# The Phillips and Associated Families, Vol. I, 1630-1810

## PREFACE TO THIS EDITION

This is a true copy of my mother's book, *THE PHILLIPS AND ASSOCIATED FAMILIES*, *Vol. I*, *1630-1810*. It has been scanned directly from her original typewritten manuscript.

From 1980 through 1992 my mother, Iona May (Ingram) Sowa, spent countless hours researching her family history and genealogy. She documented her efforts in three large volumes about her Phillips and Ingram ancestors. Iona had about 20 copies printed of each volume. She donated most to various libraries and historic societies, and gave the rest to close family members.

- THE PHILLIPS AND ASSOCIATED FAMILIES, Vol. I, 1630-1810, Published 1988, 433 pages
- THE PHILLIPS AND ASSOCIATED FAMILIES, Vol. II, 1790-1920, Published 1990, 404 pages
- MY INGRAM FAMILY, 1651-1925, Published 1992, 318 pages

Following the publication of the last book in 1992, Iona continued to correspond to other researchers. She routinely answered letters from people that had discovered one of her books. What is most amazing about her work was that it was all done on an electric typewriter. Iona never owned a computer and never used a word processor. She would write out her drafts by hand, editing and scratching margin notes. When she was satisfied with the result, she would then type them into final form.

Iona loved history. Her writings include lots of information to "set the tone" and describe the circumstances around many of the events that motivated our ancestors. As one reader wrote to Iona in 1995, "I loved the way you interspersed history of the period with the goings-on of relatives."

Another reader said recently "Your mother makes the dry information come to life, which is the most interesting part of genealogy."

In addition, Iona was careful to document virtually all of her data sources. If she were not sure of the source, she would make sure she said so in the text. As Iona so succinctly said in one of her letters to a researcher "I want sources!" She also sprinkled all three volumes with copies of original documents, birth, death, and marriage certificates, census records, wills, property descriptions, local maps, etc. Her histories are more than just our genealogy. They are a true-to-life narrative of who we are, and how we got here.

Following Iona's death, on 16 March 1997, I obtained her original manuscripts, research notes and correspondence.

Copies of the books are available from me in electronic media only (CD or DVD) at this time.

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of

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1630 - 1810

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## FOR MY MOTHER

Pearl Phillips Ingram

who was proud of her New England Heritage

"During the past few years there have been symptons of a tremendously renewed interest in the American heritage. This may be because we are now old enough as a nation to look back at our beginnings with real perspective and appreciation but there is a deeper reason, a psychological one. If we do not know where we are going today, it is at least reassuring to know where we came from. It is comforting to sense our kinship with the pioneers whose burdens were far heavier than ours but who nevertheless seemed to know where they were going.

A country without a history and a people without tradition are a country and a people without character."

"Yankee Kingdom - Vermont and New Hampshire" by Ralph Nading Hill, 1960

Thanks

To My Son

RICHARD PHILLIP SOWA

who introduced me

to the joy

of

genealogy research

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## INTRODUCTION

To portray my maternal ancestors accurately, I must recognize both the political and religious environment of the time. The civil and religious governments of the colonial period were so closely entwined that they became a single force.

My mother's people were early emigrants from Great Britain to New England. History impresses us with the fact that the desire for religious freedom is what brought the ship loads of people to the shores of Massachusetts Bay.....Many of my ancestors came over for economic reasons.

The third and fourth generations of the American born became restless, they were unhappy with the economic and religious restrictions in New England. After 1760, a steady migration north, south and west began.

Those who served in the Revolution saw the virgin lands of New Hampshire, Vermont and New York; many of these young men, my ancestors, migrated to these new frontiers; eventually settling their families in New York State.

