

WILLIAM FROST OF FAIRFIELD, CONN.

WILLIAM FROST, according to Lechford's notes, came from Nottingham, England, for he mentions of meeting in 1638, in Boston, Mass., "his old acquaintance, Master Frost, sometime of Nottingham, England, with his sonnes, John and Henry Grey." William settled in Fairfield, Conn., as a very old man, and was evidently of good family, who from religious principles and perhaps to escape persecution, sought to end his days peacefully in New England. All his children were born in England, and all came to America except his daughter, Mary Rylie. Whom his wife was is not known.

"WILLIAM FROSTE his laste will and testament, wherein the said Wm. doth give and bequeth all his lands and goods now injoying, the 6th of January 1644

"I give and bequeth to my eldest sonne Daniell Frost, two parts of my meadowe and upland outte and to lay oute (the home lotte excepted) and also to the said Daniell Froste all my parte of the swampe and Redye ponds, and also fifteene acres of meadowe that I bought of John Graye, lying att Muchuncohsor Sasqug, comonly so called, and also my cloake and warmeing pan, I give to the said Daniell Frost his heires forever; I give and beqeth to Rebecka and Sarah Frost that blacke heiffer that Daniell Frost hath to wynter; I give and bequeth to my son Abraham Frost all that lotte and howse, with all the land laid out and to be laid out, that I bought of John Stickling, with those mouealls I bought of him, and also those cloathes on my bedde and my little chest, and also my two greate yearcling Calves, with all that is in my little chest, and one third part of my howshold goods. I give and bequeth to my daughter Elizabeth and John Graye the sowe that he hath to winter and all her increase and (the third part of my howshold goods; & to Luke Watson) the two yeare old blacke heifer that goodman Close hath to the halfes for fower yeaes, the profite to be for the said Luke. And to Susanna and Johana

Watson, daughters to Elizabeth Graye, one blacke heifer that John Graye hath to the halves for fower yeares, and the profit to them both equally. And the red heifer that Daniell Froste wintereth, I give to John Grayes owne two children, and the profit equally to them both. I give and bequeth to Henry Graye and Lydea Gray for their lives and after them to their sonne Jacob, all my howse and home and lott, with that part that I chanynged with John Foster, and their parte of my meadowe and upland, laid out and to lay out; and to Mary Graye, daughter of Henry Graye, I give and bequeth my redde heifer that Goodman Close hath to winter. And to Mary Rylie and her children, I give and bequeth all my goods and lands that I have in Old England. And to the Towne of Uncowah, I give and bequeth ten pounds, in good pay, towards the building a Meeteing howse, to be paid when it is halfe built. Furthermore, I ordeyne and make Henry Graye of Uncowah, my lawful executor, to pay and discharge my legacies & debts, and also power to receave what is duw me, and I give the foresaid Henry Graye full power to sue and dischardge for any debts or goods, that there presents should stand in force, after my decease and not before, and I entreat Ephraim Wheeler and Daniell Frost to be my Overseers to see my will performed according to the intent thereof, and they are to have ten shillings for their paynes. Where to I have set my hand and seale, the day and date hereof.

“WILLIAM FROSTE.”

Witnes, Ephra Weeler.
 Frances Purdy.
 Mary Purdy.

On the back side of Frost's will:

“These are to explayne my meaning of howschold goods: All my moveale goods or tables, except corne and cattell and swyne. Further, I would have Abraham my sonne to receave to his use the rent of all the howseing and land that I bought of John Stickling; further, I will that Abraham, my sonne pay no rent to Henry Graye my sonne, nor Henry to him, but all former ingadgements to be void betwixt them, in or about the lease. I will that the two thirds parts of my land be devided as scone

after my death as may be, yet so that my sonne Henry his leace not to be disturbed. Witnes my

“WILM FROST.”

Witnes, Ephraim Wheeler.
 Frances Purdy.
 Mary Purdy.

Second Generation.

(2) Daniel; (3) Rebecca; (4) Sarah; (5) Abraham, who may have settled in Hempstead, L. I.; (6) Elizabeth, who m., 1st, John Watson of Boston and had Luke, Susan and Johanna. She m., 2nd, prior to 1638, John Grey, a tailor of Boston. They must have moved to Lynn, Mass., for Jan. 6, 1639, they sell to Valentine Hill their home, etc., in Lynn, and either followed or accompanied William Frost to Fairfield; (7) Lydia, m. prior to 1638 Henry Gray, brother to John, and the Frost homestead became their property and was sold by their son Jacob to Rev. Samuel Wakeman; (8) Mary, m. — Rylie.

Third Generation.