

# Ancestors of Richard Amacker Kent

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## Generation 1

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Notes for Richard Amacker Kent:

His father, Fluker, died when he was 17. Moved to what is today Fluker, LA, where he purchased 7000 acres reaching from east of the Tangipahoa River to a point west of what is today I-55, to approximately the banks of the Natalbany creek. The land was bounded on the north by what is today the Greensburg highway, and to the south, a line a few miles north of Arcola.

He built a store east of the railroad tracks, then a brickyard, then a sawmill, then operated the land as a sharecropping operation growing cotton, providing all supplies through the store.

In 1906 he built a large house which faced north at Fluker for his bride, Susan Frieler of Greensburg. At the time the main north-south road passed just to the west of the house, and the railroad passed to the east. He knew the road would eventually be built to follow the railroad, and wanted to face the house to the east. "Miss Susie" refused to allow him to build a house which faced away from the existing road, so they compromised and built the house facing North. He immediately planted a double row of pecan trees which in later years neatly bracketed the long driveway from the highway to the house. Today there is no trace left of the west road.

In addition to the farm, the brickyard, and the sawmill (which later became the Roseland Wirebound Box Company), he founded a bank, and served on the board of an insurance company in New Orleans. He also helped introduce dairy farming into the area after the boll weevil ended cotton production, by importing some of the first dairy cattle in the area. He then set up a milk collection center for farmers.

He was president of Kentwood Bank at the time of his death.

The following biography (along with a full-page portrait) may be found in Henry E. Chambers; A History of Louisiana:

Richard Amacker Kent. There are few names in the business world in Southern Louisiana better known or more respected than Richard Amacker Kent, for his interests are so numerous, diversified and important that wherever capital is found substantially invested Mr. Kent is almost sure to have been interested within the past thirty years. Banking, merchandising, lumbering, manufacturing and farming all have felt the invigorating influence of his energy, his business acumen and his spirit of progress.

Richard Amacker Kent was born at Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, June 28, 1871, a son of James Fluker Kent and Delilah Amacker Kent, and a grandson of Amos Kent. He comes of fine old Colonial American stock, originally from Scotland (sic) and the founder of the family in Louisiana was his grandfather, many generations later. Amos kent was born in massachusetts (sic), probably about 1811, and engaged in lumbering and brick manufacturing in New England until about 1840 (sic), when he came to Louisiana and married Susan Fluker, who was born at Clinton, Louisiana, in Feliciana Parish. In 1850 he came to Tangipahoa Parish, and recognizing great business opportunities here, founded the town of Kentwood, where he engaged in lumber and brick manufacturing and lived to be ninety-four years old.

James Fluker Kent was born in August (sic) 1841, in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, and died at Kentwood in 1886. He was reared in what was then a part of St. Helena Parish, now Tangipahoa Parish. he was attending college when the war between the

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states broke out, and enlisted in 1861. He was serving with the rank of lieutenant in a Louisiana regiment when he was made prisoner by the Federal forces and was incarcerated in the fort on Johnson's Island until the close of the war. He came then to Kent's Mill, now Kentwood, and, like his father, was engaged in manufacturing brick and lumber, and additionally at one time had agricultural interests. He was a man of strong convictions and of sterling character; was a democrat in politics; a member of the masonic fraternity; and belonged to the Baptist Church.

James Fluker Kent married Delilah Amacker, born in 1846, in Tangipahoa Parish, and who died at Hammond, Louisiana, in 1910. Their children were: Amos, who was his brother's assistant at Fluker, Louisiana, at the time of his death, when aged thirty-one years; John Ellis, who was a student in the Virginia Military Institute at Charlottesville at the time of his death, when eighteen years old; Obie Amacker, who in boyhood was accidentally killed in a cotton gin at Kentwood; Richard Amacker; S. Grace, who is the wife of John Evans, superintendent of the boiler house of the Standard Oil company of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge; Alma, who is the wife of Henry Habig, of Amite, who is bookkeeper of the Strawberry Growers' Association, and was a candidate in 1924 for clerk of the court of Tangipahoa Parish; Maggie, who is the wife of Albert L. Stossell, lumberman, of Hammond, Louisiana; Catherine, who is a trained nurse and resides at Jackson, Mississippi; Eva, who is the wife of Edgar Bassett, an automobile dealer near Hollywood, California; James F., who is with the Standard Oil Company at Baton Rouge; W. Irwin, who is a resident of Hammond, a buyer of logs and lumber; and Jennie Dean, who is the wife of James D. Stewart, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and connected with the Standard Export Lumber Company at New Orleans.

When Richard Amacker Kent was 15 years old, he lost his father. He had been attending a private school at Kentwood, but his father's death brought about many family changes, and at the age of seventeen he found himself with practically no capital and with the maintenance and comfort of his mother and his younger brothers and sisters dependent upon his efforts. Under such circumstances he began, in a small way, brick and lumber manufacture at Fluker, in 1888, the site of the present flourishing town being then but a wilderness, and named the place in honor of his father. From this beginning, Mr. Kent has built up one of the most important industrial enterprises in his time in Southeastern Louisiana. He is sole owner of the R. A. Kent interests at Fluker, specified as follows: R. A. Kent Company, incorporated, for investments; R. A. Kent Mercantile Company; R. A. Kent Farms; and R. A. Kent, Individual. The R. A. Kent Mercantile company, Incorporated, owns and operates the only general store at Fluker. The R. A. Kent Farms Company owns 3500 acres of land, 600 being devoted to agriculture at present, while the rest is cut over land or yet in timber. Until 1917, Mr. Kent operated a lumber mill at Fluker, but removal was then made to Roseland (LA) where it is now operated by the Roseland Veneer and Package Company, Limited, of which company Mr. Kent is President. This company manufactures lumber and all kinds of fruit and vegetable packages and containers, the Roseland plant being the largest of its kind in the entire South, employing 400 people and annually manufacturing 12,000,000 feet of lumber. In the banking business, Mr. Kent has been equally prominent for many years. He is president of the Kentwood Bank at Kentwood, Louisiana, and has filled that office for a long period. In 1912, he established the Roseland Bank at Roseland, Louisiana, which he removed later to Amite and in 1920 changed the name to the Security Bank of Amite, and continued president of this institution until 1922, when he resigned that office on account of ill health, but in November 1924, resumed the presidency. Although realizing the necessity of easing some of his heavy responsibilities, Mr. Kent continues one of the most active of the bank's officials. Another important concern with which he is officially identified is the La Salle Fire Insurance Company of New Orleans, in which he is chairman of the finance committee. In November, 1924, this company was merged with the Union Indemnity Company, which constituted considerably over one million dollars. He aided in the reorganization of the Louisiana-Mississippi Cooperative Creamery, of which he was made president.

Mr. Kent married at Greensburg, Louisiana, January 15, 1896, Miss Susie Freiler, daughter of Capt. John and Belle Carter Freiler, both deceased. Captain Freiler was

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formerly an extensive farmer and lumber manufacturer. Mrs. Kent was educated at the Norvilla Collegiate Institute, Greensburg, Louisiana, and Silliman College, Clinton, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Kent have six children: Louise, who is the wife of Thomas Preston Field, private secretary to Mr. Kent, also manager of the R. A. Kent Mercantile Company at fluker, and a veteran of the World War. Mr. and Mrs. Field have two children, Thornwell and Sue; Thomas W., who is manager of the R. A. Kent Farms, is a veteran of the World War. He married Camille Weishaar, and they have two children, Thomas and Marie Louise; Earl, who is assistant postmaster of fluker, resides at home and is a director of the R. A. Kent Mercantile Company. Warren Douglas is a student at Tulane University, at New Orleans; Evelyn is a student in the Amite High School; and Isabelle and R. A. Kent, Jr., are both attending school at Amite. The family home at fluker is a handsome, commodious residence that is often the scene of pleasant social functions. Mr. Kent and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Arcola, Louisiana, in which he is an elder.

In matters political, Mr. Kent Has always been loyal to the democratic party, but has seldom felt free enough from business responsibilities to accept plitical ones, but for one term served as police juror of Tangipahoa Parish. During the World War, he not only contributed sons to the cause but his own services in every possible way, generously assisting in every drive and setting an example of patriotism and public spirit that is not forgotten. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, a member of Kentwood Lodge No 248, Free and Accepted Masons, Kentwood, Louisiana; St. Helena Chapter No. 43, Royal Arch Masons, Amite Louisiana; Kenneth Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, Hammond, Louisiana; Grand Consistory of Louisiana, thirty-second degree, New Orleans; and Jerusalem Temple, Mystic Shrine, New Orleans.

Notes for Susie Freiler:

Susie Freiler was the sister of Mrs. Amos Kent.

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## Generation 2

2. **James Fluker Kent**, son of Amos Kent and Susan Fluker, was born on 17 Jan 1843 in St. Helena Parish, La. He died on 18 Aug 1886 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA. He married **Delilah Flanagan Amacker** on 22 Feb 1866 in Kentwood, LA.



3. **Delilah Flanagan Amacker**, daughter of Nathaniel Amacker and Mosilla Pearson, was born on 17 Aug 1849. She died on 06 Feb 1911 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA.



Notes for James Fluker Kent:

He attended one of the first classes at LSU, or Louisiana State Seminary of Learning, at Alexandria, Louisiana. Later he joined the 16th Infantry (St. Helena Rebels) and was captured at Missionary Ridge (Chattanooga).

He was placed in the Federal Prison on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie where he found two future brothers-in-law, Dr. Charles E. Kennon and Col. O.P. Amacker. While in prison he made several beautiful pieces of jewelry out of seashells, with gold and gutta-percha buttons, using a penknife.

He build "Brookside" on Cool's Creek, just north of Kentwood, LA., and joined his father in the brick and lumber business.

The following is from: Sixty 60's, by Alison Moore, about the initial class of cadets at LSU under Major (later General W.T. Sherman):

"James Kent does not appear on the first student roster of January 1860, but is with the 1860-61 class. He is there listed as from St. Helena Parish while his military record gives his place as Tangipahoa. The explanation is he was reared in what was the part of St. Helena Parish but which became Tangipahoa Parish.

James Fluker Kent was one of a numerous and prominent and prosperous family of

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that area of the state. Two towns were named for his predecessors, Fluker from his mother's family, and Kentwood, which was founded by his father.

James Fluker Kent was born in St. Helena parish in August (sic), 1841, and died in Kentwood in 1886.

His father, Amos Kent, was born May 14, 1811, in Chester, New Hampshire, the son of Amos Kent and Abigail Atherton. The father died, leaving a large family, and at eighteen, Amos Kent came to New Orleans to find work that would let him help to support the family. He reached New Orleans about 1828. He found no position and had to leave his belongings for security at the St. Charles Hotel, while he came to Baton Rouge. After more hardships he found a place as a teacher, and after a few years started a small mercantile business.

At the age of twenty-eight he married Susan Fluker of the well-to-do St. Helena family. He became postmaster at Greensburg for some years before he again struck out for himself, moving to what is now Kentwood, and establishing a sawmill and brickyard, which eventually was worth half a million dollars.

Of his eleven children James Fluker was the second child and the eldest son.

In the family story in the Amite Progress it is said that James Fluker was managing his father's brick business in Kentwood when the war broke out. The Chamber's biography (of his father) says he was attending college, without naming the college.

For his military record the authentic source is the National Archives. He enrolled at Camp Moore, September 28, 1861, as the Fourth Sergeant of Company F (St. Helena Rebels) of 1862 he was Second Lieutenant of the Company. Through most of the year of 1863 he was absent from his Company, sick, but whether with injury or disease does not appear. He returned to active duty about September, 1863, and in November of 1862 he was captured at Missionary Ridge. Ant that was it. It appears he remained a prisoner of war to the end. Immediately after capture he was forwarded to Louisville "for exchange," but, apparently, never exchanged; he spent at least a year at Johnson Island, Ohio, prison.

In October of 1864 he was one of the three officers whose names, above the note "and thirty-one others," are signed to a petition to Col. Charles W. Hill, in command of the prison, asking for an increase of rations for the prisoners. The response to this petition, if any, has not been found.

In the family history in the Amite Progress it is said that at the close of the war he was held in the prison for some time because he refused to take the oath of allegiance. This may be what led the biographer to call him a man of "strong convictions."

When he did return to Kentwood, he took up where he had left off, operating the brick business for his father (who outlived him) until his death in 1886. he had, however, various other interests, including agriculture.

James Fluker Kent married Lilah F. Amacker, and they reared twelve children. One of the sons, Richard Amacker Kent was such a prominent person that his father's biography is best traced through his.

He was a "sterling character;" in politics a Democrat, a Mason, and a Baptist. At the time of his becoming a prisoner of war he was only twenty-two years of age. He was five foot eleven inches in height, dark haired, blue-eyed, and with a light complexion or fair. "

Sources: ORR: Letter from Johnston Island.

Report of Adjutant General of Louisiana, 1861.













National Archives.

The Amite Progress, Oct. 1, 1936, clipping in the Louisiana Room.

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Chambers: History of Louisiana, Vol 2, p. 165 (In the biography of Richard Amacker Kent).