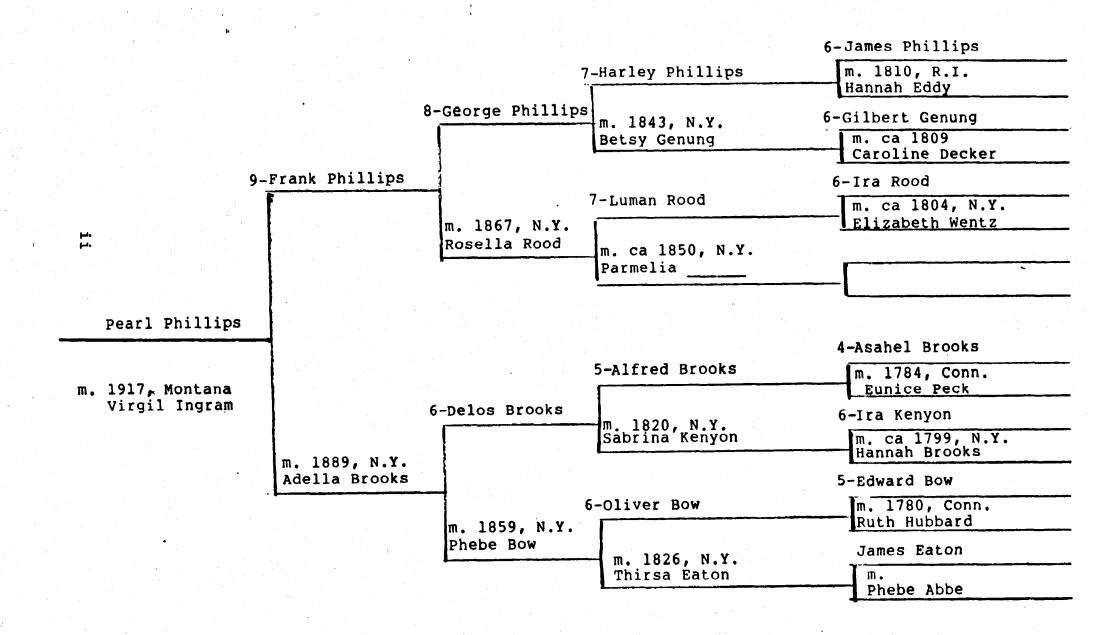
The Julian Calendar must be mentioned here. It was used throughout the middle ages in Europe. It's accuracy was about three days in every four centuries. By the time time the Gregorian Calendar, named after Pope Gregory XIII, was adopted in 1582, calendar dates were ahead of actual time by ten days.

