

# GENEALOGY.

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## FIRST GENERATION.

[1.] WILLIAM PECK<sup>1</sup> (2) was one of the founders of the New Haven Colony in the spring of 1638. With his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Jeremiah, he emigrated from England to this country probably in the company of Gov. Eaton, Rev. John Davenport, and others, in the ship *Hector*, arriving at Boston, from London, June 26, 1637.<sup>2</sup> This company was principally from the city of London, where Mr. Davenport had been a celebrated minister, and consisted of many wealthy merchants, and others of great respectability from London, and of farmers from Yorkshire, Hertfordshire and Kent, and some from Surrey and Sussex.<sup>3</sup> They had suffered much from the intolerance and persecution of Archbishop Laud during the reign of Charles I., and the object of their emigration was the unmolested enjoyment of civil and religious liberty.

A persistent effort to trace the line of his progenitors involving much time and a large expense, has proved unsuccessful. He was born in the city of London, or in its vicinity, in 1601, and was there married about the year 1622. His son, Jeremiah, was his only child at the time of his emigration.

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1. His surname was often written by him, and by his oldest son, Rev. Jeremiah Peck, with a final "e," but it was dropped in the latter part of their lives.

2. Trumbull (*Hist. Conn.* Vol. I., 95) states the date of the arrival to have been July 26, 1637, and some have copied his mistake.

3. No list of the names or English homes of this company can anywhere now be found.

He was one of the original proprietors of New Haven, his autograph signature being affixed to the fundamental Agreement or Constitution dated June 4, 1639, for the government of the infant colony.<sup>1</sup> He was admitted a freeman of the colony October 20, 1640; was a merchant by occupation, and a trustee, treasurer, and the general business agent of the Colony Collegiate School, established on the basis of the Hopkins fund. He is usually named in the records with the title of "Mr.," then a prefix of respect and distinction; and from 1659 until his decease was a deacon of the church in New Haven. His wife, Elizabeth, died December 5, 1683, and he subsequently married Sarah, the widow of William Holt, and died October 4, 1694, at the advanced age of 93 years. His children were all by his first wife, and were 1. *Jeremiah*, 2. *John*, 3. *Joseph* and 4. *Elizabeth*, all of whom, together with his second wife, survived him, and are named in his last Will and Testament.<sup>2</sup> His home lot of about an acre, and his dwelling house and shop or store in New Haven, were, at the time of his decease, on the southeasterly side of, and fronting on, Church street; the lot extending from Centre street northerly in front on Church street towards Chapel street about one hundred feet, and extended easterly from Church street a few feet beyond Orange street. The front on Church street is now covered by the Connecticut Savings Bank building on the corner of Church and Center streets, the "Clark" building, so called, and the building known as the Odeon. His grave is in that part of the old burial ground now under the Center Church in New Haven. His gravestone, however, is in the new cemetery in the northern part of the town, having, with the monuments and tombstones of others whose graves are covered by the said church, been removed thither in 1821.

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1. This is said to have been one of "the first examples in history of a written constitution organizing a government and defining its powers."

2. His Will, dated March 9, 1688-9 (1689 as we now date), was left for probate October 11, 1694, and is recorded in the Probate Records of New Haven, Book II, page 176.

## SECOND GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM PECK (1) AND ELIZABETH, HIS WIFE.

[2.] 1. JEREMIAH (6) was born in the city of London, England, or its vicinity, in 1623, from whence, in 1637, he came with his father to this country. Little is known of his early history, except that he had a good education, acquired in part before he left England. He is said by Cotton Mather to have been bred at Harvard College, but, though probably a student, his name does not appear in the catalogue of the graduates of that institution. He married Johannah Kitchell, a daughter of Robert Kitchell,<sup>1</sup> of Guilford, Conn., Nov. 12, 1656. He was then, and for some time previously had been, preaching or teaching school at Guilford, and he continued to be thus engaged until 1660, when he was invited to take charge of the Collegiate school at New Haven, Conn. This was a colony school, and had been instituted by the General Court, in 1659. It was open to students from other colonies, and in it were to be taught Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and young men fitted for college. He accepted the invitation, and removing from Guilford to New Haven, entered upon his duties as its instructor and continued to discharge the same until the summer of 1661, when the school was temporarily suspended for want of adequate support. It was revived, however, after a few years, and has continued and flourished until the present day under the name of the Hopkins Grammar School. In the autumn of 1661 he was invited to preach at Saybrook, Conn., where there is much reason to suppose that he was ordained, and where he settled as a minister, succeeding Rev. James Fitch ; the agree-