Delilah Flanagan Amacker and James Fluker Kent had the following children:

1.
  - i. Richard Amacker Kent was born on 28 Jun 1871 in Kentwood, LA. He died on 15 Nov 1926. He married Susie Freiler on 15 Jan 1895 in Greensburg, LA. She was born on 15 Jan 1877 in Greensburg, LA. She died on 26 Jan 1966 in Fluker, LA. 
  - ii. Amos Kent was born on 20 Aug 1867. He died on 20 Sep 1895. He married Doty Freiler on 12 Jul 1888 in Greensburg, LA. She died on 02 Jan 1949. 
  - iii. John Ellis Kent was born on 17 Sep 1868. He died on 13 Dec 1886. 
  - iv. Obadiah Amacker Kent was born on 29 Nov 1869. He died on 14 Sep 1887. 
  - v. Susan Grace Kent was born on 02 Aug 1872. She married Frank O. Gibbs on 30 Jun 1907. He died on 12 Feb 1912. 
  - vi. Alma Thompson Kent was born on 09 May 1874. She died on 10 Aug 1942. She married Henry Habig on 05 Jun 1900. He died on 23 Nov 1933 in Baton Rouge, LA. 
  - vii. Margaret Irwin Kent was born on 30 Aug 1875. She died on 20 Feb 1939. She married Alfred L. Stoessell on 19 Dec 1895. He died in 1934 in Hammond, LA. 
  - viii. Catherine Atherton Kent was born on 22 Feb 1877. She died on 26 Oct 1936. 
  - ix. Eva Durringer Kent was born on 09 Dec 1878. She married Edgar A. Bassett on 24 Feb 1901 in Kentwood, LA. He died on 17 May 1946. 
  - x. James Fluker Kent was born on 15 Apr 1881. He died on 16 Nov 1948. He married Katherine Evans on 06 Nov 1906. She was born in Tangipahoa, La. 
  - xi. William Irwin Kent was born on 28 Jul 1883. He died on 29 Nov 1929. He married Lillie Abels on 20 Jun 1908. She was born in Ponchatoula, LA. She died on 05 Dec 1935. 
  - xii. Jennie Dean Kent was born on 06 Nov 1885. She married James D. Stewart on 08 Nov 1905 in Kentwood, LA. 

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### Generation 3

4. **Amos Kent**, son of Amos Kent and Abigail Atherton, was born on 14 May 1811 in Chester, New Hampshire, USA. He died on 31 Jan 1906 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA. He married **Susan Fluker** on 26 Dec 1839 in St. Helena Parish, La. 
5. **Susan Fluker**, daughter of Robert Fluker and Susan Kendrick, was born on 01 Aug 1823 in Greensburg, Louisiana, USA. She died on 13 Sep 1906 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA. 

Notes for Amos Kent:

Left Chester, New Hampshire, and traveled to New Orleans after the Louisiana Purchase. Operated a business in Baton Rouge which failed in the depression of 1836. He then moved to a farm in St. Helena Parish. In 1852, due to possible influence in the White House (Franklin Pierce), he was able to obtain a position with the Land Office which was eventually moved to Greensburg, LA. Hearing that the railroad would be constructed from New Orleans to Chicago, he purchased land-grant land very cheaply and built a sawmill at a point which was initially called "Kent's Mill, but which eventually became Kentwood, LA. Family legend has it that when the railroad surveyors came through, they found Amos' woodlot in the way and asked him to move it. He agreed, provided they survey and lay out a town. The town was called

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Kentwood, after Kent's wood lot.

According to Maud Amacker Arnett, he moved to what later became Kentwood after the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railroad (later the Illinois Central) had been completed, in 1855, and worked with some northern promoters in laying out the town on the cut-over pine land in 1888. Either way, the town was named in his honor.



Amos was a businessman in Kentwood for many years and lived in a large home on Cool's creek, north of Kentwood.

During the civil war, with rumors of Federal troops in the area, Amos had the servants load the silver in a large box. That night he replaced the silver with rocks, hiding the silver under the steps (the horse block). The next day, he had the servants load the box of "silver" into the wagon to be taken elsewhere for safekeeping. On the way to the mill he threw the box of "silver" into the creek.

Notes for Susan Fluker:

Susan Fluker visited her son James Fluker Kent, a captured Lieutenant in the Confederate Army who had been imprisoned on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie. She received a pass through the Federal Lines through the influence of ex-president Franklin Pierce, a close friend of the Kent family in New Hampshire. She described the terrible conditions endured by the southern prisoners on this cold dreary island prison.


Susan Fluker and Amos Kent had the following children:

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  - ii. Abigail Means Kent was born on 10 Feb 1841 in St. Helena Parish, La. She died on 15 Dec 1910 in Kentwood, LA. She married Obadiah Pearson Amacker on 01 Sep 1864. He was born on 17 Dec 1838 in St. Helena Parish, La. He died on 17 Jun 1910 in Homewood, Kentwood, LA. 

Notes for Obadiah Pearson Amacker:










He was one of the charter members of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity in 1859 at the University of Virginia. Attended Law School in New Orleans. Lieutenant Colonel of the 3rd Regular Louisiana Cavalry, (under Col Jamis N. Wingfield) was captured at Port Hudson and placed in prison on Johnston's Island, Ohio. Exchanged at Pt. Maryland, March 10, 1864 and came home to be married. After his discharge, March 10, 1865, at Gainesville, Alabama, he and his wife settled in Greensburg, Louisiana, where he began the practice of law.

In 1871 Mrs Amacker became paralyzed, losing the use of her right arm and left leg. The family moved to newly-formed Tangipahoa Parish where they built "Homewood" on Terry's Creek.

- iii. John Reid Kent was born on 24 Aug 1844. He died on 11 Apr 1905. He married Clara Ann Gordon on 12 Mar 1868. She died on 22 Feb 1924. 

Notes for John Reid Kent:



He joined the 5th Company, Washington Artillery, at Camp Moore with his foster-brother, Captain John Freiler in 1863. In the battle of Chickamauga a bullet went through his cap and the silk flag on his bayonet. This flag was made for him after the battle of Gettysburg by his sister Abby.

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- iv. Susan Kent was born on 02 May 1846 in St. Helena Parish, La. She died on 23 Dec 1923 in Kentwood, LA. She married Charles Erasmus Kennon on 24 Sep 1878. He was born in Mecklenburg Co., VA. He died on 09 Oct 1878 in Tangipahoa, La. 
  - v. Theresa Kent was born on 31 Oct 1846. 
  - vi. Catherine Atherton Kent was born on 16 Sep 1852. She died on 19 Jul 1910. She married Fred Douglas Woolver in 1894. He was born in Monsville, NY. 
  - vii. Amos Kent was born on 31 Jul 1856. He died on 22 Mar 1857. 
  - viii. Frances Lee Kent was born on 18 Jul 1858. She married Charles W. Tate on 18 Jan 1881. 
  - ix. Walter Campbell Kent was born on 29 Jan 1861. He died in 1929. He married Katherine E. Varnado on 28 Sep 1894. 
  - x. Charles Adolph Kent was born on 07 Mar 1863. He died on 12 Jan 1949 in Kentwood, LA. He married Edith Ritson on 09 Dec 1891. She died on 07 Jan 1931. He married Louise Fredericks in 1888. She died on 17 Aug 1889. He married Daisy Funk Stone. 
  - xi. Mary Mason Kent was born on 02 Jan 1869. She married John Hamilton Ellis on 17 Dec 1890. He was born in Amite, LA. He died on 01 Jun 1920. 
  - xii. George Kent was born on 08 Oct 1846 in St. Helena, Louisiana. He died on 21 Apr 1883 in Hardscrabble, west of Tangipahoa, LA. He married Elizabeth Dean Amacker on 14 Feb 1867. She was born on 28 Oct 1847. She died on 20 Dec 1901. 

Notes for George Kent:

Though quite young, he joined the "Buttermilk Brigade" of the Confederate Army, a group of young soldiers, near the close of the war. They were in no heavy fighting.


After the war, he and his wife Elizabeth Dean Amacker settled on his farm "Hardscrabble" west of Tangipahoa, La, where he died on April 21, 1883. His family then moved to the Peck Place of Cool Creek, near Beechwood Academy, the community school.

- 6. **Nathaniel Amacker**, son of John Jacob Amacker and Sarah Varnado, was born on 17 Nov 1811 in Southwest (Natchez District) Mississippi. He died on 30 Dec 1881. He married **Mosilla Pearson** on 15 Jun 1831. 
- 7. **Mosilla Pearson** was born on 13 Dec 1813. She died on 25 Jul 1871. 

Notes for Nathaniel Amacker:

Having grown up on the family homestead at Beaver Creek, Nathaniel established a home east of the first Amacker homestead which extended to the west bank of the Tangipahoa River. The Amacker Graveyard is located on this place.

Mosilla Pearson and Nathaniel Amacker had the following children:

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  - iii. Mithford Amacker was born on 22 Aug 1832. He died on 17 Sep 1836. 
  - iv. Cinderella Amacker was born on 09 Nov 1833. She married D. W. Thompson on 27 Aug 1850. 
  - v. Samuel Jackson Amacker was born on 29 May 1835. He died on 03 Jun 1862 in Died, Military Prison, Shiloh, (Corinth, MS prison). 
  - vi. Richard Marshall Amacker was born on 07 Feb 1837. He married Martha Spiller. She was born in Port Vincent, LA. 

Notes for Richard Marshall Amacker:

He enrolled in the Confederate Army at Camp Moore, Louisiana. Was elected and appointed First Lt., Beaver Creek Rifles, St. Helena Regiment, Militia of Louisiana for five years. Appointed adjutant in October 1862, 1st Lt Company G, 4th Louisiana Infantry, company commander. Elected Captain of the company at Edwards, Mississippi.

Later he and his wife lived east of Tangipahoa, across the Tangipahoa River. His wife Martha died there, but he died in Baton Rouge and was buried in Port Vincent.

- vii. Hezekiah Thompson Amacker was born on 28 Sep 1840. He died on 07 Apr 1862 in Killed at Shiloh. 
- viii. William Leonard Amacker was born on 09 Aug 1843. 
- ix. Sarah Elizabeth Amacker was born on 13 Jun 1845. She died on 30 Jun 1848. 
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8. **Amos Kent**, son of Joseph Kent and Jane Moody, was born on 16 Oct 1774 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 18 Jun 1824 in Chester, New Hampshire, USA. He married **Abigail Atherton** on 27 Nov 1799.
9. **Abigail Atherton**, daughter of Joshua Atherton and Abigail Goss, was born on 22 Oct 1775 in Amherst, New Hampshire, USA. She died on 09 Feb 1860 in Boston, MA.



Notes for Amos Kent:

AMOS, 6 son of Joseph, 5 Capt. Richard, 4 mar. Nov. 27, 1799, Abigail, dau. of Joshua Atherton of Amherst, N.H., where she was b. Oct. 22, 1775, and d. at Boston, Feb. 9, 1860. He d. at Chester, N.H., June 18, 1824; of him his bro. Moody writes: "My brother Amos was fitted for college partly under the instruction of Benj. Rolf of Rolfe's lane in Newbury, partly at Dummer Academy, under the instruction of the celebrated Samuel Moody, and partly under the guidance of the Rev. Isaac Smith. He entered Harvard College in 1791, and was graduated in 1795; then read law three years in the office of William Gordon, Atty General of New Hampshire, at Amherst; was admitted to the bar in 1798; settled in Chester, N.H., and there continued in the practice of his profession until his death in 1824."

In Chase's History of Chester, N.H., I find the following items of interest: On Monday the tenth day of February, Anno Domini 1800, a number of the inhabitants of the town of Chester, met at the lower meeting-house in said town, to determine on some suitable mode of paying respect to the memory of Gen. George Washington. After choosing Joseph Blanchard, Esq., moderator of the meeting, and Amos Kent, Esq., clerk, the following resolves were unanimously passed.... Amos Kent, Esq., was appointed as one of a committee to carry the resolves into effect, and to make such other arrangements as they shall think suitable on the occasion.

At the annual meeting Amos Kent was appointed on a committee to make report on the expediency of the revision of the Constitution.

1808. At a town meeting held Sept. 26 Amos Kent was appointed one of a committee to consider the propriety of preparing a respectful petition to the President of the United States, praying him to suspend the operation of the laws laying an embargo on the ships and vessels of the United States so far as relates to Spain and Portugal and their respective colonies.

1818. IN THE Presbyterian tax and account book is a copy of a communication addressed to the wardens, stating that for a number of years they had been members of the parish, but that the causes that induced them to join no longer continued, and asked not to be considered members. Dated March 4, 1818. Among the signers: Amos Kent.

ON A PETITION dated Chester, June 9th, 1802, praying that they (your petitioners), with such others as may hereafter become proprietors with them, be a body politic and corporate for the purpose of making a turnpike road from Concord Bridge to Chester east meeting-house: Amos Kent et al.

JUNE 19, 1804. Amos Kent and others were incorporated into Chester Turnpike Corporation. The stock was divided into three hundred shares, of which ten were taken by Amos Kent. The shares were assessed ninety dollars each.

Date of some of the houses in Chester: 1799. Amos Kent built where Mrs. Aiken lately lived.

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Notes for Abigail Atherton:

Abigail was a relative of President Franklin Pierce. - Ann Means, Amherst and Our Family Tree.

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- ii. Charles Kent was born on 01 Jan 1801.



Notes for Charles Kent:

I. CHARLES, b. Jan. 1, 1801, went to South America and has not been heard of since.

- iii. Abigail Atherton Kent was born on 27 Aug 1802. She died. She married Robert Means Jr. on 28 Oct 1834.



Notes for Abigail Atherton Kent:

II. ABBY A., b. Aug. 27, 1802; mar. Robt. Means, Jr., of Lowell, Oct. 28, 1834; d. Aug. 3-4, 1857, at Amherst; no issue. Moody Kent writes of taking his niece to see the Shakers in his chaise at Concord June 29, 1834. He says that he found her intelligent, that soon after he received a letter from her announcing her engagement to a Mr. Means, a widower without child; with a good estate and large salary

Abby Kent Means served as the hostess of the White House during the Franklin Pierce administration, along with the wife of Jefferson Davis, and others.

