

John Bailey

Descendants of JOHN (HADDAM FOUNDER) BAILEY

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN (HADDAM FOUNDER)¹ BAILEY was born Abt 1618 in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, and died June 17, 1696 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT. He married LYDIA BACKUS 1655 in Wethersfield, Hartford, CT, daughter of WILLIAM BACKUS and SARAH GARDINER.

Notes: From the notes of Adolphus Hiram Sage: John Bailey, The First, of Haddam

John Bailey, one of the twenty eight original proprietors of Haddam, CT 1662, was the progenitor of one of the largest Bailey families in America. He is said to have appeared in Hartford about 1642 where he resided on "South Side" which probably meant in the vicinity of Wethersfield. He was Constable and Tax Collector during the years 1656 and 1657 and was made a "freeman" by the General Court at Hartford, May 21, 1657. (CT. Pub. Rec. 1-297)

John Bailey was probably from England, but his origin has not been definitely learned. In May, 1638 a vessel "The Bevis" from Southhampton, England arrived in New England with four passengers named Bailey: these were John aged 20, Servant, Mary aged 22, Richard aged 15, and Henry from Saco(Sarum?) aged 26 a Tanner. (Source-Compete Book of Emigrants: 1607-1660 by P.W. Coldham) Whether these four were in any way related is not known. If this was our John Bailey, he would have been 24 years of age when he arrived in Hartford in 1642 and these figures compare well with the known data of his subsequent life. This John Bailey was evidently born about 1618 and if he was the John Bailey of Hartford and Haddam, he must have been about 78 years of age when he died at Haddam in 1696.

There was a John Bailey in Guilford, CT very early and possibly as early as 1640, who remained there but a short time. About the same time there appeared in Guilford, a Thomas Smith who was given a considerable portion of land if he would settle there as blacksmith and remain at least five years. Smith remained there five years and then moved to Killingworth, now called Clinton, CT. This Thomas Smith was probably the man named Smith who was also one of the twenty-eight original proprietors of Haddam, CT in 1662.

About 1655, John Bailey married Lydia (Backus) and their first three children were born at Hartford, or at least before they settled in Haddam.

From Probate Records, Volume VI, 1695 To 1700, Will on File.

Bailey, John sen., Haddam. Invt. 186-10-06. Taken 29 August 1696, By Daniel Cone, Timothy Spencer & James Welles. Will dated 17 June, 1696.

I John Bailey sen. of Haddam, in the County of Hartford, doe make this my last Will & Testament: I give half of my Lands, both Meadow & Upland, to my eldest son John, to be his on as equal division with his two brothers Benjamin & Nathaniel, to whome I doe give the other half to be equally divided between them two. I mean all that my Land at a place in Haddam Bounds called Higganum. I give unto my son John 20 acres of that 40 acres of upland I have in the upper

Meadow on the East side of the Great River. Also I give to my daughter Lydia 20 Shillings. I give unto my two sons Benjamin & Nathaniel all my other Land in Haddam and all Rights, to be divided equally between them, only that Nathaniel shall have that Lott whereon the house stands, & the house I now dwell in, as part of his division, and Benjamin the other half, the house to be Nathaniel's. And It is my Will that my daughters Susannah and Mary shall continue in the house until one or both of them marryeth or when they see cause of their own Will to leave the same; and when Susannah marryeth I would have her take the Care of Mary and let her live with her until she be married away. It is my Will to give to my daughter Susannah 8. My Will is that my two Executors shall pay 40 Shillings yearly until she marry away; and if in seven years she marryeth, I give her 7. My sons Benjamin and Nathaniel I appoint to be my Executors. And my neighbors Timothy Spencer & James Brainard to be Overseers.

Witness: Jeremiah Hobert, JOHN BAILE.

James Welles,

Upon the other side of the paper, Haddam July 3d, 1696 (was written) : Account of my several debts sch I will my Exequators to pay unto the several Creditors after my decease. Impr. I owe to Samll Stone of Salem fiftie four Shills in pay, & 6 shll in money. It. Debts to the Widd Mrs. Waie of Hartford, two pounds 16s & six pence in pay. It. To Ensign Stanly of Hartford, seventeen Shills & odd pence, to be payd by my Exequators out of my small share of Hartford mill, viz, the rent for it; & the rest of the soms aforesayd to be payd & made up to him pr my Exequators, the wholl in pay. It. To my son John ten shills given him pr his grand father (William Backus) to buy him a Bible. It. To my Daughter Lydia ten shs given her pr ditto (William Backus) to buy her a Bible with (all). It. To my Daughter Elizab. Clark fifty shills in pay for a weding gown I promised her. It. To my son Thomas Clark pr an old debt of five pounds 5s, & for work of himself & teame thirty six shills; both added together make in all seven pounds one shs in or pay. It. Debts to Thomas Dunke deceased, ye sum of fourteen shs in pay. These are the principal of my debts as far as I know at present, which I require you to pay or cause to be payed, as witness my hand on the day of the date hereof. JOHN BAILY.

