1609 6. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 16th day of June, 6 James (1609) between Arthur Heyward, son of John Heyward of Dennington, husbandman, and John Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, and William Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, for 6 years.
- 1612 7. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 14th day of February, 9 James (1612) between John Barnes, son of Thomas Barnes of Ipswich, shoemaker, and John Lowe of Ipswich, mariner, and Ellen, his wife, for 7 years.
- 1614 8. Indenture of Apprenticeship made the 25th day of December, 11 James (1614) between Rauffe Sawnsome, son of John Sawnsome of Ipswich, weaver, deceased, and John Lowe, Junior, of Ipswich, mariner, and Ellen, his wife, for 6 years.

BURGESSSHIP RECORDS.

The following, drawn from Corporation Records at Ipswich, is of interest and apparently refers to the same Lowe family. It was furnished to me by Leo Culleton, of 92 Piccadilly, London. Only sons of freemen born after their father's admission could claim admission by patrimony.

JOHN LOWE,

admitted free burgess by fyne in 1593, *having then two sons*. Previously as "Chamberlain." Fyne £15. "The so-called fyne was assessed according to the substance of the applicant. £15 was a large sum and indicates a rich man."

WILLIAM LOWE,

living in 1593. Admitted freeman by servitude to his father, John Lowe (*i. e.*, served a freeman at least 7 years by indenture), 7 Dec., 1620. Had sons John and William living in 1620.

JOHN LOWE,

living in 1593. Admitted freeman by servitude to his father, John Lowe, 7 Dec., 1620, having then two sons, *John* and *William*. N. B.

THOMAS LOWE,

son of John Lowe, admitted freeman by patrimony 13 June, 1617, having then no son.

RICHARD LOWE,

son of John Lowe, admitted freeman by patrimony 7 Dec., 1620, having then no son.

ROBERT LOWE.

Record does not state whose son. Admitted freeman by patrimony 12 Feb., 1624, having then no son.

If the younger John Lowe, mentioned above, is the husband of Ellen (Revett), no mention is made of the Thomas Lowe, baptized at St. Clement's, 18 June, 1620. It may be that the child had died before the 7th of Dec., 1620. No baptism of sons mentioned as John and William appears in the St. Clement's records. It is possible that John m. Ellen elsewhere and that their earlier children were baptized elsewhere, also. It seems needless, perhaps, to point out that, if John and Ellen had had a son, Thomas, born in 1605, they would hardly have given the child, in 1620, the same name, had

the earlier one survived until that time. It is possible, but not probable, that the Thomas, b. in 1620, was not an infant.

As helping to connect this family of Lowe with the *Ambrose*, I should show its kinship to the *Croffords*, who are mentioned as part owners of said *Ambrose*. As mentioned above, the mother of John Lowe, the elder, husband of Susan, was Margaret Wardall. Her daughter, said John's sister, Bridget, married Daniel Croffort, or Crofford, and had four sons, Daniel, Thomas, John and *Barnabas*. The last named m. in 1628, and had a son, William.

Mr. Redstone, also, has furnished me a record as follows: "Partes of the shippes that I, Barnabas Crofford, have in the Kinges service as followeth:

One-eighth of the Anthonie-Jeremie Cornelus
 One-eighth of the Elizabeth-Thomas Humphrey
 One-eighth of the Alise-William Flete
 One-sixteenth of the Reconfer-Robert Church
 One-sixteenth of the *Ambrose*-John Lowe
 One-sixteenth of the Mary-Thomas Wright."

Barnabas was cousin to John Lowe, the younger, supposedly captain of the *Ambrose*.

I propose now to introduce some extracts from the records of the High Court of Admiralty furnished me by V. B. Redstone, F. R. H. S., of Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, England, together with his letter about the same.

Warrant Book, 1 Oct., 1625

No. 15

Arrest certain sums of money in the hands of John Lowe, master of the ship *The Abraham*, of Ipswich, on behalf of Jones and Wm. Rope in causa maritimi et civili. Actio 5 li.