The following articles are but two that document this:

"Pierce was smothered by guilt and de-spair. Those who dealt with him found him timid and distracted. His journey to Wash-ington for the inauguration was character-istic. Mrs. Pierce did not accompany him. Stopping off in New York, he avoided the crowds that had turned out to greet him. He did the same in Washington-, instead of allowing himself to be welcomed by the mayor, he got off at the rear of the train and went to the Willard Hotel, where he stayed until the inauguration on March 4.

Yet his Inaugural Address showed flashes of positiveness. Always a skillful speaker, he had committed the speech to memory□the first President to do so. In it he outlined his goals and drew admiration from his au-dience for his choice of words as much as for his sentiments. In deference to Pierce's mourning, there was no inaugural ball, but a swarm of people descended on the White House for a reception that lasted all after-noon. That evening the new President and his private secretary, Sidney Webster, lit a candle and searched through the Mansion for a place to sleep; nothing was ready for them. At last Pierce gave up. He pointed to one room and. said to Webster, "You had better turn in here and I will find a bed across the hall."

Mrs. Pierce arrived soon after, accom-panied by her aunt, Mrs. Abby Kent

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Means □who became the official White House hostess in lieu of the First Lady□and took to her bedroom, where she wrote pathetic notes to her dead Bennie. The Executive Mansion took on an air of somber New England piety, with Mrs. Pierce asking the servants to attend church "for her sake" each Sunday. One visitor commented that "everything in that mansion seems cold and cheerless. I have seen hundreds of log cabins which seemed to contain more happiness."

-The American Heritage Pictorial History of The Presidents of the United States  
Volume 1, Washington-Hayes

Second quote:

"Death also claimed a First Lady during these years. Letitia Tyler, wife of the Virginian who succeeded Harrison, died early in her husband's Presidency. An invalid, she had seldom left her room in the White House. Coincidentally, three other first ladies of the period were also unable to fulfill their functions as official hostess. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Millard Fillmore were both in very poor health. And Mrs. Franklin Pierce never overcame the grief that followed the death of her young son, Bennie. He had died in a railroad accident between Pierce's election in November 1852 and his inauguration the following March, and the melancholy lady had come to regard the tragedy as the price extracted by God for her husband's success. While Mrs. Pierce remained in her room, writing notes writing to the dead boy and asking servants to attend church for her sake, her aunt Mrs. Abby Kent Means served, as hostess for her. One White House visitor remarked that "everything in that mansion seems cold and cheerless. I have seen hundreds of log cabins which seemed to contain more happiness."

Leish, Kenneth W. The White House: A History of the Presidents. New York: Newsweek, 1972. ISBN 0882250205

- iv. Mary Mason Kent was born on 25 Feb 1804. She married James McGregor. He was born in Boston.



Notes for Mary Mason Kent:

III. MARY MASON, b. Feb. 25, 1804; d. at Boston. She mar. James McGregor of Boston and had five chil.: 1 & 2 d. young. 3. Fannie, d. abt. 1865. 4. Mary Mason, mar. Chas. H. Dalton of Boston; no issue. 5. Leslie, mar. Frank Morrison of Boston and has three chil.: 1. Isabelle. 2. Leslie. 3. James McGregor.

- v. Phillip Kent was born on 30 Aug 1805. He died on 08 Sep 1823 in Lost at sea.



Notes for Phillip Kent:

IV. PHILIP, b. Aug. 30, 1805; lost or died at sea Sept. 8, 1823.

- vi. Joshua Kent was born on 13 Mar 1807. He died on 17 Sep 1808.



Notes for Joshua Kent:

V. JOSHUA, b. Mch. 13, 1807; d. Sept. 17, 1808.


- vii. Frances Kent was born on 21 Apr 1809. She died on 14 Feb 1857. She married Thos. M. Smith.




Notes for Frances Kent:

VI. FRANCES, b. Apl. 21, 1809; mar. Thos. M. Smith and d. Feb. 14, 1857.


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viii. George Kent was born on 12 Apr 1813. He died on 21 Oct 1883 in Meare's mansion, Amherst Plain, NH. He married Lucretia Barnard. She was born on 08 Aug 1814 in Nantucket. 

ix. Frederick Kent was born on 22 Nov 1814. He died on 02 Apr 1864 in Salisbury, N.C.. He married Margaret Irwin on 20 Jan 1838 in Baton Rouge, LA. She was born in Apr 1819. She died on 02 Jan 1897. 

Notes for Frederick Kent:

Lt. Col, 1st Louisiana Infantry (Strawbridge's), New Orleans Barracks, La April 10, 1861. Wounded at Shiloh. Died at Salisbury NC, April 2, 1864. (fef Booth, Andrew B, Records of Louisiana Confederate Soldiers and Louisiana Confederate Commands; Vol III Book 1 New Orleans, LA 1920

10. **Robert Fluker**, son of David Fluker and Jemima Oldham, was born on 01 Oct 1783 in North Carolina. He died on 05 Jun 1863 in St. Helena Parish, La. He married **Susan Kendrick**. 

11. **Susan Kendrick**, daughter of William Kendrick and Elizabeth Ann Thompson, was born on 25 Feb 1789 in Chatham, NC. She died on 03 May 1857 in St. Helena Parish, La, at "Red Bluff" the family home. 

Notes for Robert Fluker:

Col. Robert and Susan Kendrick Fluker were pioneers in St. Helena, from the state of Georgia. Col. Robert is said by descendents to have served in the War of 1812. Col. Robert and Susan Kendrick lived and died at their family home, "Red Bluff"

Powell Casey, "Louisiana in the War of 1812" lists Rober Fluker as a member of the 2nd Division, 12th & 13th Regiments consolidated of Louisiana Militia (Florida Parishes, section east of Amite River, 1812-1815

A dictionary of Louisiana Biography:

Fluker, Rovert W., farmer. Born, North Carolina, October 1, 1783, son of David Fluker. Married (1) Eliza Irwin; one child. Married (2) Susan Kendrick; fourteen children. Married (3) Eliza B. Lyons; no children. About 1811 migrated from Georgia to St. Helena Parish, Louisiana. Established himself at Fluker's Bluff; a large landowner (1,539 acres), planter, and stockraiser. Fought in War of 1812. Died, July 18, 1864, on his farm; interred there.

--Clenn R. Conrad, ed., A Dictionary of Louisiana Biography, Vol I, A-M (The Louisiana Historical Association)

Notes from Richard Dietz:

Removed to Washington County, Georgia about 1804. On 27 March 1811, he was issued a "Passport" by the Governor of Georgia to travel "through the Creek Nation of Indians". He was residing in Clarke Co., Ga at the time. He had been awarded a land grant in the "West Florida Parishes" from the Spanish government in Florida in 1802. He was a private in Capt. William Watson's company of the 12th/13th Consolidated Regiments of Louisiana Militia, during the War of 1812. He fought at the Battle of New Orleans and was near-by British General Lord Packenham when the General was killed. Years later he was commissioned Colonel of the St Helena Parish militia. Local legend held that the Colonel had jaws and teeth so strong that he could lift a small table or chair in his mouth and toss it over his shoulder. His residence, called "Home Plantation", was located at Fluker's Bluff in Ward 1 or the northwest part of present day St Helena Parish. The town of Fluker in Tangipahoa Parish is named for his daughter, Susan.

Sources:

1820 Louisiana Federal Census for St. Helena Parish.

1850 Louisiana Federal Census for St. Helena Parish.

1860 Louisiana Federal Census for St. Helena Parish.

Pre-Civil War Military Records of the Florida Parishes, p.56, Donna Burge Adams,
















Baton Rouge, LA., 1990.

Richard Dietz

Notes for Susan Kendrick:

Susan's brother, Benjamin Kendrick built Asphodel Plantation.

Susan Kendrick and Robert Fluker had the following children:

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  - i. Susan Fluker was born on 01 Aug 1823 in Greensburg, Louisiana, USA. She died on 13 Sep 1906 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA. She married Amos Kent on 26 Dec 1839 in St. Helena Parish, La. He was born on 14 May 1811 in Chester, New Hampshire, USA. He died on 31 Jan 1906 in Kentwood, Louisiana, USA. 
  - ii. Sarah Ann Fluker was born on 10 Mar 1826. 
  - iii. Mary Ann Fluker. 
  - iv. James Fluker. 
  - v. Eliza Ann Thompson Fluker. 
  - vi. Robert Fluker. 
  - vii. Rebecca Fluker. 
  - viii. William Fluker. 
  - ix. Margaret Fluker. 
  - x. Baldwin Fluker was born in 1813. 
  - xi. Jemima Oldam Fluker was born in 1817. 
  - xii. George W Fluker was born in 1818. He died on 08 Dec 1854. 
  - xiii. Elizabeth C Fluker was born in 1831. She died in 1909. 
12. **John Jacob Amacker**, son of Unknown Amacker, was born in Orangeburg District, SC. He married **Sarah Varnado** in 1800. 
13. **Sarah Varnado**, daughter of Samuel Varnado, was born on 15 Feb 1754 in Orangeburg District, SC. She died in 1837 in St. Helena, Louisiana. 

Notes for John Jacob Amacker:

John Jacob Amacker, his wife, Sarah Varnado Amacker, and the first five of their children, along with several of her brothers and sisters, and at least one of John Jacob's brothers, left Orangeburg, SC for West Florida, setting out in 1809. They stayed in Georgia for one year, then moved on to the Natchez district, where some settled down. In 1813, the Amacker family moved into St. Helena Parish, where John Jacob had acquired land from Richard Martin. (Headright 46, lying partly in sections










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29,30, 31, and the greater part of 32. He built a home of longleaf yellow pine on Beaver Creek in St. Helena Parish, which in 1869 became Ward 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (T1SR7E). John Jacob Amacker died soon after being told about the Battle of New Orleans.

-Amackers of the Deep South


"Among the colonists from Switzerland who settled Orangeburg, South Carolina, in 1735 were the ancestors of the groups of Amackers of the deep South. First to Southwest Mississippi with his family in 1809 came John Jacob Amacker. He came across the state line into Louisiana and built a home in the then St. Helena Parish on the east bank of Beaver Creek in 1813. The children of the family were seven boys and two girls. Four sons and one daughter married and lived near the original homestead. The seventh child, James Albert Amacker married Lydia Tate and settled in Poplarville, Mississippi. The sixth child, Nathaniel Amacker settled near the old family home. His family records were copied from his Bible by Edgar A. Bassett of Los Angeles, California. He was the husband of Nathaniel Amacker's granddaughter, Eva Kent Bassett." - copied from a paper found with the 1859 Bible of Abby Kent Amacker, copied elsewhere in the possession of Mrs. Maud Amacker Arnett of Kentwood.


Sarah Varnado and John Jacob Amacker had the following children:

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  - i. Nathaniel Amacker was born on 17 Nov 1811 in Southwest (Natchez District) Mississippi. He died on 30 Dec 1881. He married Mosilla Pearson on 15 Jun 1831. She was born on 13 Dec 1813. She died on 25 Jul 1871. He married Sarah Clark. 
  - ii. Samuel Amacker was born on 13 Jun 1804 in Orangeburg District, SC. 
  - iii. Delilah Amacker was born on 17 Feb 1806 in Orangeburg District, SC. 
  - iv. Clarinda Amacker was born in 1807 in Orangeburg District, SC. 
  - v. Gabriel S. Amacker was born on 28 May 1808 in Orangeburg District, SC. 
  - vi. Jacob Leonard Amacker was born on 23 Jan 1809 in Orangeburg District, SC. 
  - vii. James Albert Amacker was born on 27 Oct 1813 in St. Helena, Louisiana. 
  - viii. George W. Amacker was born in 1814 in St. Helena, Louisiana. 
  - ix. John Jackson Amacker was born in 1815 in St. Helena, Louisiana. He married Amanda Thompson. 

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#### Generation 5

16. **Joseph Kent**, son of Richard Kent Jr and Ann Hale, was born on 09 May 1741 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married **Jane Moody** on 23 Aug 1768. 

17. **Jane Moody**, daughter of John Moody and Hannah Toppan, was born in 1742 in Near Newburyport, MA. She died on 01 Nov 1783. 

Notes for Joseph Kent:

JOSEPH,5 son of Capt. Richard,4 Col. Richard,3 mar. 1st, Jane Moody, Aug. 3, 1768; she d. Nov. 1, 1783, after giving him 8 children.