(Copied from original Paper on file.)

The first settlement at Haddam was on the low ground immediately north of the present village and on the western border of the great meadow which is still a notable natural feature of the landscape there. The tract of land, including the great meadow, and extending some 60 or 70 rods westward from the river was divided into lots of about seven acres each and drawn as home lots of the original proprietors in 1662. The actual settlement was probably made in Spring of 1665. Thomas Smith's lot was south of Gerard Spencer's whose lot has remained in the Spencer family at least until the early 20th century. John Bailey had the next lot south of Thomas Smith and built his house on the rise of ground where the present house stands on the east side of the road. Next house south of John Bailey's was Daniel Brainard's.

- John Bailey came from England to Connecticut with two brothers. One of his two brothers (names of the brothers are unknown) had several sons (Amaziah, John, Timothy, and Richard are known)

- John Bailey was one of the original 28 founders of Haddam, CT.

- John Bailey was made a Freeman by CT on 21 May 1657 by the court in Hartford (where John was before going to Haddam).

- There is a hand-drawn map of the Haddam area showing the original residence of John Bailey

called "Higganum". This was located between the CT river and Candlewood Brook. Slightly to the Northwest is an area called "Baileyville". Current maps of CT show both Higganum and Baileyville.

- The "Connecticut Public Records contain numerous citations of this John Bailey.
- He was given a receipt for 60 Pounds that he had collected in his capacity as Constable.
- On 24 Sep 1669 he is listed as a Freeman of Haddam.
- John Bailey of Hartford in 1648 and 1666 and of Haddam in 1676 was the father of the Bailey Family of that place, per "Hinnard's (?) Private Settlers".
- John Bailey (Sr.) died 1696, will dated 17 Jun, 1696. The will mentions his eldest son John and other sons Benjamin (our ancestor) and Nathaniel, land in Haddam at a place called "Higganum", and daughters Lydia, Susannah, and Mary. On the back of the will he mentions "my daughter Elizabeth Clark and my son Thomas Clark.
- "General History of Ct, Pg. 1797" The Haddam Bailey's began with John Bailey, immigrant, who came from England to Haddam, but first in Hartford 1656-57 and May, 1659. Died at Haddam, 1696. Had sons Benjamin and John (Benjamin had John, Benjamin, and Nathaniel).
- "Manwaring's Hartford Wills" Thomas Smith died 2 Nov 1674; will dated 22 Sep 1674. He wills his property to "Wife of John Bailey , Daniel Brainwood (Brainard?), James Wells, Nicholas Noyes, John Smith, John Bailey, Daniel Cone (?), Kpsej Stennard and Steven Luxford. Executors: John Bailey and David Brainard, who declined.
- On 28 Dec 1728, John Bailey, Jr. of Haddam, was appointed Administrator of the estate of Thomas Smith, "Late of Haddam". The court ordered the estate distributed according to the will of Thomas Smith. Distributees: John Bailey, heirs of Lydia Spencer, dec'd, Elizabeth Clark, Benjamin Bailey, heirs of Susannah Hubbard, Nathaniel Bailey, Mary Cornwell and the children of Lydia Bailey, dec'd. It appears that 54 years later, John Bailey Jr. had located additional estate assets not previously inventoried. (1-234)
- The Hartford, CT State Library Old Manuscripts Section contains the will of John Bailey of Haddam.
- The publication "Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Haddam: 1696 - 1902" contains information on John Bailey, one of the 28 original settlers of Haddam.
- "Town Votes, Vol. 1" In a very early undated list of property owners is John Bailey 108 Pounds - this is before 1671; his number 6 on the list and is spelled "Baly".
- "Land Records of Haddam, CT" 18 Feb 1730/1: Benjamin Bailey to his son Samuel Bailey 29A (acres) where Samuel now lives plus 63 A land laid out in right of his "honored father John Bailey, late deceased".
- Town Records: Haddam, CT Proprietors' Record 18 Jan 1731/2: Land grants to: Samuel Bailey, John Bailey Jr., Benjamin Bailey

22 Feb 1731/2:

Ephraim Bailey

2 Mar 1730/1: Lots in the Third Division

Nathaniel Bailey - Lot 27

John Bailey Jr. - Lot 72

Ephraim Bailey - Lot 77

John Bailey, dec'd - Lot 85

- Among the very early Baileys in the New England were:

1. William Bailey of R.I. very early.
2. Stephen Bailey of Southold, L.I. before 1673 and probably much earlier. Associations between this and the Haddam family might seem to indicate some degree of relationship.
3. Thomas Bailey was given a home lot at Milford, CT in 1646.
4. Another Thomas Bailey was one of the original proprietors of New London in 1651.
5. Among the earliest settlers of New Haven was "Samuel Baile".