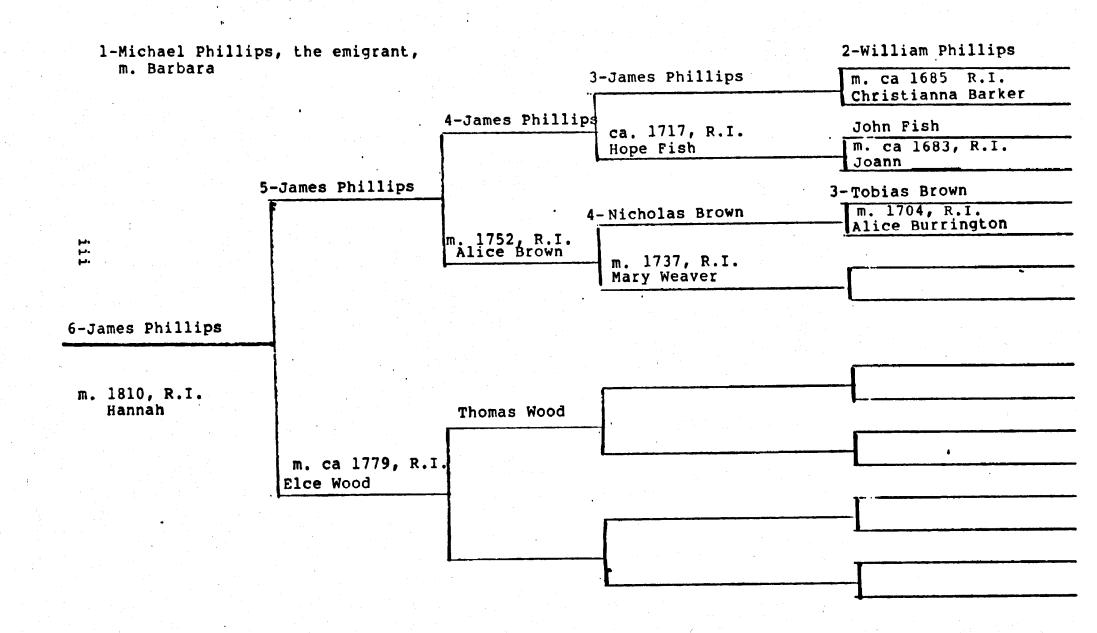
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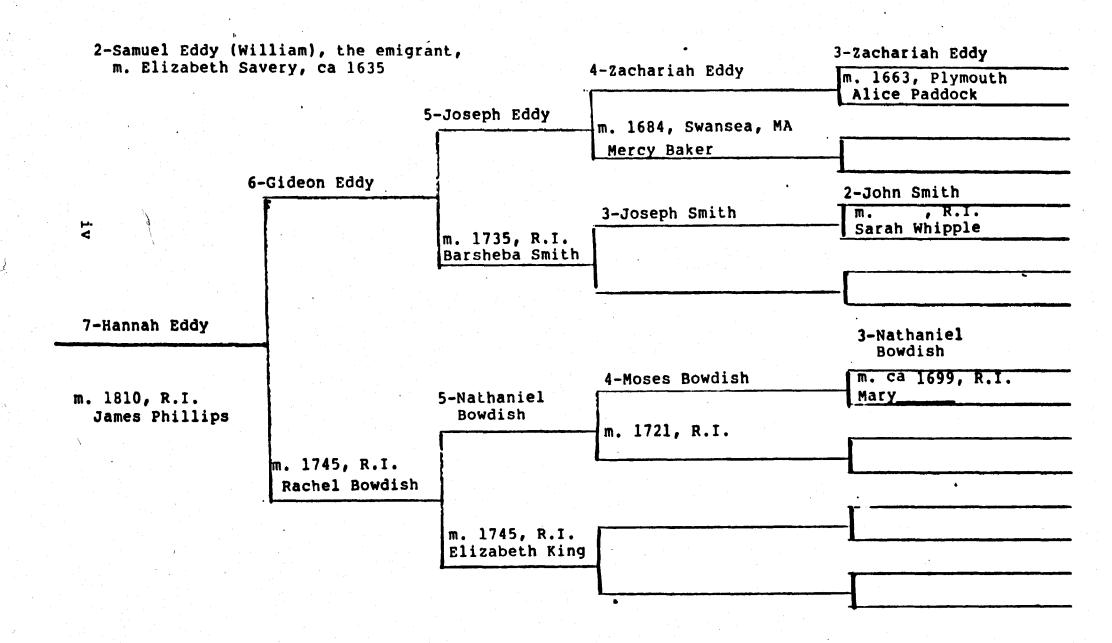
So little did people understand the need for the calendar revision, that an angry mob gathered ouside the House of Parliament, demanding that the eleven days taken out of their lives be returned.

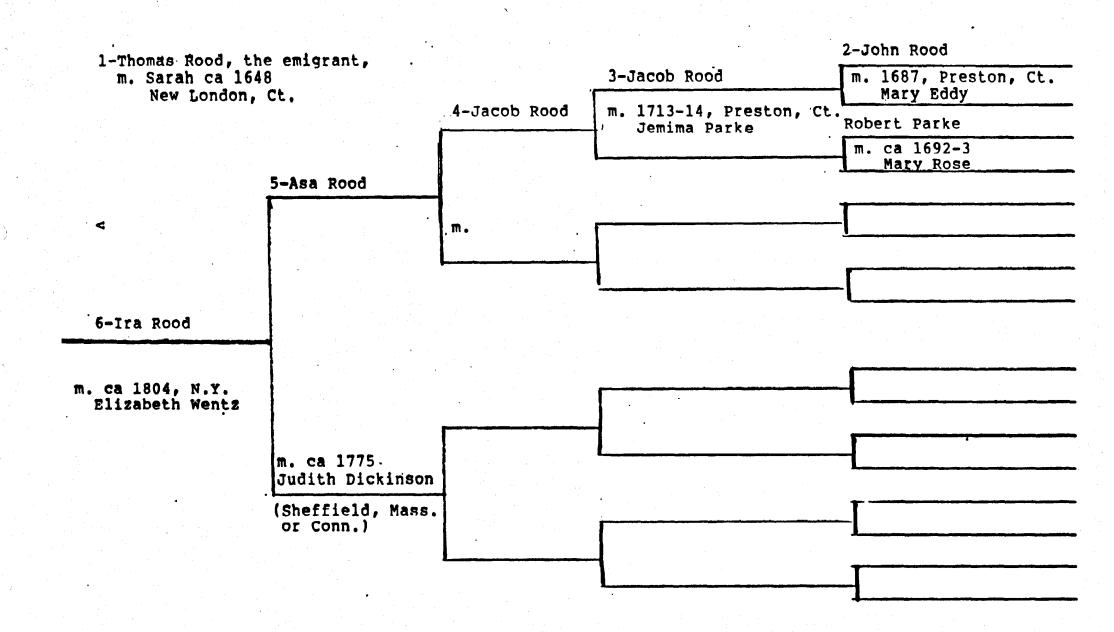
"When the number of the month was stated, any record prior to 1752, the genealogist should reckon March as the first month and February as the twelth month." I failed to recognize this in the beginning of my research.