JOSEPH KENT mar. 2d, Oct. 2, 1785, Jane, the widow of Capt. Wm. Willcomb. By

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Joseph Kent she had 3 children. Moody Kent writes in 1856 of Jane, his stepmother, as follows: "Jane Dole was the maiden name of my father's second wife. She was born in Newbury, Oldtown, about half a mile from Oldtown bridge, on a spot which has been pointed out to me. Her father was a blacksmith, and she had one sister and two brothers; possibly she may have had other brothers and sisters of whom I never heard. She was born, I think, in 1748; while young she was married to ... Moody, and lived with him in Independence street, Newburyport. He was a man of feeble health, and in the course of two or three years after they were married he died childless. They never had children or a child. In no long time the widow married with Capt. William Willcomb, a ship-master, engaged in the West India trade; with him she lived two or three years. He was lost at sea, I think in the year 1781, his wife having borne him no children. I have seen several letters written by Capt. Willcomb to his wife. The letters express no fondness, and yet they cannot be called cold, or wanting in such expressions of attachment as might be expected from him to his wife, with whom he lived on good terms. In 1785, if I mistake not the year, my father was married to the widow. She was then 37 years old; having been twice married, but having had no children by either of her husbands. I was once told by my brother Paul that my father was acquainted with her before her marriage with Mr. Moody, but whether the acquaintance was in any degree intimate I never knew. My father once told me that my mother, on her death bed, advised him to marry again, but to marry a woman who had no children. Immediately after the marriage my father moved his wife home to the Island, where they lived till 1799, when they removed to Newburyport, and took a house in State street, nearly opposite that of Mr. Brown, -- the Dalton house, -- and there continued till her death, in the year 1801, with a consumption. She had been afflicted some time, say two or three years, with this disease. She died at the age, I think, of 53." "At the age of about 30, and for several years, my father was engaged in a lawsuit with his twin brother Stephen in respect to Kent Island. Stephen commenced an action and endeavored to prove himself the older of the two, but failed in the attempt, and the island remained as it had been before in the joint occupation and ownership of the two brothers. Out of this suit there grew an alienation which always continued. The brothers were never reconciled. Perhaps it is not quite proper to say the alienation grew wholly out of this lawsuit. The brothers were different in their tastes and their views of life, their habits of thinking, and also in the character and dispositions of their wives. Notwithstanding the expense of this lawsuit, and other considerable expenses, my father by skilful management of his farm gained from year to year and made a respectable estate. He engaged also in Grand Bank fishing to some advantage, and sent adventures to sea and made something in that way, and he loaned money at interest with judgment and skill, and purchased State securities and possibly made something in that way. By both his wives he had 11 children, to all of whom he afforded means of education better than was common at that time, and two of whom were graduated at H.C. in the years 1795 and 1801, wholly educated at the expense of their father. On the 19th day of July in the year 1802, in his 62nd year, he died and was buried in the graveyard near Dr. Withington's M.H., where the bodies of several of his relatives rest awaiting the resurrection." (Kent Genealogies; L Vernon Griggs)

JOSEPH5 and JANE DOLE KENT had children:

IX. JANE, b. June 22, 1786. Moody Kent writes: "Her early days were spent on the Island, with such advantages of education as her older brothers and sister had enjoyed. She was, I suppose, thirteen years old when she removed with her parents to Newburyport. At the death of her father she was probably about 16 years old. My brother Amos or Paul was appointed her guardian and she resided in his family, with the exception of perhaps about a year that she resided with her sister, Mrs. Moody, in Hallowell, Me. In the year 1810 -- I put down dates from memory -- she married with Roswell Stevens, Esq., May, 1810, who had then been in the practice of the law about three years, in Pembroke, N.H. In the year 1811 she bore her husband a daughter, -- her only child, Sarah, -- now the wife of James Wilson, Esq., of Pembroke, by whom she had 2 chil.: 1. Moody Kent of Concord or Pembroke; 2. Jane, mar.... Millar. In the year 1813, in the month of January, at the age of 26, she died of a consumption. Some letters written by her are still extant, and her relatives and acquaintances now

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living cherish her memory." (Kent Genealogies; L Vernon Griggs)

X. SARAH, b. Sept. 18, 1787. Moody writes of her: "At 14 years old, at the decease of her father, her brother Paul or Amos was appointed her guardian. She lived a part of the time at Chester, with her brother Amos, and some part of the time at Hallowell, with her sister Nancy. Feb'y 22, 1808, she being then a little more than 20 years old, and having finished a visit at Amherst, among her acquaintances and friends, was on her return to Chester with her brother Amos, his wife, and two of his children in a double sleigh. When they reached Thornton's Ferry, the safe place of passing had been rendered obscure by a fall of snow the night previous. My brother drove on the river, and on ice thin and weak. It broke, let in the horses and the sleigh, and those in it were overturned into the river. Mrs. Kent and the two children were rescued, but poor Sarah was drowned. She was amiable and pleasant, and much beloved by her relatives and acquaintances, and her decease, of course, much deplored." (Kent Genealogies; L Vernon Griggs)

XI. JOSEPH, b. Feb., 1791. Of him Moody Kent writes: "Being only 11 years old at the decease of his father, a guardian was to be appointed, and his brother Amos was appointed to that office. During the minority of the ward he passed his time for the most part with his guardian at Chester, and nearly all the remainder with his uncle Paul at Newburyport. When young he married with Miss Little, the daughter of Amos Little of Newbury, and purchased himself, from the property left him by his father, a house and about a dozen acres of land near Oldtown lower upper green, and opposite the dwelling house of the late Rev. Dr. John Tucker, still standing. In February, 1821, he died, at the age of about 30, of a consumption. His wife bore him three children: two daughters and a son Paul, b. 1817, never married. The elder daughter, Jane, b. 1815, mar. Mr. Poor and died childless. The younger daughter, Sarah, b. 1819, was never married, and died of a consumption. The son learned the trade of a blacksmith and set up his business, or was about setting up his business, near his mother, when he died of bronchitis, if I was rightly informed, unmarried. The widow is still living (1856), never having been again married. So that of my brother Joseph there is no posterity living; and of his mother, my father's second wife, there are only three descendants, to wit: Sarah Jane Wilson, the wife of James Wilson, Esq., before mentioned, and their two children: Moody Kent Wilson and Jane Wilson, both unmarried." (Kent Genealogies; L Vernon Griggs)

Notes for Jane Moody:

From Moody Kent's diary:

Jane Moody was the daughter of John Moody of Newbury, Mass., and born on what was called the ridge road, one of the old roads from Newburyport to Boston, and not far from the M.H. where, in her day, old Doctor Tucker preached. There were two sons and two daughters who lived to be married; one, John, lived on the home place, was married to Miss Little, who lived not far from his place; by her he had children, and died at the age of 48 and was buried at the graveyard back of Dr. Withington's M.H., and not far from the spot where the Kents were buried.

The other son was the Rev. Amos Moody, who was graduated at Harvard College in the year 1759, at the age of 20. Studied divinity under the direction of Rev. Dr. John Tucker; was settled in the year 1765 in Pelham, N.H., as the successor of James Hobbs, then recently deceased, soon afterwards married with his widow, ten years older than himself; was several years afterwards dismissed from his charge without any imputation on his moral character; continued to live in the same town, and once or more represented it in the General Court, till the year 1819, when he died at the age of 80, and not far from the same time his wife died at the age of 90. They had no children. He lived a quiet, unambitious life, and left a small property.





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Sarah, one of the two daughters, was married at the age probably of more than 20 and less than 30 to a Mr. Strang of Connecticut, and they were settled in Coventry in that State. I wrote to my friends, Sol. Paine and wife of Canterbury, Conn., and they promised to make enquiry, if opportunity offered, but I have received no information from them on the subject.


The other daughter was Jane, my mother, born 1742; was married to my father in 1768, bore him 8 children, and died 1st Nov., 1783, in the 42d year of her age. She was buried near Dr. Withington's M.H., and a slate is erected at her grave with this inscription: 'In memory of Jane Kent, wife of Mr. Joseph Kent, who died Nov. 1st, 1783, in the 42d year of her age.' When my mother died I was only 4 1/2 years old. I have only one distinct recollection of her, when she was laying in the coffin in the front of the old house where she had lived, and the people were assembled in the room to attend the funeral ceremonies. Some one took hold of my arms and lifted me up, so that I looked on the face of my mother. My father spoke to me of her sometimes, and in a manner which convinced me of his great respect of her abilities and his strong attachment to her person. My brother Paul, in answer to my enquiries, related to me something of her sayings and doings. Lucy Hiddens or Mrs. Deacon Silas Pearson, after she had become very old, told me she nursed my mother when she was confined at the birth of her eldest children; and she told me as many things respecting my venerated parent as a person of 96 years old could be expected to remember."

Jane Moody and Joseph Kent had the following children:

8.
  - i. Amos Kent was born on 16 Oct 1774 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 18 Jun 1824 in Chester, New Hampshire, USA. He married Abigail Atherton on 27 Nov 1799. She was born on 22 Oct 1775 in Amherst, New Hampshire, USA. She died on 09 Feb 1860 in Boston, MA. 
  - ii. Moody Kent was born on 22 Apr 1779. He died on 01 Feb 1866 in Pittsfield, NH. 

Notes for Moody Kent:

"Moody, son of Joseph, Capt. Richard, was a man of strong likes and dislikes, methodical, outspoken, and critical. He kept a voluminous diary, writing in full each day about the people he met and what he did. These valuable volumes, which he indexed and had bound, together with his other manuscripts, he left with instructions in his will not to disturb them for twenty years....." -L. Vernon Briggs

- iii. Ann Kent was born on 21 Jan 1777. 

Notes for Ann Kent:

V. NANOY, b. Jan. 21, 1777, in the homestead on Kent Island, where her brothers were born. She attended the little school-house across the meadow. In her youth she had a violent fever, Dr. Swett attending her. She mar., in 1799, Enoch, bro. of Samuel and Nathan Moody before mentioned, and they soon moved to Hallowell, Me., where she d. Aug. 14, 1812-13, and there lies buried; also her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam'l Moody. She had 5 chil.: 1. Daniel, d. aged 4; buried Byfield. 2. Sarah, d. aged 7; buried Hallowell. 3. Enoch, d. aged 17, of fits. 4. Mary Jane, b. 1801; living 1856; unmarried. 5. Samuel, b. 1810; mar. Martha, only dau. of Dr. Dean Robinson, of Newbury.

- iv. Daniel Kent was born on 26 May 1783. He died on 15 Dec 1790. 

Notes for Daniel Kent:

II. DANIEL, b....., 1770; d. Oct. 13, 1783, aged 12, eighteen days before the death of his mother. VIII. DANIEL, b. 1783; d. young. Of him his bro. Moody writes as follows: "At the death of his mother was placed with his

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brother Philip at Mrs. Poor's to be nursed. With his brother Philip and me he attended school at the Morse house; and in Dec., 1790, he, with his brother Philip and me, attended school at Oldtown lower green. To get to and from school we were obliged to cross the mill river on the ice, which, when the tide was down, lay in cakes on the bank, with large chasms or openings between them. On the 15th of Dec., 1790, I, with my two brothers, Philip and Daniel, were on our way to school, and were crossing the river. Directly opposite to the place where we were the ice was thrown into such position that it was difficult there to pass. We walked down the river till we found a better place to get off, and I ascended the bank, and supposed they were following me. On looking back I saw them both in the water struggling to keep up. I impulsively rushed down the bank and to the water (it was what is called a breathing hole, where the current was so strong as to prevent the water from freezing), took hold of Philip's hand as he held it out of the water, and pulled him out on the ice. By this time poor Daniel was under the ice and drowned. We all of us wore mill caps. Philip had lost his in the water, and was entirely wet, and the weather was very cold. I placed my cap on his head and hurried him as fast as possible to the house, about half a mile distant. My father and one or more of my brothers with an axe immediately went to the spot. They reported on their return that the mere weight of the axe broke the ice where I stood to pull out my brother Philip, and that the escape of us two was almost miraculous. The next spring the body was found and buried in the burying-ground near Mr. Withington's M.H., where so many of the Kents lay buried, as before mentioned."

- v. Paul Kent was born on 06 Dec 1772. He died in Mar 1851. He married Alice Thurlow. She was born in Newbury, MA. She died on 20 Mar 1835.
- vi. Phillip Kent was born on 02 Aug 1781.



Notes for Phillip Kent:

VII. PHILIP, b. 1781. "At the death of his mother," writes his bro. Moody, "he was sent to a Mrs. Poor to be nursed and cared for in his infancy. At a suitable age he was taken home and sent to the town school across the meadow, and also to Mr. Nath'l Moody's school in the Morse house near the Littles in Newbury. When he reached a suitable age he was placed in the store of Farris & Stocker, a respectable mercantile house in Newburyport, as a clerk or an apprentice. In this station he so conducted himself as to acquire the confidence and esteem of those respectable merchants, and among his associates he maintained the reputation of an intelligent and amiable young man. At the age of about 26 he was sent to the West Indies as supercargo; was seized with the yellow fever in the port to which he was sent, and in a few days died."

- vii. Sarah Kent was born on 17 Sep 1787.



- viii. Joseph Kent was born on 22 Jun 1769.



Notes for Joseph Kent:

I. JOSEPH, b. June 22, 1769. His bro. Moody wrote of him as follows: "In his early days he attended the town schools, and worked on the farm. He became desirous to go to sea, and my father becoming part owner of a fishing schooner, my brother went in her several voyages to the Grand Bank fishery. Afterwards he went in a merchant vessel to the West Indies one voyage, from which he returned home in safety, and still attached to the course of life he had chosen. On his return from his second voyage he was seized with a violent fever which carried him off in a few days, on the 11th of Sept., 1791, at the age of 22 years. I have 5 letters written by him to his parents, in terms of affection, and giving a brief account of his health, the good terms on which he lived with his associates, and his prospects. I have also a pine box which he made when he was on a fishing voyage and

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gave me. At the time of his death he was said to be engaged to be married to Miss Joanna Little, who was afterwards married to Mr. Little of Newbury, her native town."

18. **Joshua Atherton**, son of Peter Atherton and Experience Wright, was born on 20 Jun 1737 in Harvard, Massachusetts. He died in 1809. He married **Abigail Goss** in Nov 1765.



19. **Abigail Goss**. She died on 28 Oct 1801.



Notes for Joshua Atherton:

Admitted to the Bar in 1765 in Worcester County

Abigail Goss and Joshua Atherton had the following children:

9.
  - i. Abigail Atherton was born on 22 Oct 1775 in Amherst, New Hampshire, USA. She died on 09 Feb 1860 in Boston, MA. She married Amos Kent on 27 Nov 1799. He was born on 16 Oct 1774 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 18 Jun 1824 in Chester, New Hampshire, USA.
  - ii. Frances Atherton was born on 31 Oct 1776 in Harvard, Massachusetts.
  - iii. Elizabeth Atherton.
  - iv. Charles Humphery Atherton was born on 14 Aug 1773.
  - v. Rebecca Atherton.
  - vi. Naney Atherton.
  - vii. Catherine Atherton.



