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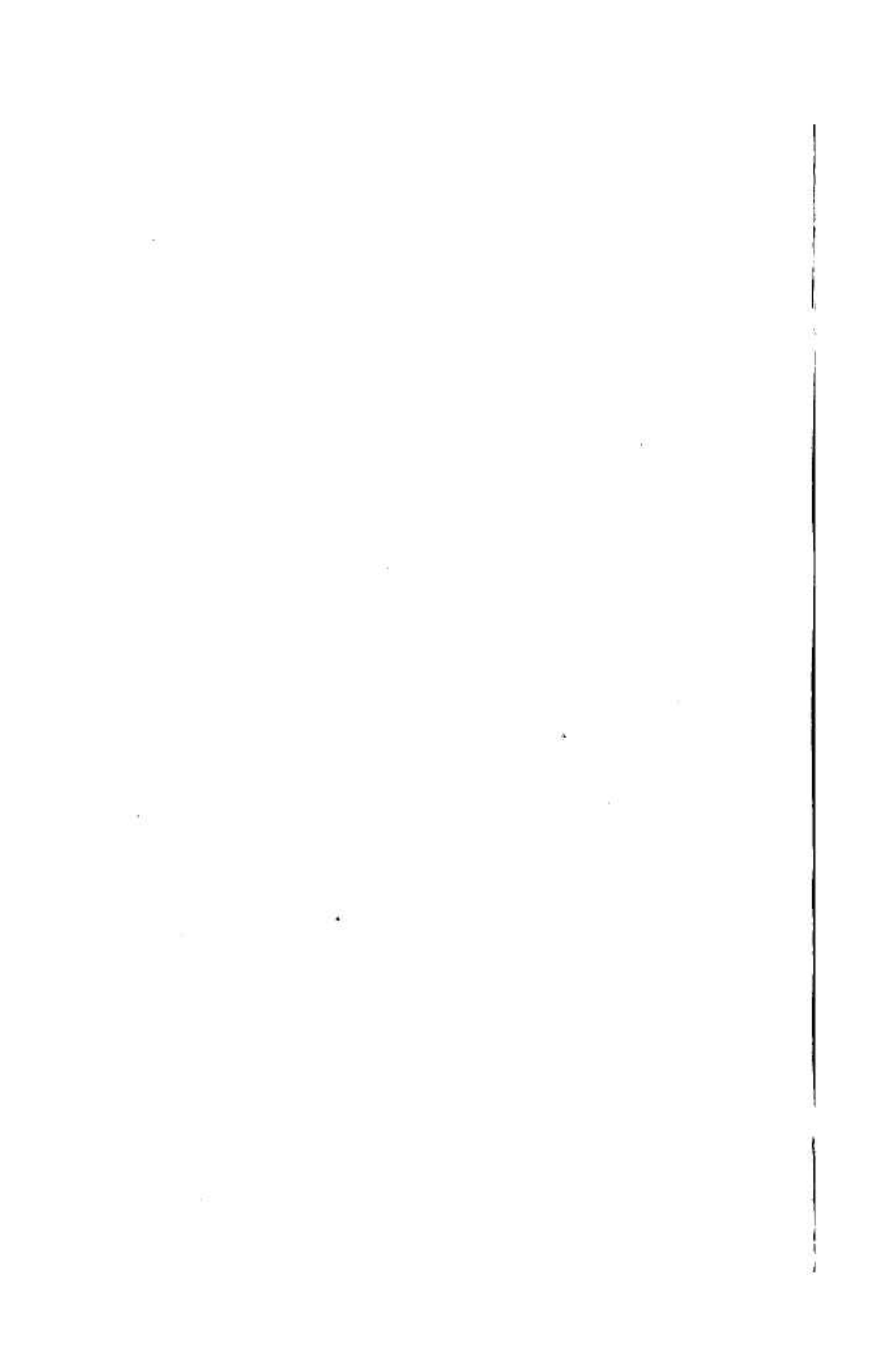
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LINE OF ANCESTRY
OF THE
PRESTON FAMILY

- I. ROGER, born 1614, had:
Thomas, Samuel, John, Jacob, Levi, Elizabeth, and Mary.
- II. SAMUEL, born 1651, had:
Samuel, William, Susanna, Mary, Jacob, Elizabeth, John,
Joseph, Ruth, Lydia, and Priscilla.
- III. JACOB, born 1681, had:
Jacob, Benjamin, William, Joseph, David, and John.
- IV. JACOB, born 1703, had:
Sarah, Jacob, Abiel, Eneas, Mary, Eunice, Hannah, and
Abraham.
- V. JACOB, born 1733, had:
Shubal, Jacob, Samuel, Charles, Sarah, Foster, Roswell,
Ambros, Mary (Polly), and Chloe.
- VI. ROSWELL, born 1771, had:
Chloe, Amanda, Alvah, Roswell, Mary, William, Jacob,
Julia-Ann, and Sabrina.
- VII. JACOB, born 1810, had:
Theodore, Edward, Marcus, Benjamin, Norman, Abner,
and Charles.
- VIII. EDWARD, born 1841, had:
- IX. MYERS ALBERT, born 1874.



