Joseph Chapman of Norwich and Colchester, Connecticut - A Historical Reconciliation

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A conflict of opinion has existed since the last century respecting the parentage of Joseph Chapman who died in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut on June 10, 1725. Was he the son of William Chapman I of New London, Connecticut (i.e., William the Immigrant), or Symon Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts? Both of these Chapmans had a son named Joseph who lived for a time in New London. The author has uncovered what he considers proof that should resolve the conflict and put the question to rest.

Joseph Chapman, son of William Chapman of New London

Published histories assign Joseph Chapman of Norwich, Connecticut to be the son of either Symon or William Chapman. In 1854, Reverend Frederick William Chapman, A.M., published a well-known history of Chapmans in Connecticut entitled, in part, The Chapman Family...with Genealogical Notes of William Chapman, Who Settled New London, Conn.... In this work, Rev. F.W. Chapman describes Joseph Chapman as a son of "William Chapman, the settler, born as is supposed in 1667..." Joseph is further described as having been a mariner who married Marcy (surname unknown), by whom he had eight children. He resided in Norwich, Connecticut where he died June 10, 1725.

Another prominent history that assigns Joseph Chapman as a son of William Chapman I of New London was published in 1866 by Frances Manwaring Caulkins. This work, entitled History of Norwich, Connecticut: From its Possession by the Indians, to the Year 1866, contains the following words concerning Joseph Chapman: "Joseph Chapman, probably son of William of New London, admitted 1715; died June 10, 1725." In her 1860 work entitled History of New London, Connecticut: From the First Survey of the Coast in 1612, to 1852, Ms. Caulkins describes Joseph Chapman, son of William Chapman of New London, as "...A mariner. He removed his family to Norwich, where he died June 10th, 1725."

Joseph Chapman, son of Symon Chapman of Ipswich

In contrast, Jacob Chapman, A.M. published in 1893 a history entitled Edward Chapman of Ipswich, Mass., 1642-1678, and His Descendants. In this work, the Joseph Chapman who died on June 10, 1725 is described as a son of Simon [or Symon] Chapman, son of Edward Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Mention is made that Joseph married "Mary (daughter of Paul) Wentworth, of Rowley [Massachusetts]. Her father, in 1707, removed to Norwich or New London, Conn. She had eight children..."

Purpose and Basis

The purpose of this article is to show that the Joseph Chapman who died in Norwich, Connecticut on June 10, 1725 was in fact the son of Symon Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and that Joseph

Chapman, son of William Chapman I of New London, Connecticut, actually died in Colchester, Connecticut on January 18, 1765.

The basis for these conclusions is set forth in the following historical sketches of both Joseph Chapmans. These have been prepared from documented historical events in the lives of the two subjects and others, researched largely from microfilm copies of Connecticut and Massachusetts original source documents. These documents include land, probate, military, church, and town (including vital) records. They were researched by the author at the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Consideration has been given for other known adult Joseph Chapmans who lived in Connecticut or Massachusetts during the early 1700s. The historical sketches presented by the author hereafter do not appear to pertain to any Joseph Chapman other than the two in question.[2]

To facilitate identification of the two Joseph Chapmans, they are identified in the historical sketches by the name of the town where they last resided. Therefore, Joseph Chapman, son of William Chapman I of New London, Connecticut, is known as "Joseph Chapman of Colchester", and Joseph Chapman (Senior), son of Symon Chapman of Ipswich, Mass., is known as "Joseph Chapman of Norwich." A chart accompanies this article which sets forth portions of the family trees of the subject Joseph Chapmans to aid in understanding the family relationships noted herein.

Joseph Chapman of Colchester

Joseph Chapman of Colchester was born in 1667 in New London County, Connecticut at or near New London township. He was one of five sons of William Chapman I of New London, namely John, William, Samuel, Jeremiah, and Joseph. William Chapman also had two daughters, Sarah and Rebecca.

On January 12, 1699, the will of William Chapman I of New London, then deceased, was recorded. Joseph Chapman was identified as a son of the deceased and was granted an equal portion of the estate. On May 31, 1701, Joseph Chapman, together with his brothers, assigned all of their interest in the family homestead in New London township to their brother Jeremiah Chapman. This was in accordance with the will of their deceased father.