Warrant Book, 24 Oct., 1626 (fol. 3d)

No. 16

Arrest John Lowe, master of the ship the *Ambrose*, of the port of Ipswich, wheresoever he may be, on behalf of Edward Whitinge in causa salar. Accio 5 li. Salar. 4 li 5s.

Letters of Marque Bonds, 10 July, 1627.

No. 4.

The Margaret of Ipswich, Captain Crofford.

(Signed) B. CROFFORD,
JN. BARKER,
WM. FENWICKE.

16 July, 1627.

The Anne of London, Richard Lowe, Captain.

(Signed) RICH. LOWE, Capn.
JNO. PERRY,
GEO. RIDELL.

Trinity House Certifi. 14 Jan., 1625.

i. e. 16 25/26.

S. P. D. Car. I., Vol. XVI.

No. 10.

Right Excellent:

May it please your Grace to be Advertised That there is now in the river of Thames a new Shippbuilt at Ipswich by Saphire Foard, Shippwright, called by the name of the *Ambrose* of Ipswich of the burthen of 250 Tonnes or thereabouts, Whereof are owners *Wm. Lowe, Wm. Crofford* and *John Lowe* with others the said *John Lowe* being (under God) designed Master.

The said owners desiring to have for their said Shippes defence in her intended voyages to the Seas 4 sacres and 12 Mynions of cast iron ordinance do humbly pray your Graces Warrant for laying aboard their said shippe the said 12 Minions & 4 sacres putting in bond for not alienating the same according to the orders. And so we humbly take our leaves and ever Rest.

Your Graces most humbly at command,
Trinity House Ratcliffe.

J. BEST,
SAMUELL DOWS,
ROBERT BELL,
JNO. BENNETT.

To the Right Excellent our Very Good Lord
George Duke of Buckingham Lord High
Admiral of England and his Grace.

S. P. Dom. Car. I. Vol. 130.

Entry Book of Letters of Marque (granted by the Commissioners appointed by letters under the great seal of England to give Warrant to the Judge of the Admiralty for the time being to issue letters of marque or reprisal out of the High Court of Admiralty in his Majesty's name to such of his Majesty's subjects as have suffered loss or damage by the King of Spain, the Archduchess or any of their subjects.)

1628-1632.

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Ambrose. The like was granted unto *Jo. Lowe* & others to set forth the *Ambrose of*

Ipswich of about 200 tons whereof the said Jo. is Capitaine.

Dated 4 Martii, 1629 (*i. e.*, 16 29/30).

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A duplicate of above entry.

The bond signed by Jo. Lowe upon the issue of the Warrant is not among the Bonds for years 1628-31, No. 5.

Bonds given for letters of marque were also examined in Bks. No. 4, 1625-28; No. 6, 1632-34.

Trinity House Certificates, 1626.

Ships of Ipswich.

S. P. D. Book 16.

“Elizabeth.” Owners, Jno. Clinch, merchant; Barnaby Croford, Thos. Sylvester & Thos. Humphrey, master.

“Margaret.” Owners, Wm. Croford, Thos. Sylvester and Barnaby Croford, Master.

“Wm. & Thos.” Barnaby Croford, John Ketcher, Wm. Pett, of Ipswich, and Thos. Silvester, Master.

“Wm.” Owners, Wm. Lowe, of Ipswich, mariner, Wm. Joanes, of London, rope-maker, with others. Robert Lakeland, Master.

A vessel named the “William,” Capt. Barnaby *Lowe*, was the largest of three vessels contributed by Ipswich towards meeting the Spanish Armada (See Hist. of Ipswich).

On the return to Europe, after accompanying Winthrop's fleet to Salem in 1630, the *Ambrose* was dismasted off Newfoundland, and was towed by her consort the *Lyon*, Capt. Pierce, to Bristol, England.

