



For every generation, starting with the time of Thomas and Margaret, there have been changes in the American experience. History looks at part of this. Genealogy allows us to fill in a little more of the picture.

Some of these changes for the colonists were influenced by the larger scope, such as what was going on in England and the rest of the world. Some were more local and unique. Family research allows us to look more closely at the latter.

There is nothing trivial about these subjects, albeit that many problems can be glossed over by shoddy (let's say, quick and dirty) research (which can generate errors that propagate, seemingly, forever). One has to ask about the universal aspects related to the necessary work and what they might mean. For instance, R.C. Anderson just published his thoughts on rules and approaches on doing genealogy, using his experience with the Great Migration Project. He did note that his is one of many such methods.

Looking at the current landscape of methods raises many questions, even those related to theory and foundations. Genealogy, by itself seemingly a practice and art, might be, in essence and with some morphing, a type of social science where "science" implies more than technology (tools) and process (systems). Gardner Research (see below) looks to address these issues.

Gardner Research, examples

A major topic would deal with women within the American experience. There are so many examples that we can use, but let's look at two: Ann Downing (b. 1633) and Sarah Kimball (b. 1713). Ann and Sarah were almost a century apart. Both ladies are in the extended family tree of Thomas Gardner descendants. Ann was a daughter-in-law of Thomas; Sarah's great-granddaughter married a Thomas Gardner descendant.

Ann Downing Gardner Bradstreet was mentioned in an earlier issue with regard to her house which was remarkable for its time (Vol. II, No. 4) and which dominated the Salem skyline.



Perley, Sidney (1904) "Salem in 1700. No. 16." *The Essex Antiquarian*, Volume 8
http://books.google.com/books?id=gC_ID09Rn4AC&pg=PA115#v=onepage&q&f=false

Ann's parents built the house. Ann's mother, Lucy Winthrop, with the permission of Ann's father, Emanuel Downing, gave the house to Ann when Ann married Joseph Gardner in the 1650s. The couple spent a

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couple of decades in the house. After Joseph was killed (1675, King Philip's war), Ann married Simon Bradstreet. Ann and Simon had a pre-nup (Vol. II, No. 1) agreement which Ann penned. Part of that was Ann's continuing ownership of the house; nevertheless, the house got associated with Simon's name.

The map provided here covers the whole lot and its partitions. Perley researched the history of transactions and included at look at changes of property in his book on 1700 Salem; these dealings are a subject of interest to us. When Ann died, part of the estate went to her heirs and part to Joseph's heirs; this is another area to look at further.

Sarah Kimball is another example. She married, in 1733, John Leatherland of Ipswich, MA. John died early in their marriage, in 1745; by his will, he left property to Sarah so that she could raise her children to adulthood. This task she did accomplish despite not remarrying.

John and Sarah had a son, John Leatherland. Of interest to us is that Sarah had to go to court in 1761. The reason was that her son, John, wanted to join the military. Being underage, he needed a signature. In the rolls, he is listed as son of Sarah. She had to get the court to allow her responsibility for John who she had brought up alone.

This time was the latter part of the French & Indian war experience which served as training ground, some have claimed, for the later conflict, a decade later, with England.

These are a couple examples of many that deal with the large collection of Thomas and Margaret descendants.

Corporate activities

The Thomas Gardner Society, Inc. was founded in early 2010 with a research focus. The Society incorporated, as Not for Profit, in 2014 in the State of Kansas, and obtained IRS Sec. 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as of April 29, 2014.

The planned activities of the Society, as stated in the application, are as follows:

- (a) The direction will go toward establishing regular print of articles rather than limiting publication to on-line. The mechanism for this accomplishment needs to be defined, developed, and delivered.
- (b) Research is expected to increase as more people get involved. One activity related to this will be an open-ended query list to which topics will be added and from which research tasks will be taken. For each task, there will be goals and methods that are amenable to tracking.
- (c) A continuing interest will be to foster support, generally, for the upcoming 400th anniversaries in a manner that can persist through time via presentation of well-founded knowledge in a



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manner that does adjust to media and the evolution thereof.

(d) A prime desire is to establish, in the longer-term, the wherewithal, perpetually supported, to offer scholarships, and other support, that will allow a continuing presence at all levels of the educational effort up to post-doctoral studies (say, Chair of New England Studies).

Gardner Annals/Research

The Gardner Annals, Vol. I, No. 1, published in August of 2014. We expect to have regular publication of research reports. However, articles on general topics related to our interests are encouraged. One interest is to continue our collection of details about activities in "annals" format.

Contributions and support

Inquiries with regard to contributions for support of the Thomas Gardner Society, Inc. may be directed to: algswtlk@aol.com.

Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt: Edith (1861-1948) was born in Connecticut and grew up next door to Teddy Roosevelt and his family. Later, Edith started a literary society in New York with Teddy's sister, Corinne. When Teddy was at Harvard, he proposed to Edith, but there was family opposition to their marriage. So, Teddy married Alice Hathaway Lee who died as young mother. As a widower, Teddy married Edith, in 1886 in London, England. They had several children. Edith supported Teddy throughout his political career.

Alice Hathaway Lee Roosevelt: Alice (1861-1884) was born in Massachusetts. She met Teddy when he was at Harvard and had visited her neighbors, the Saltonstalls. They married in 1880 in Brookline. In 1884, Alice died, the same year that their daughter was born.

Activities of Thomas' children (Timeline)

- 1638** – John assigned as part of Nathaniel Woodward's crew that was to survey the Merrimack River.
- 1649** – Thomas, Jr., George, Samuel and Joseph were ordered to survey from the meeting house to the westerly river (Forest) to determine the boundary with Lynn.
- 1658** – Sarah, wife of Richard, fined for being absent "on the Lord's Day."
- 1659** – John ran the bounds between Boston, Charlestown and Lynn.
- 1662** – Richard's wife "excommunicated from the First Church in Salem" for being present at a Quaker meeting.
- 1663** – John and Samuel, and others, were granted permission "to build a mill over the South river."
- 1664** – Richard, and others, charged with absenting themselves "from public ordinances." Richard moves to Nantucket.
- 1672** – John granted land on Nantucket.
- 1673** – George removes to Hartford, CT. Richard named Chief Magistrate of Nantucket by Governor Francis Lovelace. John named Chief Military Office for Nantucket by the Governor.
- 1673-77** – There was controversy over the Governor's support for John, including a warrant for arrest of John. Turmoil continued until the new Governor, Andros, settled the matter.
- 1674** – Joseph, with Major Hathorne and Henry Bartholomew, was appointed to settle the boundaries between Salem and Marblehead.
- 1675** – Samuel admitted as "freeman of this colony" (delayed the event, just like his father?).
- 1682** – John, Richard and Steven Coffin were selected to lay out the bounds of all lots on Nantucket.
- 1686** – Samuel appointed as Coroner for the county.
- 1900** – Annotated copy of a map from the 1638 survey that had been signed by John Gardner found among old papers in Essex County.

Poets:

- Lilla Cabot Perry (c 1840s)
- Robert Frost (c 1870s)
- Thomas Stearns Eliot (c 1880s)*
- Ezra Pound (c 1880s)

*step-relationship via Damaris

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