Sometime between 1701 and 1714, Joseph Chapman and some of his kinsmen relocated from New London to Colchester township, (then) Hartford County, Connecticut.[3] The precise year of Joseph's move is not known, but may have coincided with that of his eldest brother, John Chapman, who was an acknowledged land owner in Colchester in January 1703. Joseph's brother, William Chapman, purchased land in Colchester from John Chapman in 1722. At that time, William already was a resident of Colchester. Joseph's nephew, Samuel Chapman Junior of New London, purchased Colchester land in 1713 and 1715, but did not apparently move to Colchester.

The early land records of Colchester record cattle identification marks or brands used by some of Colchester's residents. Cattle brands for John Chapman, John Chapman Junior, William Chapman, and Joseph Chapman are recorded. (See Endnote 3.) Joseph Chapman's brand is recorded as "A Swallows Tail on the Right Ear and a half Penny Cut on the fore side of the Same Ear and a Crop on the Left Ear."

Joseph Chapman's name appears in several entries in early Colchester town records. Town entries dated 1714 name Joseph Chapman as both a creditor and debtor of the town. (The town owed him for rattle snakes which he killed.) On April 21, 1718, "John Chapman Senr. of Colchester" (his brother) sold 40 acres of Colchester land to "Joseph Chapman of Colchester." Although the description of this land does not give coordinate metes and bounds, it does mention that the property bordered land of a Decon [Deacon] Lomis and Thomas Lomis.

At a Colchester town meeting held December 11, 1726, Joseph Chapman was named as a collector for the township. Town records dated 1727 record several instances of the collection of funds by Joseph Chapman, collector, on behalf of Colchester township, and also John Chapman and (Mr.) Lomis. In 1729 and 1731, Joseph Chapman was a witness of record to the sale of two Colchester land tracts by William Chapman of Groton. This William Chapman was his nephew, a son of William Chapman of Colchester. (See Endnote 8.)

Joseph Chapman was apparently married. An August 28, 1753 entry in the death records of the First Congregational Church of Colchester records the death of a Mrs. Joseph Chapman "Aged about 75 years." No other Joseph Chapman living at or near Colchester at that time would have had a wife of that advanced age. (Joseph Chapman was 86 years old in 1753.) The approximate birth year of Mrs. Joseph Chapman of Colchester, mathematically calculated from her death date and age, is 1678. No details about her life or marriage to Joseph Chapman are known.

On March 27, 1749, "Joseph Chapman of Colchester" sold his 40 acres of Colchester land, purchased in 1718 from John Chapman, to "Benajah Tubbs of Colchester." This property is described, in part, as land bordering that of Deacon Samuel Lomis Jr., Capt. Jacob Lomis, and David Dodge. These individuals purchased their land from Joseph Chapman's original neighbors, Deacon Samuel Lomis Sr. and Thomas Lomis, between 1725 and 1732.

The price received by Joseph Chapman for the sale of his 40 acre Colchester farm (recorded in Colchester land records on December 5, 1751) is described as being "...For and in consideration of the love, goodwill, and affection which I have for and to bear unto Benajah Tubbs of Colchester." These words in the deed of sale were commonly used at that time by parents leaving real property to their children. It is not known whether Benajah Tubbs was related to Joseph Chapman.[4]

In a January 19, 1753 entry in Colchester town records, record is made of the appointment of Stephen Gardner of Colchester "To have the oversight of said Joseph Chapman & his estate until the first day of December [?] next." The reason for this appointment is stated thusly: "Joseph Chapman of said Colchester is incapable to manage his business." This town notice further "...Forbid(s) any persons whatsoever [from] making any manner of Contract with said Chapman without Liberty first obtained of said Mr. Stephen Gardner..." Stephen Gardner appears to have been a neighbor of the Chapmans in Colchester. It is not known if he was related to them.

The question of whether or not Joseph Chapman of Colchester had any children has not been definitively resolved. The aforementioned Colchester land and town record entries contain inconclusive information. The absence of any mention or record of children of Joseph Chapman in Colchester is perhaps a statement in itself, although not a definite one. Unfortunately, he left no recorded will. It appears to the author, however, that Joseph Chapman did not have any children, at least any who lived in Colchester.

According to the records of the First Congregational Church of Colchester, Joseph Chapman died on "January 18, 1765 aged 98 years." This entry provides, by way of mathematical calculation, the birth year of Joseph Chapman of Colchester as being 1667 (1765 less 98 years). The long life of Joseph Chapman was not unusual to his family. His brothers John and Samuel Chapman lived to be 97 and 93 years of age, respectively.