Warrant Book No. 19. 20 Nov., 1633

1632-1634

Arrest *John Lowe*, master of the *Ambrose*, wheresoever he may be, on behalf of Robert Gutteridge, William Vickers, John Barker, and their companions of the said ship in causa loss of salary.

23 Nov. 1633.

Arrest Jonathan Andrews, merchant, wheresoever he may be, on behalf of *John Lowe*, master of the ship, called the *Ambrose*, of the port of London, in causa subn nauti, &c.

Acta Book, No. 34.

fol. 387b.

Johes Lowe, magr. navis the *Ambrose*, con. Jonathan Andrewes.

Die lunae vicesimo quinto die mensis Novembris, Anno Dno. 1633, coram dno. Judice, &c., in camera sua, &c., prod te Edmundo Bryan, note publico, &c.

Wyan exhibuit procuriu sui pro dco. Lowe seque partem pro eodem fecit.

Et Williamson exhibuit procuriu sui pro dco. Andrewes se que fecit partem pro eodem.

Et tunc Wyan in prodtia Wmson. dedit (ut assevit) allegacoem. in scriptis conceptam quam dus. ad eius petitoem admisit quatus de Jure sit admittendam.

Tunc Wyan super dea allegacon produxit deum. Andrewes prodtem. in Juditio quem dus. jurat oneravit et monuit ad subeundum eius examen citra prox: Deinde Wyan super dea. allegacoem. produxit in testes quosdam

Robertum Heyward, Robert Gutteridge, Simonem Strippelinge et Georgium Nelson quos dus. ad peticoem. recipit jurato eneravit et monuit subeundum evid. exrd. citra prox. In prodtia Wyan disserdet protestans de nullite et de dicendo con eoren du. et depones si, &c., et haben pro Interrijs tempus consuetum.

LETTER OF MR. VINCENT B. REDSTONE, F. R. H. ^{ist.} S.

Woodbridge, 18 May, 1908.

Dear Mr. Lowe—

I herewith send the result of my search, *re* the *Ambrose*, among the Records of the High ct. of the Admiralty.

Many of the volumes & bundles had not been examined since the days they were first filed, consequently I had often to wait whilst they were being stamped. I do not think I have exhausted all the material which may throw light upon the *Ambrose*, but to my mind it is perfectly clear that the John Lowe, its master, was the husband of Ellen Revett, and born in 1586, had a son Thos. L. born in 1620, and could not therefore be the father of the Thos. Lowe founder of your house, who was born in 1605. I have made a second and most careful examination of the register of St. Mary le Tower and St. Margaret's Ipswich, and could not see the entry of the baptism of a Thos. Lowe, 1600-1620.

From the enclosed note, it appears evident that the John Lowe master of the 'Abraham' of Ips. 1625, was the John Lowe, master of the newly-built *Ambrose*, and part

owner with his brother Wm. Lowe, his kinsmen Wm. Croford & Barnaby Croford; that the *Ambrose* of Ipswich was the same as the *Ambrose* of London, for as Mr. R. G. Marsden informs me, it was frequently the case for ships on the East coast to claim London as their port. Mr. Marsden is our greatest authority upon naval records, *vide* publications Selden Socy. Roy, Hist. Socy. & Hist. Review.

It appears that his ship coming home a derelict, Lowe was unable to pay his men's salary; that he endeavored to obtain the money from Jonathan Andrewes, the London merchant, by whom his ship had been hired; that the case may have been settled out of court (according to Mr. Marsden) after a postponement for examination of evidence had been granted. I was unable to find the conclusion of trial.

The name Lowe was so common in nautical circles that I was at a loss what records to retain a note of. The mass of annual records in various forms is great.

For my fees and expenses I am unable to charge less than * * *

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) VINCENT B. REDSTONE.

From the foregoing it would seem that the records, as far as they are accessible, indicate that the first Thomas Lowe in America was probably not the son of Capt. John Lowe of the *Ambrose*.

WM. G. LOW.









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