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1. Robert Kitchell came to New Haven in the company of Eaton, Davenport and others, in 1638, and in 1639 settled in Guilford, Conn., being a prominent man and one of the first planters of that town. He was one of those who migrated from the New Haven Colony to Newark, N. J., in 1666, where he died about 1672. His only son, Samuel, migrated thither about the same time, died there April 26, 1790 and was a man of high standing and respectability. The wife of Robert Kitchell died in Greenwich, Conn., in 1682, while residing there with her dau., the wife of Rev. Jeremiah Peck.

ment of settlement being dated September 25, 1661. After a few years there was some dissatisfaction with his ministry, and a misunderstanding as to the provisions of his agreement of settlement, which being amicably arranged he left Saybrook removing to Guilford early in 1666. He was then, and for some time had been, together with numerous other ministers and churches in the New Haven and Connecticut Colonies, decidedly opposed to what was called the "Half-way Covenant," adopted by the General Synod of 1662, and with many of the leading ministers and the people of the New Haven Colony was especially and irreconcilably hostile to the Union of the New Haven and Connecticut Colonies under the charter of Charles II., which, however, after a protracted struggle, was finally effected in 1665, and he resolved to emigrate from the colony. Removing from Guilford in 1666, he became one of the first settlers of Newark, N. J. His home lot and residence in Newark were on the northeasterly corner of Market and Mulberry streets. He does not appear to have officiated as a minister at Newark. He preached to the neighboring people of Elizabethtown soon after his removal to Newark, and finally settled there as their first minister in 1669 or 1670. In 1670, and again in 1675, he was invited by the people of Woodbridge, N. J., and in 1676 by the people of Greenwich, Conn., to settle with them in the ministry, but he declined these several invitations. In Sept., 1678, he was again invited to settle as a minister at Greenwich, and in Oct., 1678, he had a similar call from Newtown, Long Island, N. Y. He accepted the last call from Greenwich, and removing thither late in the autumn of 1678 from Elizabethtown, N. J., he became the first settled minister in Greenwich, Conn., where his pastorate was a very quiet and useful one, and only disturbed by his refusal in 1688 to baptize the children of non-communicants, allowed by the "Half-way Covenant," the introduction of which still agitated the churches in Connecticut. Though sustained by a majority of the members of his church, the dissatisfaction of the minority probably led to his resignation in 1689. He then

commenced preaching in Waterbury, Conn., and having received and accepted the unanimous invitation of the residents of that town to settle with them in the ministry, he removed thither early in 1690, and became the first settled minister of the church in Waterbury in 1691. He was then nearly seventy years of age. In a few years his health gradually failed, but he continued the pastor of the church and discharged the most of his official duties until his decease at Waterbury, June 7, 1699. He seems to have possessed considerable energy and ability, and to have been a man of much usefulness, both as a teacher and minister in the frontier settlements, among the early colonists of this country. His wife survived him, and died in Waterbury in 1711. His Will, dated Jan. 14, 1696-7, and that of his wife, dated Oct. 7, 1696, (in the form of Deeds of Gift) are recorded, the former at page 6 and the latter at page 103 of Volume I. of the Waterbury Land Records.

[3.] 2. JOHN, (12) b. in New Haven, Ct., probably in 1638; m. Nov. 3, 1664, Mary Moss, dau. of John Moss, of New Haven, where he settled; was admitted a freeman of the colony in 1669, and resided in New Haven until 1672. He then removed to Wallingford, Conn., and resided there until his decease. The title of "Mr." and "Lieut." are prefixed to his name in the Wallingford records. He d. at Wallingford in 1724. His wife d. there Nov. 16, 1725, aged 78.

[4.] 3. JOSEPH, (32) b. in New Haven, Conn., in Jan. 1641; was baptized there Jan. 17, 1641; m. Sarah Downs, and about 1662 settled in East Saybrook, Conn., afterwards, in 1667, incorporated into the town of Lyme, and d. in Lyme Nov. 25, 1718, where his wife also d. Sept. 14, 1726, aged 90. Their gravestones are still standing in the old Lyme cemetery. He was a prominent man in Lyme, being many years a townsman, Surveyor, Recorder, Justice of the Peace and Deacon of the Church.