Joseph Chapman of Norwich

Joseph Chapman of Norwich was born March 16, 1682 in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts. He was the seventh of eight children of Symon and Mary (Brewer) Chapman, who were married in Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts on March 21, 1666. Symon and Mary Chapman lived in Rowley until about 1679, when they returned to his native town of Ipswich.

Mercy Wentworth, born July 18, 1686 apparently at Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts, was a daughter of Paul and Katherine Wentworth of Rowley. She was baptized there in her eleventh year on May 16, 1697 with ten of her brothers and sisters. These baptisms were performed and recorded by Reverend Edward Payson of the First Congregational Church of Rowley. Benjamin and Edward Wentworth, Mercy's youngest brothers, were baptized shortly after their births in 1698 and 1700. Paul and Katherine Wentworth were members of this church, Katherine having been baptized by Reverend Payson on August 30, 1696.

On Feb. 5, 1707 an intention of marriage was recorded in Ipswich, Massachusetts for Joseph Chapman and his bride-to-be, Mercy Wentworth of Rowley. Two months later, on April 23, 1707, Joseph Chapman and Mercy Wintworth (Wentworth) were married at Rowley, Massachusetts. They apparently did not remain long in Rowley, however.

In 1707 Paul and Katherine Wentworth migrated to New London township, New London County, Connecticut, reportedly becoming affiliated with the 1st Congregational Church in New London on June 29, 1707. In about 1715 the Wentworths moved to Norwich where Paul was accepted as an inhabitant of the town December 20, 1715. Norwich town records record the names and birth dates of each of the children of Paul and Katherine Wintworth (Wentworth), covering a period from 1680 to 1700. This birth information, made as one entry in the Norwich town records, was written years after the actual births and baptisms of the Wentworth children at Rowley.[5]

On March 22, 1713 Katherine Wentworth, daughter of Paul and Katherine Wentworth and sister of Mercy Wentworth Chapman, was married to Daniel Chapman, a son of John Chapman of Colchester and grandson of William Chapman I of New London. This marriage is recorded in Colchester town records alongside the birth dates of all of their children. It is not known if the marriage was performed in Colchester, or merely recorded there later.

Joseph and Mercy Chapman also migrated from Rowley, Massachusetts to New London township, Connecticut in 1707, probably with Mercy's parents. There is no record of any children born to Joseph and Mercy Chapman in either Ipswich or Rowley, Massachusetts. (They had four children born between 1708 and 1714.) On the other hand, the names and birth dates of all eight of the children of Joseph and Mercy Chapman are recorded in the town records of Norwich, Connecticut. However, only the latter four children were born in Norwich, as is shown hereafter.

In an October 11, 1714 Norwich land deed, "Joseph Chapman **of New London**" is recorded as having purchased a 40 acre tract of land in Norwich on Wawecus Hill from Daniel Huntington of Norwich. That this Joseph Chapman was later known as Joseph Chapman of Norwich is shown in several Norwich land record entries. In two of them, dated April and May 1729, Joseph Chapman (Junior) of Norwich assigned his interest in his "Honored father's" land on Wawecus Hill to Thomas Carew, administrator of the estate of Joseph Chapman of Norwich, deceased. Subsequently, most of Joseph Chapman's children sold their interest in their father's land to Benjamin Wentworth of Norwich, their uncle and Mercy Chapman's brother.

It appears, therefore, that the first four children of Joseph and Mercy Chapman, namely Joseph Junior, Mary, Moses, and Sarah, were born in New London prior to the family's move to Norwich, Connecticut. The latter four, Ezekiel, Aaron, Daniel and Simon Chapman, were born in Norwich, Connecticut. Both New London and Norwich are (and were) located in New London County, Connecticut.

In 1715, Joseph Chapman was admitted to Norwich, Connecticut by public vote. He is said to have been a mariner, an occupation common to that town, as well as his home town of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Norwich is situated inland on the Thames River, a navigable tidal waterway stretching north from New London township. (See accompanying map/inset.) That Norwich was home to another

mariner from Ipswich is noted by Frances Caulkins in her aforementioned History of Norwich.[6]

On May 4, 1718, "Joseph Chapman and Mercy his wife" were recorded as having "Owned ye covenant" of the First Congregational Church of Norwich, Connecticut. On this same day two of their children, Joseph Chapman Jr. and Sarah Chapman, were baptized into this church. Others of their children were subsequently baptized. In 1720 and 1721 respectively, Joseph Chapman and "Mercy Chapman, the wife of Joseph Chapman" were admitted to full communion in the First Congregational Church of Norwich.

