

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS
THE GRAVES FAMILY OF IPSWICH

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SAMUEL(1) GRAVES was born probably in England about 1622. He gave his age as 38 in a court testimony of 1660. Samuel died at Ipswich 22 November 1679 (E.O. Jamison, *The Choates of America* (1986), date not found elsewhere. Samuel married about 1656, probably in Boston, GRACE BEAMSLEY, who was born at Boston, the 10th day of the 7th month 1635, daughter of William and Anne Beamsley (Boston Vital Records). It is probable that Grace was Samuel Graves' second wife. He referred to her as "my now wife" in several deeds. Grace Graves died at Ipswich 26 November 1730 in her 99th year (Ipswich Vital Records). Samuel was a hat weaver and felt maker by occupation.

SAMUEL (2)GRAVES, JR was born at Ipswich 5 August 1658 and died there 4 October 1732, age 74y 2m (Ipswich Vital Records). He married, first, at Ipswich, JOANNA PEARCE b. at Ipswich, 13 Oct 1659, daughter of Robert and Abigail (Symonds) Pearce. Samuel married secondly ELIZABETH -----, who survived him. Her last name has not been determined. Like his father, Samuel Graves, Jr. was a felt maker, or hatter, by occupation.

5. JOHN(3)GRAVES (Samuel(2)(1) was born at Ipswich about 1678 and died there 4 October 1775. He married at Ipswich, 30 December 1730 HANNAH PERKINS, who was born in 1707 (figured from her age at death) She died at Ipswich, 12 May 1791, age 84 (Ipswich VR)

Children, b. at Ipswich:

- i. **JOHN(4)** bpt & died 27 July 1735
- ii. **BEAMSLEY**, bpt 6 Feb 1736, d. 27 Feb 1736
- iii. **HANNAH**, bpt 29 Apr 1739, d. 23 May 1739
- iv. **JOHN**, bpt 8 Jan 1741, d. 7 Mar 1804; m. (int) 12 Oct 1765, **MRS ELIZABETH PUSHEE** who d. 7 March 1804. John was a sergeant in the Ipswich Co. of Minute Men, enlisting 10 May 1775. He was a cabinet maker by occupation (J.C. Graves Mss) Children: 1. John, b. 11 Sept 1766, m. (1) 1 Sept 1791 Elizabeth Sayward, who d. 18 March 1800, m. (2) 4 July 1819, **ABIGAIL W. HODGKINS** (3 children by 2nd wife). 2. Moses, bpt 7 May 1769, d. 1794 in the West Indies; m. 7 Nov 1793, Deborah Safford (one child, Moses Graves) (K.V. Graves, 51, 82)

The following provides additional material regarding the family of JOHN GRAVES(3) (see John excerpt numbered iv. on the previous page) including offering further information pertaining to the wives of the four successive John Graves: **John (3) and Hannah Perkins, John (4) and Elizabeth Pushee, John (5) and Elizabeth Sayward and John (6) and Abigail W. Hodgkins.**

JOHN GRAVES(3)(Samuel(2)(1) was born at Ipswich about 1678 and died there 4 October 1775. He married at Ipswich, 30 December 1730.¹

He married HANNAH PERKINS who was born 22 : 2m : 1707.² She died at Ipswich 12 May 1791, age 84.³ Hannah was the daughter of Capt. Beamsley Perkins and Mrs. Hannah (Emerson) Glazier.⁴

Children of John Graves and Hannah Perkins, b. at Ipswich:

- i. John, bpt and died 27 July 1735
- ii. Beamsley, bpt 6 Feb 1736, d. 27 Feb 1736
- iii. Hannah, bpt 29 Apr 1739, d. 23 May 1739
- iv. **John(4)**, bpt 8 January 1741, Ipswich, MA

JOHN GRAVES (4)(JOHN(3)Samuel(2)(1) was born at Ipswich about 1740 and baptized 8 Jan 1741,⁵ Ipswich, MA. He married⁶ Mrs. Elizabeth Pushee Johnson, widow, (int) 12 October 1765. John died at Ipswich on 7 March 1804⁷.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pushee Johnson, bpt 22 April 1739,⁸ was the daughter of Gabriel Pushee/Pushey/Pouchi and Sarah Williams.⁹ Elizabeth married (1) Joshua Johnson of Stow, MA, on 8 Dec 1763.¹⁰ Joshua died (unknown). Elizabeth married (2) John Graves(4).