[5.] 4. ELIZABETH, b. in New Haven, Conn., in April, 1643; was baptized there May 7, 1643, and in 1661 m. Samuel Andrews, son of William Andrews, of New Haven, where they

resided until 1672; then removed to Wallingford, Conn., and there both died. He died October 6, 1704, aged 69, but the date of her death is not found. Their children were, 1. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 1, 1662, who d. March 1, 1662; 2. *Samuel*, again, b. Aug. 30, 1663; 3. *William*, b. Feb. 9, 1665; 4. *John*, b. July 4, 1667, d. young; 5. *Nathaniel*, b. Aug. 2, 1670; all born in New Haven; and the following, all born in Wallingford: 6. and 7. *Twins*, b. May 30, 1673, and both d. the same day; 8. *Elizabeth*, b. July 17, 1674; 9. *Mary*, b. March 27, 1677; 10. *Joseph*, b. in March, 1679; 11. *Margery*, b. Jan. 15, 1681; and 12. *Dinah*, b. July 25, 1684. She has a very numerous and widely scattered posterity.

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### THIRD GENERATION.

#### CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH PECK (2) AND JOHANNAH, HIS WIFE.

[6.] 1. SAMUEL, (30) b. in Guilford, Conn., Jan. 18, 1659; came to Greenwich, Conn., with his father in 1678; was well educated; m. Nov. 27, 1686, Ruth Ferris, said to have been a dau. of Peter, a son of Jeffrey Ferris, of Stamford, Conn.; became the progenitor of the numerous Greenwich families of his surname; was a man of large wealth and influence; for about fifty years was a Justice of the Peace, and held other important positions in Greenwich, where he died April 28, 1746. His wife d. there Sept. 17, 1745, aged 83. Their grave-stones are still standing in the old Greenwich cemetery.

[7.] 2. RUTH, b. at New Haven, Conn., April 3, 1661; m. June 1, 1681, Jonathan Atwater, son of David Atwater, of New Haven, where they settled and resided until their decease. Their children, all b. in New Haven, were 1. *Joshua*, b. Feb. 21, 1682, and d. March 16, 1682; 2. *David*, b. Aug. 5, 1683; 3. *Jeremiah*, b. Jan. 31, 1685; 4. *Mary*, b. Dec. 31, 1686; 5.

[20.] 9. ANN, b. in Wallingford, Nov. 3, 1684, and d. in infancy.

[21.] 10. ANN, again, b. in Wallingford, in March, 1686; m. 1. Nathaniel Yale, Feb. 11, 1704, and m. 2. Joseph Cole, April 11, 1715, and d. in Wallingford, Feb. 26, 1716.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH PECK (4) AND SARAH, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN  
IN LYME, CONN.

[22.] 1. SARAH, b. Aug. 4, 1663; m. May 2, 1684, Matthew Gilbert.

[23.] 2. JOSEPH, b. March 12, 1667, and d. in Lyme, Oct. 10, 1677.

[24.] 3. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 9, 1669; m. Dec. 6, 1686, Samuel Pratt, being his second wife, and d. in Lyme, Aug. 29, 1688.

[25.] 4. DEBORAH, b. July 31, 1672 and April 3, 1694, m. Daniel Sperry.

[26.] 5. HANNAH, b. Sept. 14, 1674 and June 25, 1696, m. Thomas Anderson, who d. in Lyme, May 7, 1746.

[27.] 6. RUTH, b. Aug. 19, 1676, and m. Jasper Griffin, April 29, 1696.

[28.] 7. SAMUEL, (51) b. July 29, 1678; m. 1. Elizabeth Lee, Dec. 28, 1699, who d. Aug. 29, 1731, and m. 2. Widow Martha Barber, of Killingworth, Conn. Jan. 25, 1732. He resided in Lyme, and d. there Jan. 28, 1735. His second wife again m. Peter Pearson, Jan. 8, 1736.

[29.] 8. JOSEPH, again, (61) b. March 20, 1680; m. Susanna  
— Oct. 3, 1704, and resided and d. in Lyme.