On June 10, 1725, Joseph Chapman (senior) died, apparently in Norwich. His eldest daughter, Mary, preceded him in death by one week, having passed away on June 3, 1725. The town records of Norwich record the above two names and death dates, together with the names and birth dates of all of the children of Joseph and Mercy Chapman, on one page.

The Joseph Chapman of Norwich estate was probated through the Probate Court of New London. Joseph Chapman left no will, and hence on April 29, 1729, the Court named an administrator of his estate, Thomas Carew of Norwich. In May 1729 the estate's assets were inventoried and valued at 193 pounds, 160 pounds of which apparently were for land, house and fence. The Joseph Chapman estate was not closed until June 23, 1743, when his youngest child, Simon Chapman, was coming of (legal) age.

Mercy Chapman Remarries

On December 19, 1728, Mercy (Marcy) Chapman married William Chapman, as recorded in a Colchester land record.[7] This marriage is acknowledged in a May 23, 1729 Norwich land deed wherein "William Chapman Junr. and his wife Marcy of Colchester" transfer all of their right and dower interest in the late Joseph Chapman's land on Wawecus Hill in Norwich to Thomas Carew of Norwich, the aforementioned administrator of the Joseph Chapman (Sr.) estate. This quit claim deed states "...Whereas Marcy the **now wife** of said William Chapman was formerly the wife of Joseph Chapman of Norwich aforesaid..." The above reference to William Chapman as William Chapman Junior is explained in an endnote to this article.[8]

William Chapman was a son of John Chapman of Colchester, the eldest son of William Chapman I of New London. Mercy Chapman's remarriage, therefore, was to a nephew of Joseph Chapman of Colchester! William and Mercy likely met through Mercy's sister, Katherine Wentworth, who married William's brother, Daniel Chapman of Colchester, in 1713. Accordingly, the lineages of Joseph Chapman of Colchester and Joseph Chapman of Norwich were connected through marriages to two of the daughters of Paul and Katherine Wentworth, as shown on the accompanying chart. It is not known if the subject Joseph Chapmans have a common blood ancestor.

The marriage of William Chapman and Mercy Chapman brought together two single parent families. William Chapman had four children, Susannah, Mary, Abigail, and Ebenezer, all born between 1715 and 1724. (See Endnote 7.) Mercy Chapman had seven living children at the time of the union of the two families: Joseph Jr., Moses, Sarah, Ezekiel, Aaron, Daniel and Simon.[9] The latter four corresponded in age to William's children.

William and Mercy Chapman lived in Colchester following their December 19, 1728 marriage. Ten days preceding it, William Chapman became a "Way Warden" for the township of Colchester, as noted in town records. On January 3, 1730, "William Chapman had a daughter born & dyed", as recorded immediately beneath the Colchester marriage record entry of William and Marcy Chapman. It appears that this child is their daughter.

Two of Mercy Chapman's children moved to Colchester following her removal there with William Chapman. In 1732 Mercy's son, Moses Chapman (referred to as "Moses Chapman of Colchester"), purchased land from his step-father, William Chapman. Colchester town records affirm that Moses Chapman lived there until 1738 or 1739. In 1736, Sarah Chapman, described as late of Norwich but now of Colchester, married George Holms of Colchester. She had two children born there before her untimely death in 1740.

Most of the Colchester history of William and Mercy Chapman is unknown. Mercy Chapman is known to have been alive on June 23, 1743 when her late husband's estate was finally closed in Norwich. On January 3, 1751/52, William Chapman sold Colchester land to his son, Ebenezer Chapman, which he (William) had purchased from his father, John Chapman Sr. of Colchester, in 1739. The last known record of William is his April 10, 1758 sale of land to Benjamin Morgan of Colchester. The land sold is described as "...Being in the township of Colchester in ye [district] of New Salem...being part of ye farm I live on..." It is presumed that William and Mercy Chapman lived out their married life together in Colchester.