20. **David Fluker**, son of David Fluker, was born on 30 Mar 1732 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. He died before 1805 in Warren Co., NC. He married **Jemima Oldham** on 25 Dec 1757 in Virginia.



21. **Jemima Oldham**, daughter of John Oldham III and Sarah, was born on 14 Nov 1739 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. She died after 1805 in Probably Georgia.



Jemima Oldham and David Fluker had the following children:

10.
  - i. Robert Fluker was born on 01 Oct 1783 in North Carolina. He died on 05 Jun 1863 in St. Helena Parish, La. He married Susan Kendrick. She was born on 25 Feb 1789 in Chatham, NC. She died on 03 May 1857 in St. Helena Parish, La, at "Red Bluff" the family home. He married Eliza Irwin. He married Eliza B. Lyons.
  - ii. Nancy Fluker was born on 27 Sep 1760 in Northumberland Co., VA. She died after 1850 in Possibly Jefferson Co, GA.



22. **William Kendrick**, son of James Kendrick and Sarah Roberson, was born in 1755 in Granville Co, NC. He died on 25 Feb 1838 in Greensburg, LA. He married **Elizabeth Ann Thompson** in 1778 in Chatham Co., GA.



23. **Elizabeth Ann Thompson**, daughter of William Thompson V and Hannah Bell, was born in 1760 in Chatham Co., NC. She died in 1800 in Washington Co., GA.



Notes for William Kendrick:

Captain in North Carolina Militia in Revolutionary War. (ref Boddie, Vol I, p. 75) There are several transactions recorded involving William Kendrick in Chatham County (Boddie p.75]. Around 1791 he moved to Georgia, joining his father and brothers in

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Washington County. On March 26, 1798, he was appointed Captain in the Second Battalion, Washington County Militia, replacing Burwell Kendrick, who had moved to Montgomery County, Georgia. In 1808 or 1809, he was deeded land in Morgan County and moved there around 1810, where he served as a Justice of the Inferior Court of Morgan County in 1812-1813.

"In 1818 William Kendrick moved from Morgan Co., GA., to St. Helena Parish, La. His eldest son, Benjamin Kendrick, had gone to Louisiana as early as 1798, according to his tombstone; and his son-in-law, Robert Fluker, who witnessed a deed from William Kendrick in Morgan Co. and married his daughter, Susan, preceded him to Louisiana. The whole family moved to that state, except his son, James, who remained in Washington County, GA; the daughter Sarah and her husband William Terrell, who moved to Gwinnett County, GA, and the daughter Rebecca and her husband, Gooderum Davis. The Davises, however, moved to Louisiana in the early 1820s, so that only James and Sarah remained permanently in Georgia." [Boddie]

The following letter from William Kendrick's son, Kenyon Thompson Kendrick, to his brother-in-law and first cousin, William Terrell of Carnesville, GA, dated from St. Helena Parish, LA, June 4, 1818, gives details of the trip:

"Dear Sir: I now write to inform you of the many difficulties which I have had to encounter with in getting to this part of the world. We set out from Georgia on the 17th of February and reached R. Fluker's on the 15th of April. The weather was extremely unfavorable and the roads intolerably bad. We were several times winterbound and had to take our wagons to pieces and carry them over on logs. We repaired several bridges and built one flat and dug down the banks of the chatahoochee 60 feet. The Indians were extremely dangerous, they were murdering on all sides of us daily; the first depredation was within 12 miles of our camp, and the second was before us 25 miles, and the third 4 miles. Our camp was viewed more than once, and there was nothing saved us from an attack only our company made a very formidable show. There were several families with my father and our arms consisted of 4 guns, 5 pistols, and 10 Tomahawks. When we reached Fort Claborn, we stayed 2 nights and one day to lay in some provisions; after we were supplied and all ready, we again took up the line of march, but discovered that Tony had given us the slip and was gone. The family crossed the Alabama, and continued their march for the Louisianas, and I in pursuit of Tony, I was determined to have him at the risk of my own scalp. I followed him four days and then turned back, being convinced that I was ahead of him. The fifth day I made a great day's travel in order to reach a fort that night, and on my arrival to my great mortification I found it vacated. It was then dark - I rode about a mile farther and struck camp. I had fed my horse and was sitting by my fire broiling my meat and thinking of Georgia - I turned for a stick for the purpose of taking off my meat and discovered that the fort was enveloped in flames; my meat was an object, I took care of that, then knocked out my fire, went about three hundred yards farther, and went to sleep within 200 yards of the house of Ogle where there were nine persons murdered a few days previous. The sight of this was enough to raise indignation in the breast of the most constitutional coward; and to cause him to take up the weapons of revenge. The floor was covered with blood and the tracks of the infants hands in blood all over the floor. I am, Yours Truly, K. T. Kendrick"

[Boddie, Vol I, p.76]



Notes for Elizabeth Ann Thompson:

moved to Washington Co., GA in 1791, then in 1810 to Morgan Co., GA, then to St. Helena Parish, LA, in 1818.

Elizabeth Ann Thompson and William Kendrick had the following children:




11. i. Susan Kendrick was born on 25 Feb 1789 in Chatham, NC. She died on 03 May 1857 in St. Helena Parish, La, at "Red Bluff" the family home. She married Robert Fluker. He was born on 01 Oct 1783 in North Carolina. He died on 05 Jun 1863 in St. Helena Parish, La.



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- ii. James Kendrick was born on 10 Feb 1784 in Chatham Co., NC. He married Mary Davis in 1805 in Washington County, GA. 
  - iii. Benjamin Kendrick was born in 1778 in Chatham Co., NC. He died on 26 May 1838 in E. Feliciana Parish, LA. He married Caroline Pollard in 1815 in E. Feliciana Parish, LA. She was born in 1795 in Louisiana. She died on 25 Dec 1833 in E. Feliciana Parish, LA. 

Notes for Benjamin Kendrick:

Benjamin Kendrick built his home, Asphodel Plantation, in East Feliciana Parish, completing it in 1833, the year his wife died. John James Audubon stayed at Asphodel while painting birds, and did a number of portraits of the family as a way of paying his board.

- iv. Rebecca Kendrick was born on 20 Oct 1791. 
- v. Sara Elizabeth Kendrick was born on 25 Jun 1794. 
- vi. Kenyon Thompson Kendrick was born in 1796. 

Notes for Kenyon Thompson Kendrick:

Richard Dietz: Below are my notes on Kenyon Thompson KENDRICK, son of William and Ann (THOMPSON) KENDRICK:

He was the first Sheriff of St Helena Parish, serving from 1823 to 1827. He became the owner of large amounts of land in East and West Feliciana Parishes. He also owned a sugar refinery near New Orleans. Contracted "yellow fever" after a visit to his sugar cane plantation which caused his death.

After his family made the trip from Georgia to Louisiana, he wrote the following letter to his brother-in-law and first cousin, William Terrell of Carnesville, Georgia:

"June 4, 1818. Dear Sir: I now write to inform you of the many difficulties which I have had to encounter with getting to this part of the world. We set out from Georgia on the 17th of February and reached R. Fluker's on the 15th of April. The weather was extremely unfavorable and the roads intolerably bad. We were several times winterbound and had to take our wagons to pieces and carry them over on logs. We repaired several bridges and built one flat and dug down the banks of the Chattahoochee 60 feet.

"The Indians were extremely dangerous, they were murdering on all sides of us daily; the first depredation was within twelve miles of our camp, and the second was before us 25 miles, and the third 4 miles. Our camp was viewed more than once, and there was nothing saved us from an attack only our company made a very formidable show.

"There were several families with my father and our arms consisted of 4 guns, 5 pistols, and 10 Tomahawks. When we reached Fort Claborn, we stayed 2 nights and one day to lay in some provisions; after we were supplied and all ready, we again took up the line of march, but discovered that Tony had given us the slip and was gone. The family crossed the Alabama, and continued their march for the Louisianas, and I in pursuit of Tony, I was

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determined to have him at the risk of my own scalp. I followed him four days and then turned back, being convinced that I was ahead of him. The fifth day I made a great day's travel in order to reach a fort that night, and on my arrival to my great mortification I found it vacated. It was then dark.

"I rode about a mile farther and struck camp. I had fed my horse and was sitting by my fire broiling my meat and thinking of Georgia. I turned for a stick for the purpose of taking off my meat and discovered that the fort was enveloped in flames; my meat was an object, I took care of that, then knocked out my fire, went about three hundred yards farther, and went to sleep within 200 yards of the house of Ogle where there were nine persons murdered a few days previous. The sight of this was enough to raise indignation in the breast of the most constitutional coward; and to cause him to take up the weapons of revenge. The floor was covered with blood, and the tracks of the infants hands in blood all over the floor.

I am, Yours truly, K. T. Kendrick"

Source: Historical Southern Families, Vol. 1, p.76; John Bennett Boddie, Redwood City, CA. 1957. Reprint, the Clearfield Co., Baltimore, MD. 1993.

vii. Isham Kendrick was born in 1798.

24. **Unknown Amacker** was born in Switzerland.

Unknown Amacker had the following child:

12. i. John Jacob Amacker was born in Orangeburg District, SC. He married Sarah Varnado in 1800. She was born on 15 Feb 1754 in Orangeburg District, SC. She died in 1837 in St. Helena, Louisiana.

26. **Samuel Varnado**.

Samuel Varnado had the following child:

13. i. Sarah Varnado was born on 15 Feb 1754 in Orangeburg District, SC. She died in 1837 in St. Helena, Louisiana. She married John Jacob Amacker in 1800. He was born in Orangeburg District, SC.

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#### Generation 6

32. **Richard Kent Jr**, son of Richard Kent and Sarah Greenleaf, was born on 05 Oct 1715 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 08 May 1760. He married **Ann Hale** on 10 Jun 1736.

33. **Ann Hale**, daughter of Joseph Hale and Mary Moody, was born on 04 Aug 1717 in Newbury, Massachusetts (now called Byfield). She died on 15 Jul 1794.

Notes for Richard Kent Jr:



RICHARD,<sup>4</sup> son of Col. Richard,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James,<sup>1</sup> was a Captain in the Militia, and is said to have always served his men with rum when he turned them out for drill. He is said to have led a Bohemian life. When 25 years of age his father died, and he entailed his estate to his oldest son, etc. When Wm. Bartlett of Newbury was 90, he is said to have remarked that when he was 12 Capt. Richard Kent bought a horse for which he paid \$1,000 in silver money. He did little of benefit for the public, spending most of his time in amusement. He d. May 8, 1760, aged 45, and lies buried at Withington's Meeting House church-yard. He mar. about 1740 Anne Hale of that part



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of Newbury afterwards called Byfield. She descended from Capt. Joseph Hale, b. Feb. 24, 1674, who mar. Mary, dau. of Caleb Moody, and d. Jan. 24, 1755.

Ann Hale and Richard Kent Jr had the following children:

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  - i. Joseph Kent was born on 09 May 1741 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married Jane Moody on 23 Aug 1768. She was born in 1742 in Near Newburyport, MA. She died on 01 Nov 1783. He married Jane Dole on 02 Oct 1785. 
  - ii. Stephan Kent was born on 09 May 1741 in Kent Island, MA. He died in 1827. He married Mary Gerrish. She was born in 1737. She died in 1817. 

Notes for Stephan Kent:

STEPHEN,5 son of Capt. Richard,4 Col. Richard.3 His nephew Moody writes of him as follows: "Stephen Kent was born 20th May, 1741, N.S., and had the common advantages of school education. When he was 19 years old his father died, leaving him and his twin brother Joseph in possession of Kent's Island, which, by the terms of the entail, belonged to the elder of the two. As it could not be ascertained which of the two was the older it seemed to them and their friends just that they should enjoy the property in common. When Stephen was 21 years old, and possibly less, he was married to Mary Gerrish, a daughter of Col. Gerrish, a man of some note in Newbury, living some three or four miles from the Island. In the course of a few years Stephen, by the advice of his father-in-law, commenced an action against his twin brother for the recovery of the Island. To succeed in this action he must have proved that he was the older of the two. He failed to do so, and the Island was held in common by the two brothers as it had been before, but the intercourse between the two brothers was in consequence of the action entirely broken off. Stephen Kent cultivated his part of the Island with no great skill and industry, and when his sons were old enough he left the care and the work chiefly to them. Neither the father nor the sons made many improvements, nor sought to increase their crops by a departure from the common course of husbandry. The father delighted in the work of the mechanic, and for one who was untaught, he made punts, floats, wherrys, wheels, carts, piggins, &c., which answered the purpose of such things exceeding well. In the course of the war time, he commanded for a short time a company of men stationed on Plum Island. In no part of his life was he ambitious to acquire wealth or public distinction, yet he took an interest in politics, read much in the newspapers, and expressed his opinions on the great questions of the day. He was a temperate man. Nearly all his time he spent in his house and shop. In the government of his family he was somewhat absolute, but not, I think, tyrannical. Doubtless he was a passionate and quick-tempered man, but I do not believe he was a malicious or revengeful man. On all subjects his information was limited, and of course he had strong prejudices, yet he was not wanting in readiness of perception, memory, and natural sagacity. After he became an old man, and was confined to his house, I made it a point when at the Island to call upon him, and he always seemed to take my calls in good part. In the year 1827, at the age of 86, he died, having been in his last years well cared for by his only daughter. He left to his children, as heirs at law, his half of the Island, and I think a small farm in Daytown. Stephen Kent's wife, Mary Kent, a daughter of Col. Gerrish, as before mentioned, was born, I think, in 1737, and she was three or four years older than her husband. She had a brother, Col. Jacob Gerrish, a schoolmaster, who was never married, and another brother Stephen, who was married and had a family of his own, and a sister who was married and lived in West Newbury. These brothers and this sister she seldom, if ever, saw in her latter days. She may have had other brothers and sisters; I know not. This old lady, Mrs. Stephen Kent, lived till the year 1817, when she died at the age of 80, leaving no enemy behind her. Stephen Kent and wife had eight children, two of whom, I think both girls, died in infancy, or early

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childhood, and the other six -- five sons and a daughter--lived to a considerable age and were married. I was well acquainted with each of the six when they were young, and I knew something of them in their latter days."

iii. Moses Kent was born on 12 Sep 1750 in Kent Island, MA.