[45.] 7. RUTH, b. Feb. 8, 1719 ; m. Feb. 6, 1740, Rev. Mark Leavenworth, who, in 1740, was ordained pastor, being the third minister, of the church in Waterbury. He d. there Aug. 20, 1797, in the 58th year of his ministry. He was a chaplain in the Army during the old French War. She d. in Waterbury, Aug. 8, 1750, leaving an only child, *Jesse*, who was a graduate of Yale College in 1759, d. in 1823, and was the father of General Leavenworth, of the U. S. Army.

[46.] 8. ESTHER, b. June 27, 1721, and d. probably unm. in Waterbury, Conn., before 1752.

[47.] 9. MARTHA, b. May 4, 1725, and m. Caleb Weed, July 7, 1742. The place and date of her residence and death are unknown.

CHILDREN OF JOHN PECK (15) AND SUSANNA, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN IN WALLINGFORD, CONN.

[48.] 1. MARY, b. Feb. 3, 1695 ; m. Joshua Atwater, Jan. 17, 1723, and d. in Wallingford prior to 1740. Her husband d. there Nov. 29, 1747. She had a dau. *Mary*, who m. Thomas Johnson, of Middletown, Conn.

[49.] 2. SUSANNA, b. April 26, 1697 ; m. in 1717 Stephen Hopkins, of Waterbury, Conn., where she d. Dec. 2, 1725, and he d. Jan. 4, 1769. She had two daughters and three sons.

[50.] 3. SAMUEL, (136) b. Oct. 19, 1704 ; m. Jan. 18, 1727, Mary Parmelee ; resided in Wallingford where he was a prominent man, and d. there May 20, 1755. His wife d. there Oct. 14, 1781, aged 75.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL PECK, (28) ALL BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[51.] 1. ELIZABETH, b. April 26, 1702, and d. in Lyme, Jan. 15, 1705.

[52.] 2. ELIZABETH, again, b. May 14, 1705 ; m. Richard Ely, Jr., Jan. 23, 1724, and d. in Lyme, Oct. 8, 1730.

[53.] 3. SAMUEL, (149) b. July 12, 1707 and m. Alice Way, Nov. 7, 1728.

[54.] 4. WILLIAM, (155) b. Aug. 31, 1709 and m. Jemima Marvin Jan. 25, 1732.

[55.] 5. BENJAMIN, (158) b. March 6, 1711 and m. Sarah Champen, Feb. 8, 1734.

[56.] 6. ELIJAH, (168) b. Oct. 20, 1713 ; m. 1. Hepsibah Pearson, April 28, 1737, who d. Oct. 9, 1770 ; m. 2. Widow Jane Miner, Jan. 8, 1771, and d. in Lyme Aug. 6, 1771.

[57.] 7. JEDEDIAH, (181) b. June 1, 1717 and m. Tabitha Pierson in 1738, who d. in 1753. He d. at sea in 1744.

[58.] 8. DANIEL, (183) b. March 4, 1721 ; m. Abigail Lord, Nov. 8, 1744 and d. in Lyme, March 1, 1751.

[59.] 9. SILAS, (186) b. Oct. 2, 1724, and m. Elizabeth Caulkins Nov. 4, 1746 ; first settled in Lyme ; served as a soldier in the French War, and after the treaty of peace in 1763, settled in Nova Scotia. He afterwards removed back to Lyme, and was in the service in the Revolutionary War, and d. in Lyme in June 1808.

[60.] 10. MARTHA, b. June 4, 1733. She was the only child of his second marriage.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH PECK (29) AND SUSANNA, HIS WIFE, ALL  
BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[61] 1. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 13, 1705, and probably d. young in Lyme, Conn.

[62.] 2. JASPER, (192) b. Feb. 3, 1708 ; m. Sarah Clark Nov. 24, 1731, and d. in Lyme, Oct. 21, 1788.

[63.] 3. SARAH, b. March 17, 1710, and d. at Lyme, in infancy.

[64.] 4. HANNAH, b. March 10, 1712 ; m. William Clark Nov. 30, 1731, and d. in Derby, Conn.

[65.] 5. JOHN, (198) b. April 21, 1716 ; m. Catharine Lay and d. in Lyme, April 27, 1785.