Conclusion

From the above and accompanying information, it is evident that Joseph Chapman of Colchester and Joseph Chapman of Norwich were two separate individuals of different parentage. Joseph Chapman of Norwich was a son of Symon Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts and reportedly was a mariner. Joseph Chapman of Colchester was a son of William Chapman I of New London, Connecticut, and was a collector for the township of Colchester. Both were early American colonists of apparent English ancestry.

The history of these two men has become confused over the years, essentially leaving Joseph Chapman of Colchester a forgotten man, and Joseph Chapman of Norwich a misplaced one. It is hoped that the evidence discussed in this article will enable their kinsmen or descendants to have an enlarged appreciation for the lives they led, the faith they had, and the foundation they laid for those who followed.

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ENDNOTES

1. The complete name of the book published by Reverend Frederick William Chapman, A.M., in 1854 is The Chapman Family: or the Descendants of Robert Chapman, One of the First Settlers of Saybrook, Conn., with Genealogical Notes of William Chapman, Who Settled New London, Conn.; Edward Chapman, Who Settled at Windsor, Conn., John Chapman, of Stonington, Conn.; and Rev. Benjamin Chapman, of Southington, Conn. This book was published by Case, Tiffany and Company of Hartford, Connecticut. On the title page the author is identified as a descendant of Robert Chapman of Saybrook, Connecticut.

2. Other known adult Joseph Chapmans who lived in Connecticut or Massachusetts during 1700 to 1715:

a. **Joseph Chapman, son of John and Elizabeth (Hawley) Chapman**, and grandson of Robert Chapman of Saybrook, Connecticut. Born July 1673 at Saybrook, Connecticut, Joseph Chapman [Senior] reportedly resided in the town of Saybrook during his lifetime. His wife's name was Sarah (Spencer ?), and they had six children, the eldest being Joseph Chapman [Junior], born March 2, 1701 at Saybrook. Joseph Chapman Senior died in 1732. He may have been one of the two Joseph Chapmans listed with the soldiers in the first company of Saybrook militia in 1724.

b. **Joseph Chapman, son of Samuel and Ruth (Ingalls) Chapman**, and grandson of Edward Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Born April 6, 1685 at Ipswich, Massachusetts. After the death of his mother in 1700, he removed with his father and kin to Hampton, New Hampshire. In 1724 Joseph was co-administrator of the estate of his father, Samuel Chapman. Joseph died at Hampton, New Hampshire in March 1750. He never married.

c. **Joseph Chapman, son of Samuel and Bethia (Tubbs) Chapman**, and grandson of William Chapman I of New London, Connecticut. Born June 20, 1694 at New London, Connecticut. He died at the age of 19 on July 12, 1713, as noted in the journal of an early resident of New London, Connecticut.

3. In the book, Taintor's Colchester (Conn.) Records, published in 1901 by James Knox Blish, a quotation from early Colchester town records states: "We have ascertained where some more of the early

settlers were from, viz...John Chapman, from New London..." (page 156). Minutes of several early Colchester town meetings contain references to John Chapman as both a landowner and resident of Colchester, including those of January 21, 1703 and July 3, 1704. On April 15, 1706, "John Chapman of Colchester" purchased land in Colchester from Daniel Stabins of New London, a deed witnessed by John's brother, Jeremiah Chapman.

Joseph Chapman and William Chapman, brothers of John Chapman of Colchester, are mentioned in several early Colchester town and land record entries. The earliest observed date which **may** apply to them is December 29, 1703. On this date, the "marks for cattle" of John Chapman were recorded in a Colchester land record. Following this entry, as though part of it, although on a subsequent page, are recorded the cattle marks of John Chapman Junior, Joseph Chapman, and William Chapman. William Chapman's name next appears in 1713, and Joseph Chapman's in 1714.

In 1713 and 1715, Samuel Chapman Junior of New London, son of Samuel Chapman, brother of Joseph, purchased land tracts in Colchester. The deeds for these two purchases were witnessed by William Chapman and John Chapman, respectively. These same tracts of land were later sold in 1718 and 1720. In both the deeds of purchase and sale, Samuel Chapman Junior is described as being "of New London," indicating that he may not have ever lived in Colchester.