34. **John Moody**, son of John Moody and Hannah Dole, was born on 30 Apr 1704 in Newbury, MA. He married **Hannah Toppan** on 03 Apr 1729 in Newbury, MA.

35. **Hannah Toppan**.

Hannah Toppan and John Moody had the following child:

17. i. Jane Moody was born in 1742 in Near Newburyport, MA. She died on 01 Nov 1783. She married Joseph Kent on 23 Aug 1768. He was born on 09 May 1741 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA.

36. **Peter Atherton**, son of Joshua Atherton, was born in 1704. He died on 13 Jun 1764. He married **Experience Wright**.

37. **Experience Wright** was born in 1711 in Andover, MA. She died on 14 Nov 1775.

Notes for Peter Atherton:

Peter Atherton, a blacksmith by trade, was born in the area know as Still River, in Harvard, Massachusetts. He was also a Magistrate, a Colonel of Militia, and a member fo the General Court

Experience Wright and Peter Atherton had the following child:

18. i. Joshua Atherton was born on 20 Jun 1737 in Harvard, Massachusetts. He died in 1809. He married Abigail Goss in Nov 1765. She died on 28 Oct 1801.

38. **Thomas Goss**. He married **Abigail Wade**.

39. **Abigail Wade**, daughter of Samuel Wade and Lydia Newhall, was born on 28 Jul 1717 in Medford, Middlesex, Massachusetts. She died on 15 Jul 1791.

Notes for Abigail Wade:

A daughter, said to be a decendant of Ann Dudley and Governor Simon Bradstreet. Ann Dudley, the "first Poetess of New England", daughter of Governor Thomas Dudley is said to be able to trace her lineage back to Alfred the Great and Charlemagne! --source Amherst and Our Family Tree

Abigail Wade and Thomas Goss had the following child:

19. i. Abigail Goss. She died on 28 Oct 1801. She married Joshua Atherton in Nov 1765. He was born on 20 Jun 1737 in Harvard, Massachusetts. He died in 1809.

40. **David Fluker**, son of David Fluker and Hannah, was born in 1697 in Northumberland Co., VA. He died about Jan 1762 in Wicomoco Parish, Northumberland Co.,VA.

David Fluker had the following child:

20. i. David Fluker was born on 30 Mar 1732 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. He died before 1805 in Warren Co., NC. He married Jemima Oldham on 25 Dec 1757 in Virginia. She was born on 14





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Nov 1739 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. She died after 1805 in Probably Georgia.

42. **John Oldham III** was born on 08 Feb 1719 in Northumberland Co., VA. He died in 1753 in Northumberland Co., VA. He married **Sarah**.



43. **Sarah** was born about 1720 in Probably Virginia.



Sarah and John Oldham III had the following child:

21. i. Jemima Oldham was born on 14 Nov 1739 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. She died after 1805 in Probably Georgia. She married David Fluker on 25 Dec 1757 in Virginia. He was born on 30 Mar 1732 in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. He died before 1805 in Warren Co., NC.



44. **James Kendrick**, son of William Kendrick and Sarah Jones, was born in 1733 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He died about 1796 in Washington Co. GA. He married **Sarah Roberson** in Mar 1755 in Granville Co. NC.



45. **Sarah Roberson**, daughter of Israel Roberson Sr and Sarah Williams, was born about 1740 in Bristol parish, Prince George Co, VA. She died on 30 Sep 1829 in Wilkes Co. GA.



Sarah Roberson and James Kendrick had the following children:

22. i. William Kendrick was born in 1755 in Granville Co, NC. He died on 25 Feb 1838 in Greensburg, LA. He married Elizabeth Ann Thompson in 1778 in Chatham Co., GA. She was born in 1760 in Chatham Co., NC. She died in 1800 in Washington Co., GA.



ii. Burwell Kendrick.



46. **William Thompson V**. He married **Hannah Bell**.



47. **Hannah Bell**. She died in 1788 in Chatham Co, N.C..



Hannah Bell and William Thompson V had the following children:

23. i. Elizabeth Ann Thompson was born in 1760 in Chatham Co., NC. She died in 1800 in Washington Co., GA. She married William Kendrick in 1778 in Chatham Co., GA. He was born in 1755 in Granville Co, NC. He died on 25 Feb 1838 in Greensburg, LA.



ii. John Thompson was born on 24 Jun 1744.



iii. Balaam Thompson was born on 13 Oct 1745.



iv. William Thompson was born on 10 Aug 1747.



v. Susannah Thompson was born on 16 Nov 1749.



vi. Mary Thompson was born about 1751.



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vii. Sarah Thompson was born about 1753.



viii. Hannah Thompson was born about 1756.



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### Generation 7

64. **Richard Kent**, son of John Kent and Mary Hobbs, was born on 25 Jun 1672 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died in 1740 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married **Sarah Greenleaf** on 30 Jan 1709.



65. **Sarah Greenleaf**. She died on 12 Apr 1723.



Notes for Richard Kent:

RICHARD,3 son of John,2 James,1 mar. 1st, 1709, Sarah Greenleaf, possibly a relative of Judge Greenleaf, whose dau. mar. C. J. Parsons. Richard and Sarah had nine children, all of whom d. under 20 years of age except Richard.4 Mr. Kent was Col. in the militia and a Justice of the Peace, when these offices were deemed more honorable than they are at the present day. In 1733 he acted as a Justice in Boston. He resided in Newburyport most of the time, but not on Kent Island; and he was engaged in trade, accumulating considerable property.

His 1st wife d. Apl. 12, 1723; and he was mar. 2d, by Rev. L. Bradstreet, Sept. 8, 1724, at Charlestown, to Widow Hannah Carter, dau. of Rev. Nath'l Gookin, Pastor of Church of Christ in Cambridge, and widow of Vincent Carter of Charlestown, whom she mar. Aug. 10, 1711. Col. Richard d. in 1740, aged 67.

His 2d wife, who survived him several years, is said to have been somewhat of a grave formal person of the old school, and anxious to maintain her rank in society. She d. Mch. 20, 1758, in her 67th year; a commemorative sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Lowell. Her will was proved Apl. 3, 1758, and she made devise to son Nath'l Carter, and to her children by Col. Kent. Col. and Mrs. Kent are buried on the top of "Burying Hill, near the old mill and pond," and placed over the grave is a heavy freestone slab, with a slate in the shape of a heart let into it, bearing an inscription. Mrs. Kent by her first husband had a son Nath'l Carter, who became one of the three richest merchants of his time in Newburyport.

COL. RICHARD KENT by his first wife had one surviving child: I. RICHARD,4 b. 1715, probably in the home afterward occupied by his descendant Joshua.

Sarah Greenleaf and Richard Kent had the following child:

32. i. **Richard Kent Jr** was born on 05 Oct 1715 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 08 May 1760. He married Ann Hale on 10 Jun 1736. She was born on 04 Aug 1717 in Newbury, Massachusetts (now called Byfield). She died on 15 Jul 1794.



66. **Joseph Hale** was born on 24 Feb 1674. He died on 24 Jan 1755. He married **Mary Moody**.



67. **Mary Moody**. She died on 16 Apr 1753.



Mary Moody and Joseph Hale had the following children:

33. i. **Ann Hale** was born on 04 Aug 1717 in Newbury, Massachusetts (now called Byfield). She died on 15 Jul 1794. She married Richard Kent Jr on 10 Jun 1736. He was born on 05 Oct 1715 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 08 May 1760.



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- ii. Judith Hale was born in 1700. She married Samuel Moody.
  - iii. Mary Hale was born on 25 Mar 1703. She married Edmund Greanleaf. He was born in Newbury.
  - iv. Elizabeth Hale was born on 09 Apr 1705. She married George Thurlow. He was born in Newbury, MA.
  - v. Sarah Hale was born in Oct 1707. She married Joshua Noyes.
  - vi. Abigail Hale was born on 10 Mar 1710. She married Richard Coffin. He was born in Newbury, MA.
  - vii. Joseph Hale was born on 08 Jan 1742. He died on 25 Dec 1818. He married Mary Northend. She was born in Rowley, MA.

Notes for Joseph Hale:

7. Joseph, b. Jan. 8, 1742; mar. Mary Northend of Rowley, and lived near Dummer Academy. He d. Dec. 25, 1818. She d. Oct. 8, 1830, aged 90. They left a son and dau.: 1. Daniel, whose 1st wife, Betsey, d. July 17, 1805, and he mar. 2d,... Searles, widow of Geo. Thurlow, and d. May 17, 1846, aged 78. 2. Mary, mar. Rev. Dr. E. Parish, of Byfield, and had son: Moses T. Parish.

68. **John Moody**, son of Samuel Moody and Mary Cutting, was born before 1665. He died between 1697-1756. He married **Hannah Dole** on 18 May 1692.

69. **Hannah Dole**, daughter of Richard Dole and Hannah Rolfe, was born on 23 Oct 1665. She died between 1697-1759.

Hannah Dole and John Moody had the following child:

34. i. John Moody was born on 30 Apr 1704 in Newbury, MA. He married Hannah Toppan on 03 Apr 1729 in Newbury, MA.

70. **Peter Toppan**. He married **Sarah Greenleaf**.

71. **Sarah Greenleaf**.

Sarah Greenleaf and Peter Toppan had the following child:

35. i. Hannah Toppan. She married John Moody on 03 Apr 1729 in Newbury, MA. He was born on 30 Apr 1704 in Newbury, MA.

72. **Joshua Atherton**.

Joshua Atherton had the following child:

36. i. Peter Atherton was born in 1704. He died on 13 Jun 1764. He married Experience Wright. She was born in 1711 in Andover, MA. She died on 14 Nov 1775.

78. **Samuel Wade**, son of Nathaniel Wade and Mary Bradstreet, was born in 1684. He died in 1738. He married **Lydia Newhall**.

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79. **Lydia Newhall**, daughter of Thomas Newhall and Rebecca Green, was born in 1687.



Lydia Newhall and Samuel Wade had the following child:

39. i. Abigail Wade was born on 28 Jul 1717 in Medford, Middlesex, Massachusetts. She died on 15 Jul 1791. She married Thomas Goss.



80. **David Fluker** was born about 1648 in Poss England. He died about 1698 in Northumberland Co., VA. He married **Hannah**.



81. **Hannah** was born about 1650 in Possibly Virginia. She died before 1714.



Hannah and David Fluker had the following child:

40. i. David Fluker was born in 1697 in Northumberland Co., VA. He died about Jan 1762 in Wicomoco Parish, Northumberland Co.,VA.



88. **William Kendrick**, son of John Kendrick, was born in 1704 in Ware Parish, Gloucester Co., VA. He died about Jan 1777 in Bute co, NC. He married **Sarah Jones**.



89. **Sarah Jones**, daughter of Robert Jones and Rebecca Braswell, was born in Jul 1714 in Lower Parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA. She died about Feb 1796 in Warren Co., NC.



Sarah Jones and William Kendrick had the following child:

44. i. James Kendrick was born in 1733 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He died about 1796 in Washington Co. GA. He married Sarah Roberson in Mar 1755 in Granville Co. NC. She was born about 1740 in Bristol parish, Prince George Co, VA. She died on 30 Sep 1829 in Wilkes Co. GA.



90. **Israel Roberson Sr**, son of Nicholas Roberson and Sara Marks, was born between 1697-1703 in Prince George Co. VA. He died about 04 Dec 1758 in Granville Co., NC. He married **Sarah Williams**.



91. **Sarah Williams** was born about 1701 in Bristol parish, Henrico Co. VA.



Sarah Williams and Israel Roberson Sr had the following child:

45. i. Sarah Roberson was born about 1740 in Bristol parish, Prince George Co, VA. She died on 30 Sep 1829 in Wilkes Co. GA. She married James Kendrick in Mar 1755 in Granville Co. NC. He was born in 1733 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He died about 1796 in Washington Co. GA.



92. **William Thompson IV**.



William Thompson IV had the following child:

46. i. William Thompson V. He married Hannah Bell. She died in 1788 in Chatham Co, N.C..



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#### Generation 8

128. **John Kent**, son of James Kent, was born in 1641 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died in 1719 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married **Mary Hobbs** on 24 Feb 1664.



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129. **Mary Hobbs** was born in 1643. She died in 1725.