[66.] 6. DAVID, (204) b. Feb. 15, 1721 ; m. Abigail Southworth, June 16, 1743, and is said to have d. in Lyme about 1810.

[67.] 7. NATHANIEL, (216) b. March 14, 1723 ; m. Lucy Mather, May 24, 1744 and d. in Lyme about 1784.

who d. March 6, 1822, and m. 3. Mary Bassett who d. Dec. 1, 1836. He settled and resided in Farmington, Conn., and d. there May 26, 1842.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL PECK (53) AND ALICE, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[149.] 1. SAMUEL, (396) b. Sept. 7, 1729; m. Hannah Beckwith, dau. of Richard Beckwith, and d. in Lyme in 1776.

[150.] 2. ABNER, (404) b. Sept. 27, 1731; m. Caroline Reed Nov. 30, 1786 and d. in Lyme.

[151.] 3. DARIUS, (405) b. Sept. 11, 1733; m. Elizabeth Beckwith April 19, 1757 and d. in Lyme in 1797.

[152.] 4. CARTER, b. June 23, 1737.

[153.] 5. ELISHA, b. Nov. 27, 1739 and d. unm. in Lyme.

[154.] 6. DANIEL, (415) b. March 27, 1742; m. Jerusha Yerrington Dec. 25, 1764 and d. in Lyme April 25, 1802.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM PECK (54) AND JEMIMA, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[155.] 1. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 11, 1736.

[156.] 2. LORUAMY, b. July 12, 1738.

[157.] 3. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 11, 1740, and d. in Lyme, April 20, 1749.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN PECK (55) AND SARAH, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[158.] 1. DAN, b. May 11, 1735, and d. in Lyme, Oct. 1, 1736.

[159.] 2. MEHITABLE, b. Jan. 12, 1738.

[160.] 3. BENJAMIN, b. April 26, 1740.

[161.] 4. DAN, b. April 1, 1742, and d. in Lyme, Conn., Oct. 30, 1746.

[162.] 5. ELIZABETH, b. March 21, 1744.

[163.] 6. CYRUS, b. May 2, 1746.

[164.] 7. ELIAS, b. June 20, 1748.

[165.] 8. SARAH, b. Feb. 21, 1750, and d. unm. in Lyme, April 14, 1775.

[166.] 9. LEE, b. July 1, 1752, m. Elizabeth Marvin, Aug. 18, 1774, and d. in Lyme, Conn.

[167.] 10. ESTHER. b. Oct. 30, 1756.<sup>1</sup>

CHILDREN OF ELIJAH PECK (56) AND HEPSIBAH, HIS WIFE, ALL BORN IN LYME, CONN.

[168.] 1. MARY, b. May 14, 1738, and d. in Lyme, March 18, 1739.

[169.] 2. PETER, b. Feb. 1, 1740, and d. in Lyme, June 3, 1741.

[170.] 3. ELIJAH, b. May 28, 1742, and <sup>m. Tabitha Ely</sup> d. unm. in Lyme, March 31, 1766.

[171.] 4. PETER, again, b. March 22, 1744, and d. unm. in Lyme, Aug. 6, 1771.

[172.] 5. HEPSIBAH, b. March 2, 1746; m. John Mather and d. in Lyme.

[173.] 6. JEDEDIAH, (422) b. Jan. 28, 1748; m. Tabitha Ely Nov. 5, 1772; served between three and four years in the Revolutionary Army, and about the year 1790 emigrated from Lyme, Conn., to Otsego county, N. Y., and settled in Burlington in that county. He soon became a very prominent man in that section of the State. He was an ardent and active politician in the Republican party of that period. For circulating petitions in Otsego county in 1798 against the alien and sedition laws he was indicted, arrested and taken from his family by an officer to the city of New York. It does not appear that he was ever tried, but it increased his popularity and did much for the Republican party. He was elected a Member of the Assembly from Otsego county in 1798, and annually thereafter until 1804, when he was elected a Senator of the western district of the State of New York, and remained in the Senate until 1808. He was, also, for many years a County Judge of Otsego county. He was a man of great native ability and influence. In 1799 he introduced a bill into the Legislature to abolish imprisonment for debt. He was the first projector and

1. After persistent effort nothing further as to this family or their descendants can be found.