4. First Congregational Church of Colchester records, which were kept beginning in 1732, have no marriage record entry for a Benajah Tubbs. The only observed First Congregation Church of Colchester marriage entry involving a Tubbs and a Chapman, up through 1755, is that of Samuel Tubs and Ann Chapman, who were married in January 1751. It should be noted that Joseph Chapman's brother, Samuel Chapman, who resided near New London township, was reportedly married to a Bethia Tubbs.

5. The town records of Norwich kept for the 1700s, as well as those of Colchester and other colonial Connecticut townships, do not contain entries for births, marriages, and deaths as they are kept today. These vital statistics were kept accordingly to a different system, one often disorganized and incomplete. As a result, vital statistics from different periods of the 1700s were often entered **on the same page.** Also, vital statistics were usually grouped by families on a single page in the town records, with an indication of the relationship of the individuals listed. These entries often appear to have been recorded many years after the date of the actual event.

Places for the birth, marriage and death entries are rarely specified in 1700s Connecticut town records. The fact that a vital statistic is recorded in a town record does not necessarily mean that the event actually occurred in that township. Names and dates were often recorded where a family settled, not where the births,

etc. occurred. It should be noted that early Connecticut vital or other town records were occasionally recorded in the **land** records of the township. Land record indexes do not always note this fact, or all of the earliest land transactions.

6. In her 1866 History of Norwich, Connecticut, page 229, Frances Caulkins recounts the history of a mariner from Ipswich, Massachusetts who relocated to Norwich, Connecticut, as follows: "John, son of John Fillmore, was born at Ipswich, March 1702. His father was a mariner, and died at sea about the year 1711. His mother's maiden name was Abigail Tilton. She married for her second husband, Robert Bell, and removed with him to Norwich West Farms. Her son, John Fillmore, returning from sea, was united Nov. 9, 1724, to Mary Spiller of Ipswich, and on the 28th of the same month made a purchase of lands in Norwich, where he planted his hearth-stone and spent the remainder of his days."

7. In volume three of the land records of Colchester township, Connecticut, written in the middle of an index page for the letters J, K, L, and M, are entries recording the following information pertaining to William Chapman, son of John Chapman of Colchester:

"Susanah Daughter to William Chapman was born February 28th 1715/16
Mary Daughter to William Chapman was born January 20th 1717/18
Abigaiell Daughter to Wm Chapman was born June ye 28 1720
Ebenezer Son to William Chapman was born March 22 1724
William Chapman & Marcy Chapman were married Decembr 19 1728
William Chapman had a daughter born & dyed January 3 1730"

The above vital record entries, written one on top of the other, appear to have been recorded by the same hand (and at the same time) as the land index handwriting surrounding it.