Notes for John Kent:

John Kent and 10 others. August 22d. 1689 Brig "Merrimack" of Newbury, Captain John Kent, was Captured by pirates in Martin Vineyard Sound. Aug. 19th. 1689 The Council, having been informed, that Thomas Hawkins and others were acting as pirates order the sloop "Restitution" with forty men. Joseph Taxter, master, to go after them. These pirates took &c. &c. They captured the brig "Merrimack" of Newburyport, Capt. John Kent, on the 22nd in "Martin Vineyard Sound." 1689 -- CAPT PEAS sent after Pirates in the sloop "Mary" of Boston He came up and fought one in "Martin Vineyard Sound." Capt Pease is killed, but the pirate is taken by his crew. (In a footnote to the above from Mr. Felt's "Annals of Salem.") These Pirates Captured the Brig Merrimack of Newburyport, Capt. John Kent on the 22d in Martin Vineyard sound. They killed him and wounded some of his crew. (GGC note: presumably this refers to Capt Pease, as John Kent died in 1719, or this is a different John Kent)

EXTRACT FROM DEPOSITION OF THOMAS POUND THE PIRATE. Boston 19th Octobr 1689 On or about the twentyeth day of August met with a Briganteen belonging to Newbury, John Kent master from New Yorke, and sent the Boat with ffour or ffive hands on board said Briganteen, and brought her neer to or Sloop's side, out of which Briganteen wee tooke Eighteen halfe barrels of Flower, two hogsheads of Sugar and one hogshead of Rhum and three small Armes and so dismist the Briganteen. JULY 24, 1690. Writt to Major Saltonstall and sent him a Barrel of Salt in Token of my Remembrance of him and sympathy with him in his dangers and confinements, dwelling in a fronteer Town as he does &c Sent ?? . Skipar Jno. Kent of Newberry. MARCH 2. 1704 Resolved that the sum of Sixteen Pounds & sixteen Shillings & ten Pence be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury, to the persons respectively to whom the same is due in full of an acct presented Viz. To John Woodman for Ferriage Three Pounds five shillings & four Pence. To John Kent master of the Sloop "Planter" Nine Pounds. To divers Persons sent Post &c Four Pounds eleven Shillings & Six pence. Wch Resolve being Read at the Board was Concurr'd and is Consented to J. Dudley. April 24th. 1711 John Kent of the island had his barn burnt by tobacco with six oxen and four calves and a goose, that was bringing young ones. (Sewall's diary.)

Extract from "The Pirates of the New England Coast 1630-1730", by George Dow and John Edmonds : "Soon after Pound took possession of the sloop 'Good Speed,' he put in to Cape Cod and sent some of his crew ashore, in charge of hawkins, to get fresh meat. They killed four shoats and after wooding and watering, the sloop sailed around the Cape to 'Martyn's Vineyard Sound,' and on August 27th, sighted a brigantine at anchor in Homes' Hole. Pound ordered 'a bloodie flagg' hoisted and running up to the brigantine ordered her master to come aboard the pirate sloop. the brigantine was the 'Merrimack,' John Kent of Newbury, master, and he at once obeyed the command, and after reporting his destination and cargo, the vessel was plundered of twenty half-barrels of flour, and sugar, rum and tobacco. Captain Kent was then allowed to go."

JOHN,2 "only son and heir" of James,1 was b. 1641, and d. Jan. 30, 1717-18. Over his grave is a freestone slab resting on brickwork which states that he d. in his 78th year. His wife is buried in the same graveyard back of the old Town Meeting House. He mar. Feb. 24, 1665, Mary (or Malby) Hobbs, who d. Sept. 8, 1725, aged 82. John Kent owned half of Kent's Island; the other half was given to his son by his great-uncle Richard, for whom he was named. There was a house on the island standing in a pear orchard at the south of an old barn owned by Joseph,5 then Paul,6 but John2 probably resided in the old homestead built in 1700, and still standing in 1830. He appears to have been a man of property, of energy, and good character.

Mary Hobbs and John Kent had the following children:

64. i. Richard Kent was born on 25 Jun 1672 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died in 1740 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married Sarah Greenleaf on 30 Jan 1709. She died on 12 Apr 1723. He married



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Hannah Carter on 08 Sep 1724 in Charlestowne.

- ii. Sarah Kent was born on 30 Aug 1667 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. She died between 1692-1761. She married Samuel Greenleaf on 01 Mar 1686 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. He was born on 30 Oct 1665 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. He died between 1692-1756.
- iii. Mary Kent was born on 10 Sep 1668 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. She died on 17 Mar 1703. She married Stephen Swett on 27 Dec 1695. He was born on 28 Jan 1654 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. He died between 1699-1746 in Hampton, N.H..
- iv. John Kent was born on 23 Nov 1668 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. He died on 24 Mar 1703 in Newbury, Essex, Mass.
- v. John Kent was born on 16 Jul 1675. He died between 1676-1765. He married Sarah. She was born on 23 Oct 1683.
- vi. James Kent was born on 03 Sep 1679.
- vii. Sarah Kent was born on 01 Aug 1666. She died in 1666.
- viii. Jane Kent. She married James Smith about 1695.

134. **Caleb Moody.**

Caleb Moody had the following child:

- 67. i. Mary Moody. She died on 16 Apr 1753. She married Joseph Hale. He was born on 24 Feb 1674. He died on 24 Jan 1755.

136. **Samuel Moody**, son of William Moody and Sarah, was born in 1630 in England. He died on 04 Apr 1675 in Newbury, MA. He married **Mary Cutting** on 30 Nov 1657 in Newbury, MA.

137. **Mary Cutting.**

Mary Cutting and Samuel Moody had the following child:

- 68. i. John Moody was born before 1665. He died between 1697-1756. He married Hannah Dole on 18 May 1692. She was born on 23 Oct 1665. She died between 1697-1759.

138. **Richard Dole.** He married **Hannah Rolfe.**

139. **Hannah Rolfe** was born after 1622. She died on 16 Nov 1678 in Newbury, Essex, Mass.

Hannah Rolfe and Richard Dole had the following child:

- 69. i. Hannah Dole was born on 23 Oct 1665. She died between 1697-1759. She married John Moody on 18 May 1692. He was born before 1665. He died between 1697-1756.

144. **James Atherton.**

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James Atherton had the following child:

- 72. i. Joshua Atherton.



- 156. **Nathaniel Wade**, son of Jonathan Wade, was born in 1649. He died in 1707. He married **Mary Bradstreet**.



- 157. **Mary Bradstreet**, daughter of Simon Bradstreet and Ann Dudley, was born in 1647 in Andover, MA. She died in 1714.



Mary Bradstreet and Nathaniel Wade had the following child:

- 78. i. Samuel Wade was born in 1684. He died in 1738. He married Lydia Newhall. She was born in 1687.



- 158. **Thomas Newhall**, son of Thomas Newhall and Elizabeth Potter, was born in 1653 in Lyme, MA. He died in 1728. He married **Rebecca Green**.



- 159. **Rebecca Green**, daughter of Thomas Green and Rebecca Hill, was born in 1654. She died in 1725.



Rebecca Green and Thomas Newhall had the following child:

- 79. i. Lydia Newhall was born in 1687. She married Samuel Wade. He was born in 1684. He died in 1738.



- 176. **John Kendrick** was born in 1670 in Gloucester Co., VA. He died after 1721 in King William Co., VA.



John Kendrick had the following child:

- 88. i. William Kendrick was born in 1704 in Ware Parish, Gloucester Co., VA. He died about Jan 1777 in Bute co, NC. He married Sarah Jones. She was born in Jul 1714 in Lower Parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA. She died about Feb 1796 in Warren Co., NC.



- 178. **Robert Jones** was born about 1670 in Williamsburg, James City Co. VA. He married **Rebecca Braswell**.



- 179. **Rebecca Braswell** was born about 1672 in Isle of Wight Co., VA.



Rebecca Braswell and Robert Jones had the following child:

- 89. i. Sarah Jones was born in Jul 1714 in Lower Parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA. She died about Feb 1796 in Warren Co., NC. She married William Kendrick. He was born in 1704 in Ware Parish, Gloucester Co., VA. He died about Jan 1777 in Bute co, NC.



- 180. **Nicholas Roberson** was born about 1671 in Bristol parish, Henrico Co. VA. He married **Sara Marks**.



- 181. **Sara Marks** was born about 1675 in Martins Brandon, Prince George Co., VA. She died before 1719 in Prince George Co. VA.



Sara Marks and Nicholas Roberson had the following child:

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90. i. Israel Roberson Sr was born between 1697-1703 in Prince George Co. VA. He died about 04 Dec 1758 in Granville Co., NC. He married Sarah Williams. She was born about 1701 in Bristol parish, Henrico Co. VA.



184. **William Thompson III.**



William Thompson III had the following child:

92. i. William Thompson IV.



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### Generation 9

256. **James Kent**, son of Richard Kent Sr and Dorothy Emma Shorte, was born about 1626 in Hampshire, England. He died between 1627-1716 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA.



James Kent had the following child:

128. i. John Kent was born in 1641 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He died in 1719 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA. He married Mary Hobbs on 24 Feb 1664. She was born in 1643. She died in 1725.



272. **William Moody**, son of William Moody and Agnes Collyn, was born in 1611 in Ipswich, Suffolk Co. England. He died on 25 Oct 1673 in Newbury, MA. He married **Sarah**.



273. **Sarah.**



Sarah and William Moody had the following child:

136. i. Samuel Moody was born in 1630 in England. He died on 04 Apr 1675 in Newbury, MA. He married Mary Cutting on 30 Nov 1657 in Newbury, MA.



312. **Jonathan Wade.**



Jonathan Wade had the following child:

156. i. Nathaniel Wade was born in 1649. He died in 1707. He married Mary Bradstreet. She was born in 1647 in Andover, MA. She died in 1714.



314. **Simon Bradstreet** was born in 1602. He died in 1697. He married **Ann Dudley**.



315. **Ann Dudley**, daughter of Thomas Dudley and Dorothy Yorke, was born on 20 Mar 1611 in Northampton, England. She died on 16 Sep 1672.



Notes for Simon Bradstreet:

Simon Bradstreet was an assistant and later twice governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Notes for Ann Dudley:

The Poetess of New England

I am obnoxious to each carping tongue,  
Who sayes, my hand a needle better fits,  
A Poets Pen, all scorne, I should thus wrong;  
For such despighte they cast on female wits:  
If what I doe prove well, it wo'nt advance,



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They'll say its stolen, or else, it was by chance. - Bradstreet

Anne Dudley Bradstreet was America's first poet. Born about 1612 in Northampton, England, Anne was the first daughter and second of the five children of Thomas Dudley and Dorothy (Yorke) Dudley, who was, by Cotton Mather's account, "a gentlewoman whose extraction and estate were considerable." Her parents' marriage record was found in the Parish Register at Hardingstone, near Northampton, England: "Marriages Anno Dni 1606 - Thomas Dudley & Dorothy York married the 25th of April, 1603" (NEHGR 56:206 Notes and Queries).

Anne's childhood was spent in comparative luxury at Tattershall Castle in Sempringham, Lincolnshire, where her father was the chief steward of the vast estates of Theophilus Clinton, the Puritan Earl of Lincoln. Her upbringing was largely influenced by her father's position. She had private tutors, access to the Earl's library, the encouragement of a literate father who loved history, and a strict religious indoctrination.

Her young life was often interrupted by illness; she was bedridden with rheumatic fever and as an adolescent she almost died from smallpox. Shortly after recovering, Anne, aged 16, married Simon Bradstreet in 1628. Simon was a protégé of the Earl's, nine years her senior, the son of a Nonconformist minister and a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. In 1630 Anne accompanied him and her parents to America.

They were members of John Winthrop's party, the first settlers on Massachusetts Bay and they sailed on the flagship, *Arbella*. The party arrived "in June at the half-dying, famine-ridden frontier village of Salem, after a journey of 3 months of close quarters, raw nerves, sickness, hysteria and salt meats," wrote Anne. At first dismayed by the rude life of the settlement, she soon reconciled herself to it. "I changed my condition and was married, and came into this country, where I found a new world and new manners, at which my heart rose. But after I was convinced it was the way of God, I submitted to it and joined to the church at Boston."

Anne's father, Thomas Dudley became deputy governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company. He was a magistrate at the trial of Anne Hutchinson, the other, heretical, Anne, who threatened the foundations of the colony and "gloried" in her excommunication. Simon Bradstreet was an assistant and later twice governor of the colony. The official standing of her father and husband gave Anne a place of dignity and honor in the New World. After a brief residence in Cambridge, the family moved to Ipswich and after 1644 to North Andover, her home for the remainder of her life.

It was a humiliation to this eighteen-year-old wife that she did not at once become a mother. "It pleased God to keep me a long time without a child, which was a great grief to me." Her first son, Samuel, was born at Newtowne (Cambridge) in 1633/4, just before moving to Ipswich, and he proved to be the first of eight children. The others were Dorothy, Sarah, Simon, Jr., Dudley, Hannah, John and Mercy.

Amidst her social obligations, Anne found time to write poetry. By her own admission, she began her verse-making almost accidentally. Her poems were written for her own satisfaction. As was customary of the time, her poems were circulated among family and friends in the new colony. She greatly admired the leading French Calvinist poet Du Bartas and her early verse shows his influence upon her.

Anne's brother-in-law, the Rev. John Woodbridge, who had secured a manuscript copy comprised of fifteen poems, caused them to be printed in England under the title, *The Tenth Muse Lately sprung up in America, Or Severall Poems, compiled with great variety of Wit and Learning, full of delight ... By a Gentlewoman in those parts*. This appears to have occurred without her knowledge or consent. All of the poems in this collection were written before her thirtieth year, somewhere between 1630-1642, imitating Du Bartas. Her early work was conventional, dull, and easily forgotten. No one of the long poems in *The Tenth Muse* would be read today by anyone save a literary historian. The often wooden lines and forced rhymes of her early poems reveal Bradstreet's grim determination to prove that she could write in the lofty style of the established male poets, but her deeper emotions are obviously not engaged in the project.

Seeing *The Tenth Muse* in print completely cured Anne of writing imitative poetry. In 1678 an American edition of *The Tenth Muse* appeared under the new title *Several Poems Compiled with great variety of Wit and Learning* and included some of her later work, which became her chief claim to attention. The first satisfactory edition of her

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work was edited by John Harvey Ellis in 1867. It is clear that this edition contains the poet's own corrections, made because she was dissatisfied the *The Tenth Muse*. These later poems show that she had not only learned to see nature and human life directly, but also to look into her own heart and write with the imagination vision of a poet. Much of her later work was rooted in her actual experience as a wife, as a mother, and a woman in seventeenth-century New England. It concerned her personal reflections, and the warmth and frank humanity that pervaded them struck a welcome contrast to the Puritan stereotype.