Gabriel Pushee/Pushey/Pouchi was one of the “first permanent settlers” of Winchendon, MA (the original grant was known as Ipswich Canada).¹¹ Nathan Pushee, Jr., who served as one of George Washington’s Life Guards, was Gabriel’s grandson and Elizabeth’s nephew.¹²

Children of John Graves and Elizabeth Pushee Johnson, b. at Ipswich:

- i. **John(5)**, b. 11 Sept, 1766, Ipswich, MA
- ii. Moses, bpt 7 May 1769, d. 1794 in the West Indies, m. 1793, Deborah Stafford (one child Moses Graves).¹³

¹ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 336 (John Greaves)

² Ipswich Vital Records Births, Baptisms, v 1, p 286

³ Ipswich Vital Records-Deaths, v 2, p 573 (widow of John)

⁴ Essex Institute Historical Collections Volume XX (1883), p. 26 (Hannah Glazier was a widow. Nathaniel Emerson said that she was his daughter.)

⁵ Ipswich Vital Records-Births and Baptisms, v 1, p 168 (Greaves)

⁶ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 364

⁷ Ipswich Vital Records-deaths, v2, p 573

⁸ Ipswich Vital Records-Births and Baptisms, v 1, p 310

⁹ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 358 (Gabriel Pouchi m. Sarah Williams, 26 Jul 1726)

¹⁰ Groton Vital Records-Marriages, p 141 (Pushe), Stow Vital Records, v 1, p 95 (Johnson)

¹¹ New England Historical and Genealogical Register, v 84, p 101 (“whither he moved in 1749”)

¹² Braisted, Todd “*Revolutionary War Adventures of Nathan Pushee*”, Military Collector & Historian, Winter 2007

iii. Elizabeth¹⁴, bpt 6 September 1772, m. Capt. John Sweet, Jr,¹⁵ (b. 30 May 1772¹⁶, d at sea, 9 Jul 1821¹⁷). They had no children. Elizabeth died 14 Sept 1812.¹⁸

JOHN GRAVES (5)(JOHN(4)(3)Samuel(2)(1) was born 11 Sept 1766,¹⁹ at Ipswich, MA. He married on 1 Sept 1791,²⁰ Elizabeth Sayward (bpt 08 Nov 1767^{21,22} - d. 18 March 1800²³). John died 6 Sept 1820,²⁴ at Ipswich, MA. He was 55 years of age. John (5) was referred to as junior in the Ipswich marriage records since his father, John (4), was still alive.

Elizabeth Sayward was the daughter of John Sayward/Soward and Elizabeth Leatherland, married (int) 13 Oct 1764²⁵ in Ipswich, MA. Elizabeth Sayward Graves died on childbed at the age of 33.²³

Children of John Graves and Elizabeth Sayward, b. at Ipswich:

- i. **John(6)**, b. about 1793, d. 4 Mar 1870, Peabody, MA
- ii. Unknown, d. between 2 June/22 Jul 1799, age 5²⁶
- iii. Unknown, b. 1800, d. 8 Mar 1800 at birth²²

JOHN GRAVES (6)(JOHN(5)(4)(3)Samuel(2)(1) was born about 1793 (according to the age that he reported to U.S. Census and was recorded at his death) in Ipswich, MA. He died 4 March 1870²⁷, at Peabody, MA.

John(6) married, 4 Jul 1819, Abigail Wise Hodgkins²⁸ (b. 18 Sept 1803, Marblehead, MA²⁹ - d. 14 Jan 1879, Peabody, MA³⁰). Abigail was the daughter of Joseph Hodgkins and Abigail Swasey (m. 7 Nov 1793).^{31,32,33,34}

¹³ K.V. Graves 51, 82

¹⁴ Ipswich Vital Records-Births, v 1, p 168 (Greaves)

¹⁵ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 184

¹⁶ Ipswich Vital Records-Births, v 1, p 363

¹⁷ Ipswich Vital Records-Deaths, v 2, p 691 (a. 49 y.)

¹⁸ Ipswich Vital Records-Deaths, v 2, p 690 (w. Capt. John; a. 40 y.)

¹⁹ Ipswich Vital Records-Births, v 1, p 168

²⁰ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 195; v2, p 385

²¹ Ipswich Vital Records-Births, v 1 p 329 (Sayward); v 3, p 28 (Soward)

²² Elizabeth Sayward had an older brother, John Leatherland Sayward, bpt 3 Nov 1765, Ipswich (see Note 20)

²³ Ipswich Vital Records- Deaths, v 2, p 572; v 3, p 39

²⁴ Ipswich Vital Records-Deaths, v 2, p 573

²⁵ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 384 (Saward – John Sayward, bpt 10 Sep 1749, was son of Joseph and Sarah Giddings Sayward of Gloucester)

²⁶ Ipswich Vital Records- Deaths, v 3, p 39

²⁷ Massachusetts Death Records 1841-1915, v 229, p 243 (son of John Graves and Elizabeth Sayward, both of Ipswich, age 77)

²⁸ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v2, p 220 (Hodgkins), p 195 (Graves)

²⁹ Marblehead Vital Records-Births, v 1 p 260 (Abigail Wise, daughter of Joseph and Abigail)

³⁰ Massachusetts Death Records 1841-1915, v 310, p260

³¹ Ipswich Vital Records-Marriages, v 2, p 222 (Hodgkins), p 419 (Swasey)

³² D.A.R. Record: 886960; Ancestor: A111695, Joseph Swazey (Abigail Swasey was daughter of Major Joseph Swazey and Susannah Wise).