Children of JOHN BAILEY and LYDIA BACKUS are:

2. i. JOHN² BAILEY, b. 1656, Hartford, Hartford, CT; d. September 28, 1734, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.
3. ii. LYDIA BAILEY, b. 1660, Hartford, Hartford, CT.
- iii. EPHRAIM BAILEY, b. Abt 1662, Hartford, Hartford, CT; d. Bef 1692.
4. iv. BENJAMIN BAILEY, b. November 11, 1665, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. July 1740, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.
5. v. NATHANIEL BAILEY, b. Abt 1668, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. 1760.
6. vi. ELIZABETH BAILEY, b. 1663, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. Bef June 04, 1743, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.
7. vii. SUSANNA BAILEY, b. Abt 1674, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. December 02, 1719.
- viii. MARY BAILEY, b. Abt 1677, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. 1743, East Haddam, Middlesex, CT; m. DAVID CORNWALL.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN² BAILEY (*JOHN (HADDAM FOUNDER)*¹) was born 1656 in Hartford, Hartford, CT, and died September 28, 1734 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT. He married ELIZABETH GERARD 1687 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT, daughter of Robert Gerard and Elizabeth Beckwith.

Notes: John is the only Bailey buried at Haddam with a head stone. He was burried near the southeastern border of the old ground laid out by his father.

On January 20, 1732, John Bailey deeded his wife Elizabeth, half of his house, 2 acres of land, and all his personal effects if she do not again marry.

Children of John Bailey and Elizabeth Gerard are:

8. i. JOHN JR.³ BAILEY, b. October 12, 1688, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. February 03, 1767, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.

9. ii. EPHRAIM BAILEY, b. January 01, 1690/91, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. March 27, 1761, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.

10. iii. ELIZABETH BAILEY, b. October 24, 1694, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. November 17, 1726, Milford, New Haven, CT.

iv. LYDIA BAILEY, b. March 16, 1695/96, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.

v. MEHETABEL BAILEY, b. June 04, 1698, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. January 20, 1731/32; m. BENJAMIN WEST, January 11, 1719/20.

11. vi. JONATHAN BAILEY, b. August 16, 1700; d. 1776.

vii. DOROTHY BAILEY, b. July 11, 1703, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; m. JONATHAN SMITH, September 22, 1721.

viii. MARY BAILEY, b. March 19, 1705/06, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; m. JOHN BEVIN, September 10, 1724.

ix. DAVID BAILEY, b. August 08, 1710, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. July 1771; m. (1) JEMIMA; m. (2) JANE, July 20, 1730.

Generation No. 3

9. EPHRAIM³ BAILEY (*JOHN², JOHN (HADDAM FOUNDER)¹*) was born January 01, 1690/91 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT, and died March 27, 1761 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT. He married (1) ELIZABETH. He married (2) DEBORAH BRAINERD August 03, 1716 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT, daughter of James Brainerd and Deborah Dudley.

Notes: Marriage to Deborah Brainard and 2nd Elizabeth found in his will.

Children of Ephraim Bailey and Deborah Brainerd are:

i. EPHRAIM⁴ BAILEY, b. June 25, 1718; d. January 10, 1741/42.

27. ii. JACOB BAILEY, b. October 21, 1720, Haddam, Middlesex, CT; d. Abt 1763.

iii. DEBORAH BAILEY, b. April 13, 1723; m. BENJAMIN TOWNER, September 16, 1742, Clearmont, NH.

- 28. iv. GIDEON BAILEY, b. August 04, 1725; d. May 11, 1809.
- 29. v. STEPHEN BAILEY, b. May 25, 1727; d. 1803.
- 30. vi. JABEZ BAILEY, b. January 14, 1729/30; d. 1790.
- 31. vii. CALEB BAILEY, b. January 07, 1731/32; d. February 09, 1817.
- 32. viii. ABIJAH BAILEY, b. July 31, 1734.
- ix. WILLIAM BAILEY, b. August 01, 1736; m. DESIRE THOMAS, March 18, 1762.
- 33. x. OLIVER BAILEY, b. June 25, 1738; d. 1815.
- xi. SUSANNA BAILEY, b. September 28, 1740; d. February 06, 1740/41.
- 34. xii. EPHRAIM BAILEY, b. May 08, 1744; d. 1771, Haddam, Middlesex, CT.

Generation No. 4

27. JACOB⁴ BAILEY (EPHRAIM³, JOHN², JOHN (HADDAM FOUNDER)¹) was born October 21, 1720 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT, and died Abt 1763. He married ELIZABETH CROOK October 06, 1746 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT, daughter of Thomas Crook.

Notes: Lived on the road to Durham with his sons Afijah, Timothy, and Jabez in 1788

Children of Jacob Bailey and Elizabeth Crook are:

- i. JACOB⁵ BAILEY, b. 1747.
- ii. DEBORAH BAILEY, b. 1749.
- iii. ABIJAH BAILEY.
- iv. TIMOTHY BAILEY.
- v. JABEZ BAILEY.

Source:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wcarr1/john_bailey.htm