As a Puritan woman of the seventeenth-century, Anne Bradstreet struggled to write poetry in a society that was hostile to imagination. Women were expected to behave deferentially and neither her education nor her privileged status as the child of one colonial governor and wife of another could protect her against the scorn and persecution visited upon women who stepped beyond their role in Puritan society. Anne often appears self-deprecating in order to appease the critical males, describing her work as lowly, meanly clad, poor, ragged, foolish, broken, and blemished. In the Prologue of *The Tenth Muse*, Anne makes a very modest claim for the attention she and all women deserve:

Let Greeks be Greeks, and Women what they are,  
Men have precedency, and still excell,  
It is but vaine, unjustly to wage war,  
Men can doe best, and Women know it well;  
Preheminence in each, and all is yours,  
Yet grant some small acknowledgement of ours.

In stark contrast, however, is her bold declaration of female abilities in *Happy Memory of Queen Elizabeth*, the only poem in *The Tenth Muse* which is not apologetic, but which would have been dangerous had Anne proclaimed the worth of her own work in such a manner.

Who was so good, so just, so learn'd, so wise,  
From all the Kings on earth she won the prize;  
Nor say I more then duly is her due,  
Millions will testifie that this is true.

She hath wip'd off th' aspersion of her Sex,  
That woman wisdom lack to play the Rex.

Overall, the poetry of Anne Bradstreet is without a trace of romanticism or sentimentalism. Her art was not an escape from life, but an expression of it. She could express a tender sentiment without being sentimental. This appears best in her poem on the burning of her home at Andover in 1666 and her feelings as she passed the blackened ruins of the house.

When by the ruins oft I passed  
My sorrowing eyes aside did cast,  
And here and there the places spy  
Where oft I say, and long did lie.  
Here stood that trunk, and there that chest;  
There lay the store I counted best;  
My pleasant things in ashes lie,  
And them behold no more shall I.  
Under thy roof no guest shall sit,  
Nor at thy table eat a bit.  
No pleasant tale e'er be told,  
Nor things recounted done of old.  
No candle e'er shall shine in thee,  
Nor bridegroom's voice e'er heard shall be.  
In silence ever shalt thou lie;  
Adieu, Adieu, all's vanity.

Anne's prose "*Meditations Divine and Moral*," written for her son Simon, were found after her death along with many unpublished poems written to her children. It is likely that other unpublished works were destroyed in the fire that consumed her North Andover home in 1666. Anne Dudley Bradstreet died on September 16, 1672, in North Andover, Massachusetts of consumption or tuberculosis. No portrait survives and her burial place is not known. She may be buried in the old Burying Ground at North Andover or in her father's tomb at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

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It is questionable if Anne Bradstreet influenced other poets, but many have paid homage to her. It has been said that Anne's genius was reincarnated in Emily Dickinson. Numbered among her illustrious descendants are Richard Henry Dana, William Ellery Channing, Wendell Phillips, and Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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Ann Dudley and Simon Bradstreet had the following child:

157. i. Mary Bradstreet was born in 1647 in Andover, MA. She died in 1714. She married Nathaniel Wade. He was born in 1649. He died in 1707.



316. **Thomas Newhall.** He married **Elizabeth Potter.**



317. **Elizabeth Potter.**



Elizabeth Potter and Thomas Newhall had the following child:

158. i. Thomas Newhall was born in 1653 in Lyme, MA. He died in 1728. He married Rebecca Green. She was born in 1654. She died in 1725.



318. **Thomas Green.** He married **Rebecca Hill.**



319. **Rebecca Hill.**



Rebecca Hill and Thomas Green had the following child:

159. i. Rebecca Green was born in 1654. She died in 1725. She married Thomas Newhall. He was born in 1653 in Lyme, MA. He died in 1728.



368. **II Rev William Thompson.**



II Rev William Thompson had the following child:

184. i. William Thompson III.



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### Generation 10

512. **Richard Kent Sr,** son of Alexander Kent (?), was born in Upper Wallop, Hampshire, England. He died in 1654 in Kent Street, Newbury, Massachusetts, USA. He married **Dorothy Emma Shorte** before 1612.



513. **Dorothy Emma Shorte** was born in 1595 in England. She died on 10 Jan 1676 in Newbury, Essex, Mass.



Notes for Richard Kent Sr:

Richard Kent sailed to the new world on the Mary and John, Robert Sayres, master, which arrived from Southampton in 1634. According to Banks, the ship manifest shows that Richard Kent listed as his home the village of Over Wallop, a small village in southern England.

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Over Wallop, or Upper Wallop as it is known today, lies in the county of Hampshire, southeast of the Salisbury plain, and just northwest of Southampton. Upper Wallop, and its sister villages, Nether Wallop and Middle Wallop, lay alongside a brook, several feet wide, which has been flowing through the little valley for thousands of years, and which gives the Wallops their name.

Wallop, which was mentioned in the Domesday Survey in 1086, may in fact mean a "valley of the stream", "a pretty well in the side of a hill", or "stream of the Ancient Britons". It may also be a derivation of the name of a chieftain who fought in a battle referred to as "Guoloppum, or the Battle of Wallop." This, according to Wallop historian Dorothy Beresford, would refer to a battle fought in Wallop Fields between the Saxon Vortigern and Romano-British Ambrosius in 508 A.D.

Middle Wallop originates in a small pond in Over Wallop and flows southwest through Middle Wallop and eventually into the river Test.

This charming little valley has been inhabited continuously for several thousand years, with the oldest known site in the area being Danebury Hill. A noted archaeological site, this excavation has yielded evidence of a burial by the Beaker Folk which occurred about 2000 BC. Other evidence in the area include a communal grave of Neolithic peoples from before 1000 BC, round barrows of the Bronze Age, and Celtic field systems. But around 27 BC, people from the continent, skilled in the use of iron, built the 27 acre hillfort.

The Romans conquered the area in the invasion in 43 AD, and Danebury seems to have surrendered to Vespasian without attack. This region was sheep country, and probably provided wool for the Roman weaving mill in Venta Belgarum (Winchester) which made cloth for the Roman Army.

The invasion by the Angles and Saxons led to the development of valley towns which included the Wallop valley. The Saxons which inhabited the area used the valley brookside road which exists to this day instead of the Roman road.

By the time of Alfred the Great, the area around Wallop was a large agricultural holding administered by a bailiff or reeve for the king. But in 1016 AD, invading Danes defeated the Saxons in a battle west of Andover (just north of Wallop), and ruled the area under Cnut. There is a region of Wallop, called Kentsborough, which is said to derive from "Canutes's Barrow or Burh", and which may have provided a local surname (a surname derived from a placename) for the family or families named Kent which subsequently lived in the area. While it is pure speculation to connect Kentsborough with the Richard Kent who emigrated to America 600 years later, the proximity of a place with such a name to the known point of departure of Richard Kent is too significant to overlook.

After the Saxons regained the crown by intermarriage, Wallope became the property of Edward the Confessor until his death in 1066.

Edward's father-in-law, Earl Godwin, held or leased the Wallope estate as part of his large holdings. The largest manor 'was held by the Countess Godiva of Earl Godwin', who reputedly made her home at Fifehead, which today is a lovely country hotel in Middle Wallop. The second largest estate, which included Over Wallop, was held by Earl Harold, Godwin's son, who as King Harold was killed at the battle of Hastings.

In 1066, William the Conqueror gave the lands of Upper Wallop to his friend Hugu de Port, while retaining Middle Wallop. A large entry was made in the Domesday book, the record accumulated by order of William to provide a survey for tax purposes. The entry describes a population of at least a hundred families occupying the valley, operating over 30 farms, and mention of a church.

In 1177 Henry II granted the royal estate of Wallope to the Benedictine nuns of

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Amesbury Monastery. The area was administered by the Amesbury Priory for the next 362 years, until Henry VIII seized all the lands owned by the Monasteries. In need of cash, Henry sold the land to Sir William Paulet, later the 1st Marquis of Winchester, whose overlordship lasted 364 years, which takes us well past the time when Richard Kent departed Wallop for the colonies.

An interesting sidelight concerns Fifehead Manor, which was conveyed by Sir William Paulet to Alexander Reade, in 1555. Alexander's brother, Sir Richard Reade, had a great-great-great granddaughter, Mildred Warner, who married Major Laurence Washington, and was thus the grandmother of George Washington, who also lived in the colonies.

Records of the 1600's are scarce and in many cases illegible, being handwritten. However, entries concerning Kents of Wallops and nearby Broughton do appear.

Dorothy Emma Shorte and Richard Kent Sr had the following children:

- i. Richard Kent was born in 1626. He died on 25 Nov 1689. He married Jane Kent about 1634. She was born between 1598-1623. She died on 26 Jun 1674. He married Joanna ( ) Davison on 06 Jan 1674 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. She was born about 1626. She died on 30 Oct 1699.



Notes for Richard Kent:

RICHARD KENT, JR., arrived in Ipswich in 1634 in the same ship with Richard, senior, who was possibly his father or cousin. He removed to Newbury in 1635 and soon was joined by his brother James, whose only son John inherited Rich., Jr.'s, estate on Kent's Island. Richard, Jr., was one of the early proprietors of Newberry and one of the grantees of the town of Salisbury, but had no land assigned him there. He was accompanied from England by his wife, Jane, who d. June 26, 1674; he then mar. Joanna, widow of Nicholas Davidson of Charlestown, Jan. 6, 1674-5. He d. Nov., 1689, without issue.

KENT'S ISLAND. This year (1647), February seventh, "the men deputed to order the affaires and exchanges of the new towne" granted to Richard Kent, junior, the Island, which is still called Kent's Island, and is still owned by his descendants. It is thus mentioned in the records. After noticing "the tenn acres of upland which the towne granted him on the island over the little river, and sixty four acres of marsh," it grants him "all the rest of the upland and marsh on the island over the little river being one hundred and Seventy acres or thereabouts, being formerly granted to particular persons." The remainder of the island the said Richard Kent, junior, obtained either by purchase or exchange, either with the town or individuals, "all which land in the island above mentioned being two hundred and fifty-eight acres or thereabouts to enjoy to him his heires forever," and so forth. "Town Records." The estate was kept in the family for many years by the will of Richard Kent, Jr., who bequeathed it to his oldest male descendant. In process of time a Mrs. Kent had twins, and through the carelessness of the nurse it was impossible to prove the precedence of either, and consequently a John or Joseph and a Stephen each claimed as the oldest son the whole estate. There was another brother, Moses, who took no part in the quarrel, but finally the General Court annulled the proceedings and the property was divided among the three. The island remained divided until the time of the father of the late Paul Kent, who became possessed of the whole, and from him it finally passed into the hands of Joshua N. Kent.

- ii. John Kent was born on 20 Jul 1645. He died. He married Sarah Woodman on 13 Mar 1665 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. She was born on 12 Jan 1641 in Newbury, Essex, Mass. She died between 1684-1736.
- iii. Rebecca Kent was born in 1612. She died between 1613-1706.



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256. iv. James Kent was born about 1626 in Hampshire, England. He died between 1627-1716 in Kent Island, Massachusetts, USA.



v. Sarah Kent.



544. **William Moody**, son of Robert Moody, was born in 1580 in Sudbury, England (Sudbury, Suffolk, England). He married **Agnes Collyn** on 02 Jul 1603 in Sudbury, Suffolk, England.



545. **Agnes Collyn**.



Agnes Collyn and William Moody had the following child:

272. i. William Moody was born in 1611 in Ipswich, Suffolk Co. England. He died on 25 Oct 1673 in Newbury, MA. He married Sarah.



630. **Thomas Dudley**. He married **Dorothy Yorke** on 26 Apr 1603 in Hardingstone, Northampton, England.



631. **Dorothy Yorke**.



Notes for Thomas Dudley:

deputy governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company. He was a magistrate at the trial of Anne Hutchinson, the other, heretical, Anne, who threatened the foundations of the colony and "gloried" in her excommunication.

Dorothy Yorke and Thomas Dudley had the following child:

315. i. Ann Dudley was born on 20 Mar 1611 in Northampton, England. She died on 16 Sep 1672. She married Simon Bradstreet. He was born in 1602. He died in 1697.



737. **Abigail Collins**.



Abigail Collins had the following child:

368. i. II Rev William Thompson.



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### Generation 11

1024. **Alexander Kent (?)**.



Alexander Kent (?) had the following child:

512. i. Richard Kent Sr was born in Upper Wallop, Hampshire, England. He died in 1654 in Kent Street, Newbury, Massachusetts, USA. He married Dorothy Emma Shorte before 1612. She was born in 1595 in England. She died on 10 Jan 1676 in Newbury, Essex, Mass.



1088. **Robert Moody**, son of Richard Moody and Anne Pannal, was born in 1563.



Robert Moody had the following child:

544. i. William Moody was born in 1580 in Sudbury, England (Sudbury, Suffolk, England). He married Agnes Collyn on 02 Jul 1603 in Sudbury, Suffolk, England.



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1474. **John Collins.**



John Collins had the following child:

737. i. Abigail Collins.



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**Generation 12**

2176. **Richard Moody**, son of Edmund Moody, was born in 1525 in Moulton, Suffolk, England. He died on 28 Apr 1574 in Moulton, Suffolk, England. He married **Anne Pannal**.



2177. **Anne Pannal.**



Anne Pannal and Richard Moody had the following child:

1088. i. Robert Moody was born in 1563.



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**Generation 13**

4352. **Edmund Moody** was born in 1495 in Bury, England (Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk, England).



Edmund Moody had the following child:

2176. i. Richard Moody was born in 1525 in Moulton, Suffolk, England. He died on 28 Apr 1574 in Moulton, Suffolk, England. He married Anne Pannal.