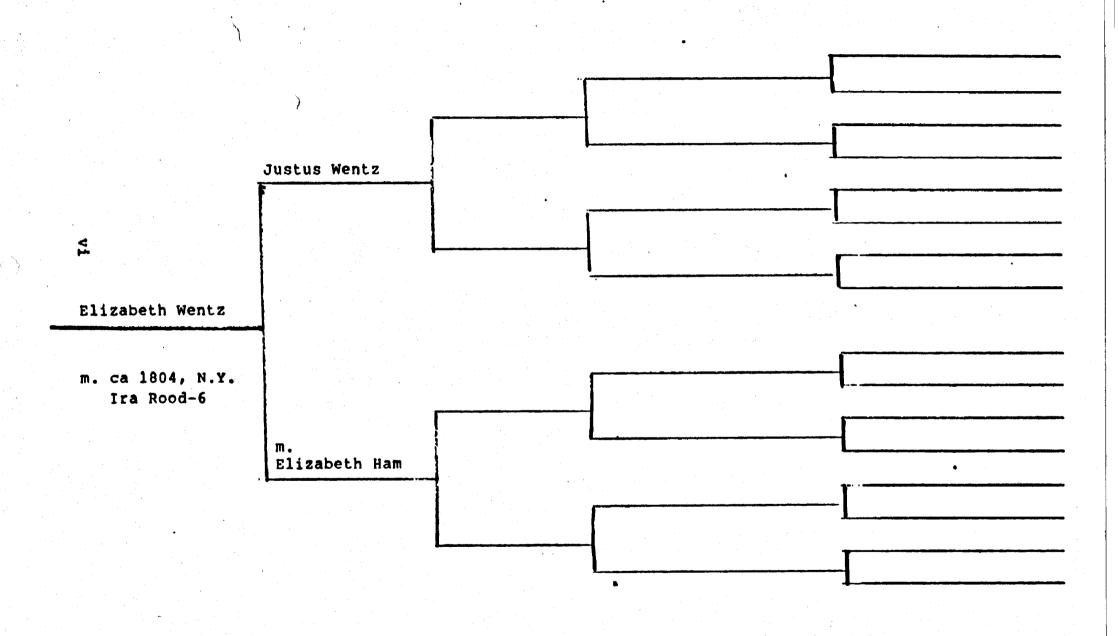
"Genealogical Research Essential" by Norman E. Wright is a good source to clarify the calendar change.

