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THOMAS DOWNES OF DOVER, N. H., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. THOMAS¹ DOWNES, a shoemaker, was born February 2, 1611/12 and died January 21, 1698/9, under which date Pike says in his Diary: "Thomas Downes, senior, died after one months sickness, wanting only twelve days of eighty-seven years old." Thomas was of Boston 1652 where he witnessed the will of George Burden. The town of Dover granted him land at Cochecho in 1656 and he was taxed there in 1657. In 1675 he bought ten acres of the town and he was one of the petitioners to remain a part of Massachusetts in 1677. In 1670, Thomas sold Jediah Andrews of Salisbury "my late dwelling house and lot" on east side of the neck, bounded east by Fore river, south by Mr. Rayner's land, north and west by the common. In 1687 he sold Thomas Hanson fifty acres granted by the town in 1656 at Cochecho near Mr. Rayner's. Thomas was constable in 1666. His wife was Katharine who died December 23, 1702, under which date Pike says: "Old sister Downs died with illness, age and suffering."

Children:

- i. REBECCA,² born April 22, 1652 at Boston.
2. ii. THOMAS,² b. March 17, 1653-4 at Boston.
- iii. ELIZABETH,² b. Nov. 17, 1663 at Dover.
- iv. MARY,² m. Nov. 25, 1686 at Dover, John Cook and had
 - i. Rebecca,³ m. 1, John Drew; m. 2, Samuel Starbird.
 - ii. John,³ b. May 5, 1692.
 - iii. Peter.³

2. THOMAS² (*Thomas*¹), was a sergeant and constable in 1706; and was killed by the Indians at Kittery in 1711. Warrant of appraisal of his estate was granted Lieut. Tristram Heard and Capt. John Tuttle April 20, 1711; adminis-

tration was granted his son Gershom April 14, 1711. He married first, before 1680 Martha ———; second, Mary, daughter of Nathan and Martha (Everett) Lord, who was killed by Indians at Dover July 26, 1696. His third wife was Abigail (Roberts) Hall, widow of John Hall and daughter of Sergt. John and Abigail (Nutter) Roberts, whom he married October 24, 1698. All his children except Gershom were by his second wife.

Children:

3. i. GERSHOM,³ born January 10, 1680.
4. ii. THOMAS,²
- iii. MARTHA,² b. 1691; m. 1, John Mackelroy; m. 2, Philip Stackpole; d. at Dover, Sept. 24, 1792, aged 101 years.
5. iv. EBENEZER,³
6. v. SAMUEL,²
7. vi. WILLIAM.²

An apparently complete list of heirs of Thomas¹ is comprised in a deed of 1734 conveying ten acres purchased of town on west side of Cochecho river. Apparently Thomas² was the only son to carry on the name. The heirs were: Gershom, Thomas, Ebenezer, Samuel, and William Downs, John Cook, John Mackelroy and Samuel Starbord all of Dover, and Martha the wife of J. Mackelroy and Rebecca the wife of S. Starbord, who conveyed land of Thomas Downs grandfather of above Downses and of Martha Mackelroy and Rebecca Starbord.

3. GERSHOM³ (*Thomas,² Thomas¹*), of Somersworth, husbandman, baptized August 17, 1718; admitted to 1st church August 31, 1718; died 1750; married 1st, December 24, 1707 Sarah, daughter of John Hall of Dover, deceased; married 2d, before 1736 Elizabeth (Tibbetts) Dam, born March 10, 1697, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Tibbetts and widow of Pomfret Dam. She married 3d, Richard Goodwin.

Children:

8. i. GERSHOM,⁴ born February 15, 1708, bapt. Nov. 29, 1719.
- ii. MARTHA,⁴ b. Oct. 14, 1711, bapt. Nov. 29, 1719; probably dead in 1750, as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
9. iii. THOMAS,⁴ b. Feb. 17, 1713-4; bapt. Nov. 29, 1719.
- iv. REBECCA,⁴ bapt. Nov. 29, 1719; m. James Wilmot and was lately deceased in 1750; she had a child:
 - i. Sarah,⁵ who probably m. Jonathan Bickford, May 26, 1757 at Dover.
10. v. JOHN,⁴ bapt. Nov. 29, 1719.
11. vi. RICHARD,⁴ bapt. June 21, 1724.
- vii. SARAH,⁴ bapt. August 18, 1728.
- viii. JOSEPH,⁴ } both bapt. in private Jan. 21, 1737; probably
 PAUL,⁴ } dead in 1750; not in father's will.