³³ Felt, Joseph B., *History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton (1834)*, Cambridge, p 187 (The wife of Joseph Swazey was "Susannah, daughter of Henry, who was son of Rev. John Wise.")

Children of John Graves and Abigail Wise Hodgkins, b. at Ipswich:

i. Moses William	b. 1822 ³⁵	m. Sarah Ellen Carey ³⁶	d. 24 May 1890 ³⁷
ii. Mary A	b. 1827 ³⁵	m. _____	d. 10 Dec 1867 ³⁸
iii. Lucy S	b. 1830 ³⁵	m. Prescott E. Grant	d. 15 Jan 1914 ³⁹
iv. John	b. 1832 ³⁵	m. Lucy K. Powell ⁴⁰	d. 24 Mar 1903 ⁴¹
v. Susan Charlotte(7)	b. 1835	m. Joseph D. Gardner	d. 11 Dec 1915
vi. Elizabeth C	b. 1838 ³⁵	m. Charles H. Morse	d. 14 March 1898 ⁴²
vii. Martha	b. 1840 ³⁵	m. _____	d. _____

SUSAN CHARLOTTE GRAVES(7) was born at Ipswich on 9 January 1835⁴³ and died 11 Dec 1915.⁴⁴

She married Joseph D. Gardner⁴³ born 4 March 1836 to Benjamin Brown Gardner⁴⁵ and Lucy Foster Wilson. Joseph died, at Salem, 10 Feb 1913⁴⁶. Joseph worked as a tanner and as a foreman for the tanneries. Susan and Joseph had five children, including **Waldo Dennett(8)**, b. 1 Oct 1874, Salem, MA,^{47,48,49} m. 10 Jun 1902,⁵⁰ Charlotte Johnson, b. 1880, Prince Edward Island, died 12 Apr 1923.⁵¹ Waldo D. worked as banker at Naumkeag Trust Company. Waldo D. died 31 Jul 1945⁵².

Note: Waldo(8) D. Gardner is the grandparent of Ann L. Gardner Switlik, co-founder of the Thomas Gardner Society (TGS). He is also a first cousin of Frank A. Gardner, MD, author of *Thomas Gardner, Planter (Cape Ann, Salem) and some of his descendants (1907)*. The research for this update was done under the auspices of the TGS by John M. Switlik.

³⁴ Hammatt, A. (1980) *The Hammatt papers: early inhabitants of Ipswich, Massachusetts* Clearfield Co, p 145 (Joseph Hodgkins was son of John Hodgkins and Patience Webber. Joseph was nephew of Col. Joseph Hodgkins.)

³⁵ United States Census, 1850, Danvers, MA, Household ID 207, House Number 139 (birth year determined from the age reported in the Census)

³⁶ Massachusetts Marriages, South Danvers, p 232, Line Number 25

³⁷ Massachusetts Deaths, p 375

³⁸ Massachusetts Deaths, v 202, p 210

³⁹ Massachusetts Deaths, Ref ID 207 (spouse named in death record)

⁴⁰ Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915, Danvers, Certificate 58 (23 Oct 1851, daughter of John and Eliza Powell)

⁴¹ Massachusetts Deaths, v 540, cn 200

⁴² Massachusetts Deaths, v 481, p 584 (spouse named in death record)

⁴³ Gardner, Frank A. (1907) *Thomas Gardner and some of his descendants*, Higginson Books, Salem MA, p 286

⁴⁴ Massachusetts Deaths, Ref ID 236 (daughter of John and Abigail W. Hodgkins Grave)

⁴⁵ Ibid, Gardner, p 285

⁴⁶ Massachusetts Deaths, Ref ID 349 (son of Benjamin B. and Lucy F. Wilson Gardner)

⁴⁷ Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915, Item 1, p 324 (recorded at birth as William W. Gardner - Waldo D. had an older brother, William Graves Gardner, who was born 12 Jan 1868 and died 13 Jun 1870)

⁴⁸ He and his parents used Waldo Dennett. See US Census (1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940)

⁴⁹ WWI Draft records 1917-1918, Serial #3843 (Waldo Dennett Gardner)

⁵⁰ Marriage Certificate-New Hampshire, 1902, v 524, p 577, n 152

⁵¹ Death Certificate-Massachusetts (daughter of John M. and Elizabeth Taggart Johnson)

⁵² Massachusetts Death Certificate (son of Joseph D. and Susan Graves Gardner)