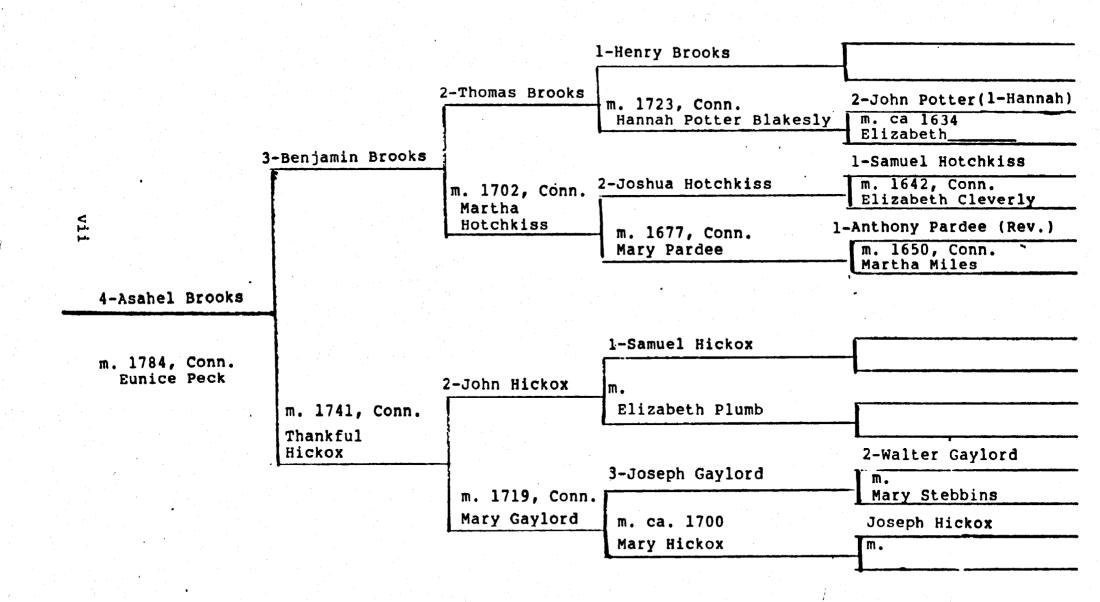


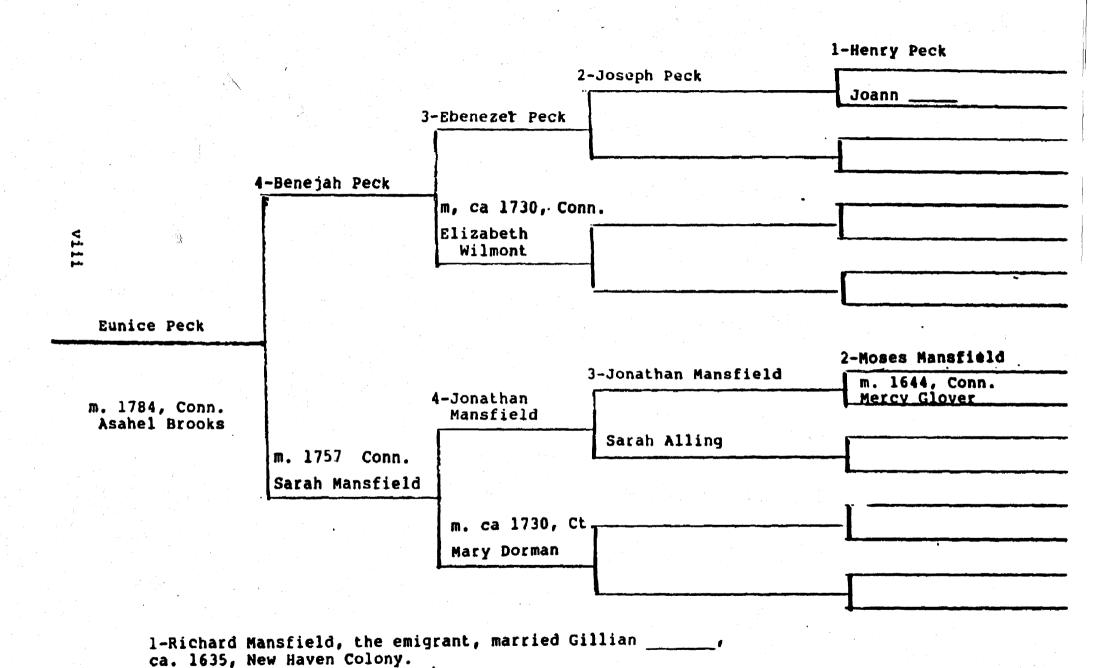


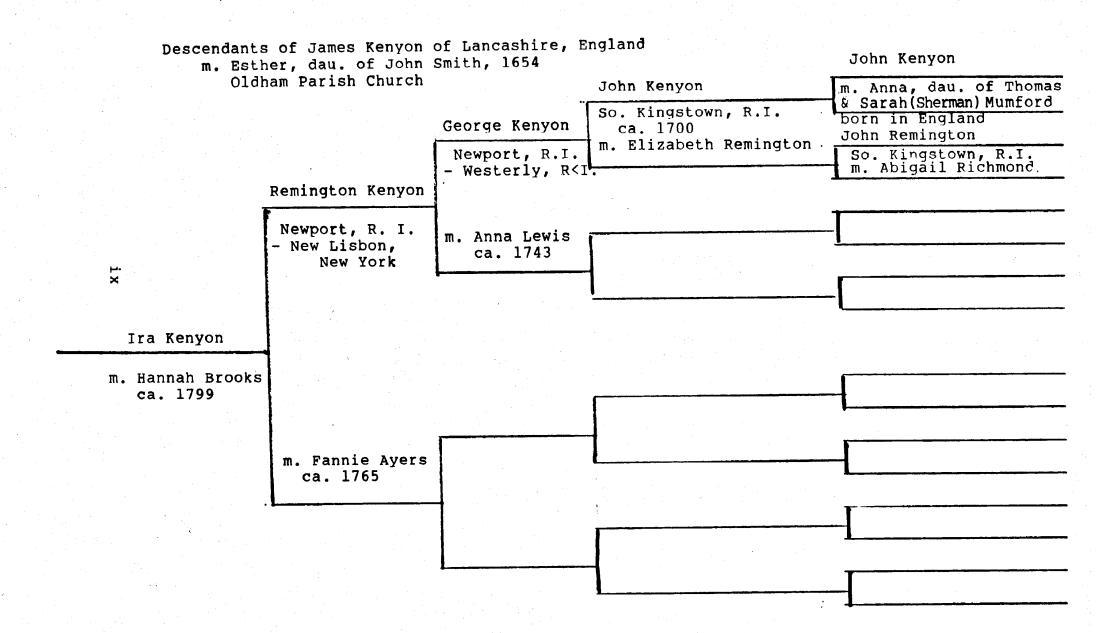