PRESTON FAMILY.

The emigration of the Puritans to New England, which commenced with the sailing of the *Mayflower* in 1620, continued unabated until 1640, when the Puritan opposition to ecclesiastical tyranny in Old England became so aggressive that Charles I, after eleven years of despotic rule, was compelled to again summon a parliament. The Long Parliament enacted laws which were designed to suppress the tyranny of the Church of England and to limit the despotic power of the King. The enactment of those laws and the political revolution which followed, for a time, checked the tide of emigration. While it lasted, however, over twenty-five thousand Puritans had settled in America.

[1.] ROGER PRESTON was one of that number. He was born in England in 1614. In 1635, at the age of twenty one years, he took the oath of allegiance, in London, and sailed for America in the ship "Elizabeth and Ann." His name first appears on the records of the town of Ipswich, Mass., in 1639. His wife Martha, whom he married in 1642, was born 1622. Roger and Martha Preston were residents of Ipswich until 1657 when they moved to Salem, Mass., where Roger died 20 January, 1666. Martha, his widow, married (second) Nicholas Holt of Andover, and thereafter was a resident of Andover taking her sons, Samuel, John and Jacob Preston with her to her new home.

Martha (Preston) Holt died at Andover, 21 March, 1703, aged eighty years.

Roger and Martha Preston had five sons and two daughters.

Thomas, the oldest son, born 1643, married Rebecca Nurse, a daughter of the witchcraft martyr.

Jacob Preston, born in 1658, perished at sea, 1679.

Mary Preston married Nathaniel Ingersoll, and Elizabeth married William Henfield, both of Salem, Mass. Of Levi, little is known. John Preston was a soldier in the Narragansett war, 1670-1675. He

married Sarah (Gary) Holt and settled at Windham, Connecticut, where, on 18 Dec., 1727, he conveyed lands as follows:—

"I, John Preston, Sen., of Windham, sell to my cousin, John Preston Jun., of "Windham, land granted me for serving his majesty in the expedition to Narragansett "under Capt. Gardner, I being then of Andover and called John Jun."

* [2.] SAMUEL², second son of Roger and Martha Preston, was born at Ipswich, 1651. He was a resident of Andover where he married (first) Susanna Gutterson, 27 May, 1671. Susanna died 29 Dec., 1710. Samuel married (second), 24 Sept., 1713, Mary (Rolandson) Blodgett, widow of John Blodgett.

Samuel Preston died at Andover 10 July, 1738, aged 87 years.

Samuel and Susanna Preston had five sons and six daughters born between the dates of 1672 and 1695. Their fifth child:—

* [3.] JACOB³ was born at Andover, Mass., 24 Feb., 1681. He married Sarah Wilson at Andover, 2 June, 1702. He remained in Andover until sometime between 1718 and 1723, when he moved to Connecticut and settled in that portion of Windham which is included in the present town of Hampton. On 23 October, 1723, he purchased lands from Robert Holt in Windham. He and his family remained in Windham until 1742 when he moved to the adjoining town of Ashford, where he doubtless passed the remainder of his days. He sold lands in Ashford to Jacob Preston Jr., in 1754 and 1756. He united with church in Andover, 31 Aug. 1718, transferred to Second Church in Windham, 17 Nov. 1723, thence to church in Ashford, 13 June, 1742.

While residing at Andover, Mass., Jacob and Sarah (Wilson) Preston had:—

4. I. JACOB, b. 1703; lived in Windham and Ashford.
5. II. BENJAMIN, b. 20 Aug., 1705; lived in Windham.
6. III. WILLIAM, b. 1711; lived in Windham, had 10 children.
7. IV. JOSEPH, bapt. 14 Sept., 1712; lived in Windham and elsewhere.
8. V. DAVID, b. —; lived in Windham, and Dover, N. Y.
9. VI. JOHN, b. 12 Jan., 1716; lived in Windham and Ashford.

These Preston families, while not the pioneers, were yet among the early settlers of Windham. Although settlements had been made