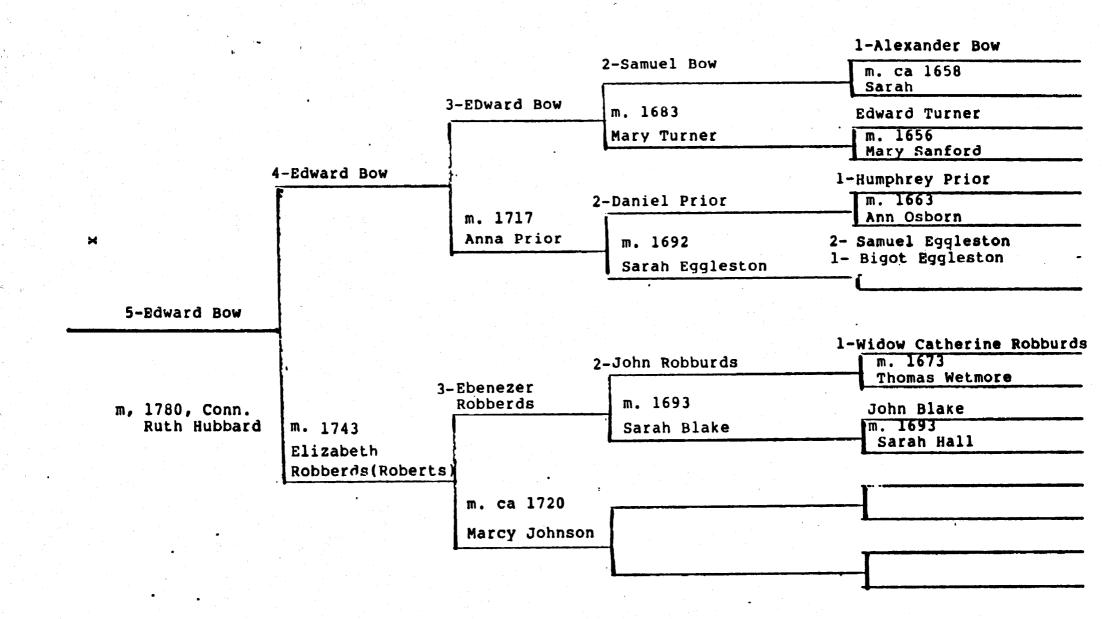


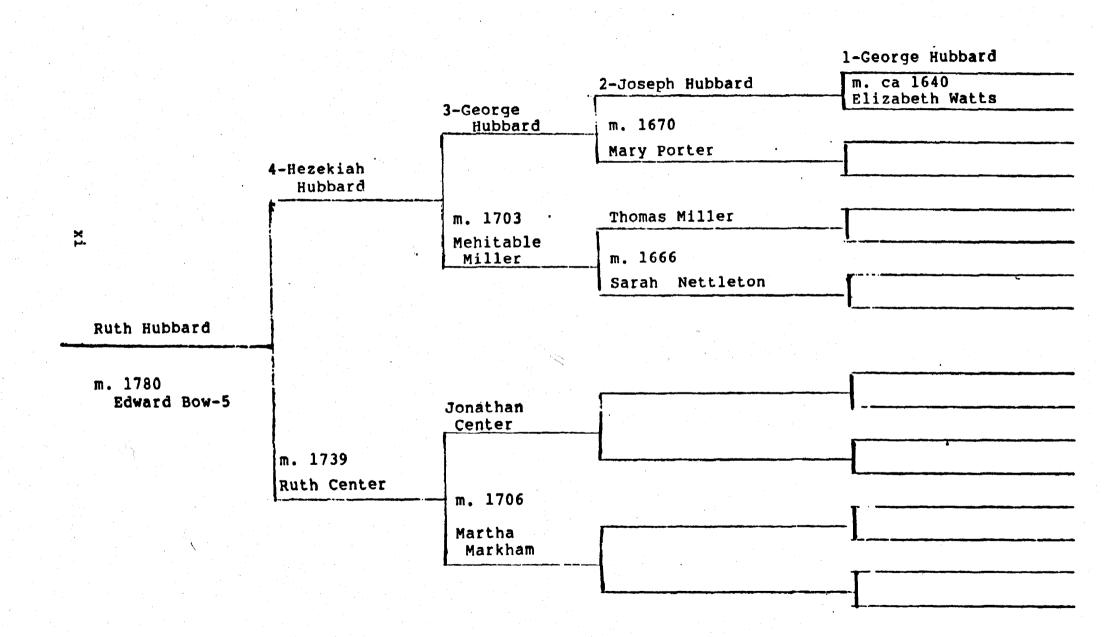


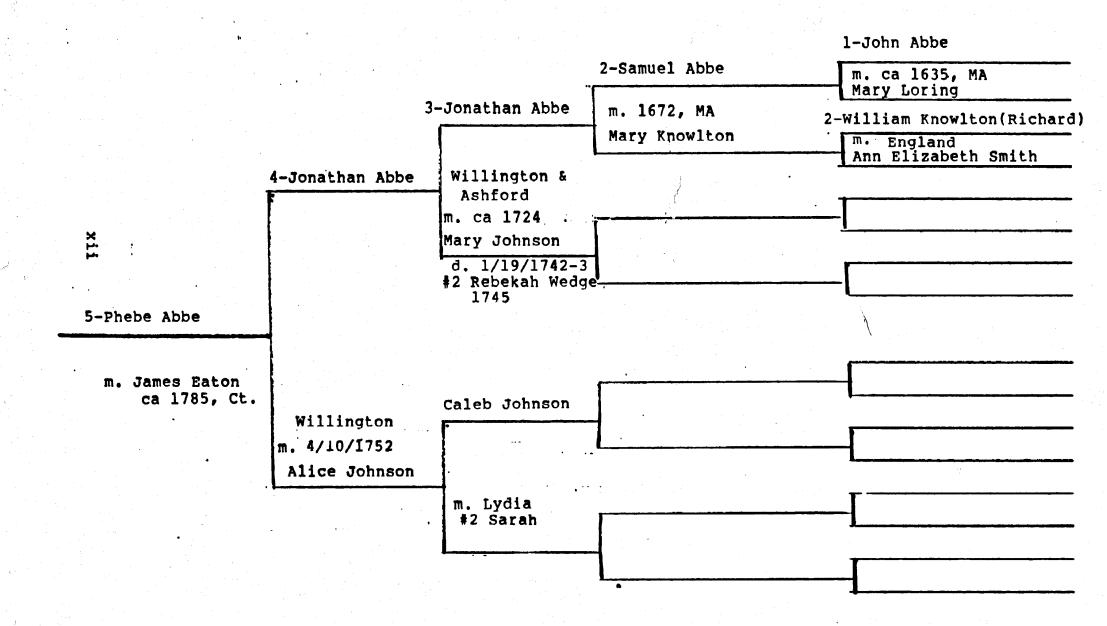












John Eaton of Dover, County Kent, England m. 1630, Abigail Damont To America in 1635

John Eaton.