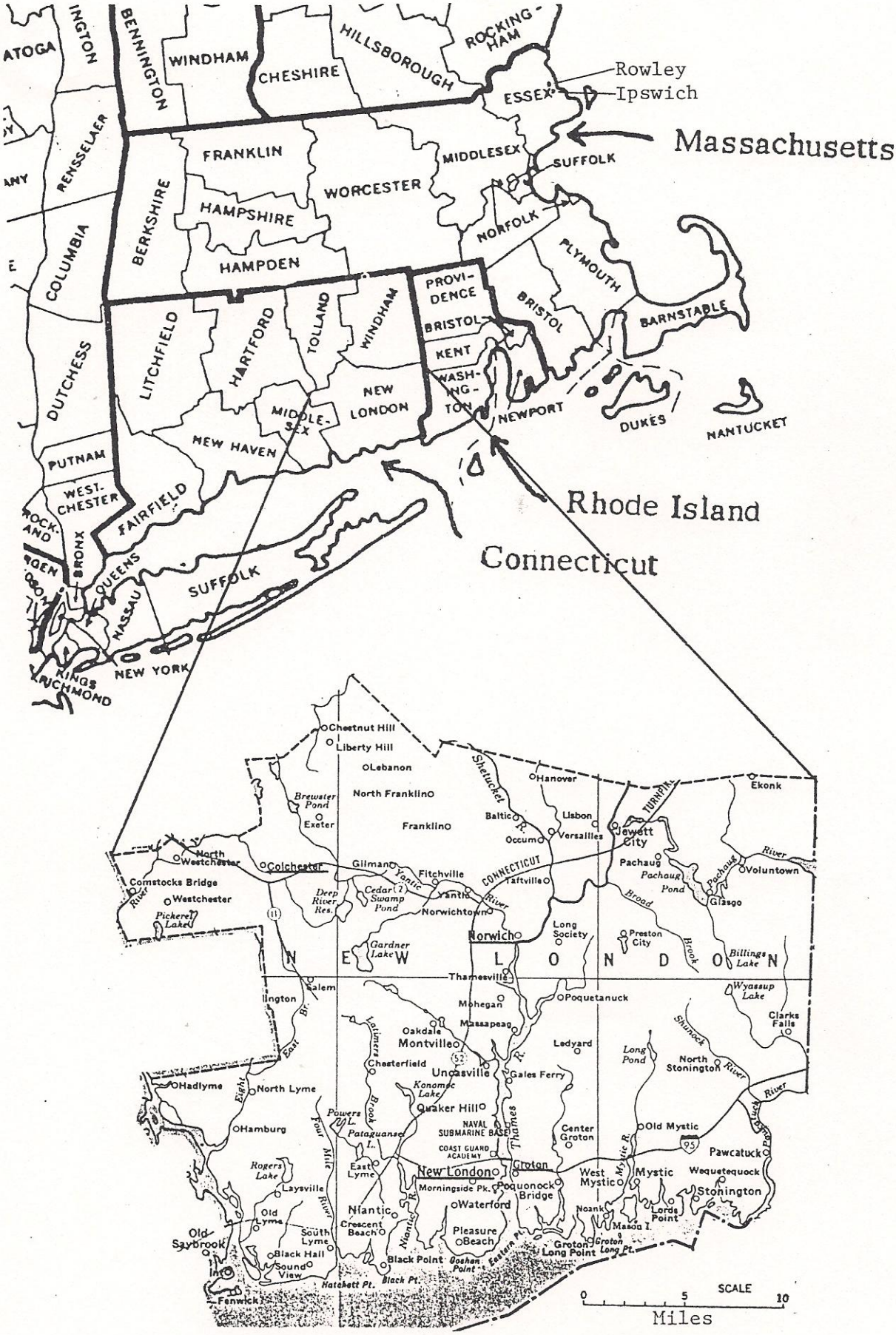
8. As noted in the accompanying chart, William Chapman the Immigrant had two sons, John Chapman (Senior) and William Chapman (William Chapman II), both of whom had sons named William. Colchester town records between 1715 and 1734, however, appear to refer to William Chapman, son of John, as William Chapman **Junior**. This designation was apparently made in the town records in order to differentiate between the two adult William Chapmans living in Colchester at that time: John Chapman's son, William, born circa 1689, and John's own brother, William (William Chapman II), born circa 1654.

Support for this explanation lies in several recorded documents, but principally in those recording the actual William Chapman Junior (William Chapman III) as a resident of New London in 1713, and later Groton, Connecticut by 1718. In the latter year he married Mercy Stoddard, daughter of Robert Stoddard of Groton, Connecticut. Following his marriage, William Chapman III, now William Chapman of Groton, remained a resident of Groton throughout his married life. He did, it should be noted, continue to own land in Colchester near his Chapman relatives until 1753. However, in each of his Colchester land transactions he was referred to as

"William Chapman of Groton," his place of residence.

William Chapman, son of John Chapman Senior, on the other hand, lived in Colchester for the duration of his life. Following the death of his uncle, William Chapman of Colchester (William Chapman II) in the mid-1730s, he was no longer referred to in Colchester records as William Chapman Junior.

9. About the time of the remarriage of Mercy Wentworth Chapman, three of her seven living children were no longer living at home. This was due to the following events, all of which took place at Norwich: Joseph Chapman Junior married Elizabeth Ormsby, his second wife, on February 22, 1728. (Joseph Junior's first wife, Mary Taylor Chapman, died a short time after the birth of their first child in 1727.) Aaron Chapman, on March 25, 1728, was bound out as an apprentice blacksmith to Ebenezer Lothrup and his wife of Norwich. On January 13, 1729/30, Moses Chapman chose Ensign Samuel Leffingwell of Norwich as his guardian.



New London County, Conn.

CHART OF THE FAMILIES OF SYMON CHAPMAN OF IPSWICH, MASS., SON OF EDWARD CHAPMAN, AND WILLIAM CHAPMAN OF NEW LONDON, CONN. (WILLIAM THE IMMIGRANT) SHOWING MARRIAGES WITH DAUGHTERS OF PAUL WENTWORTH OF ROWLEY, MASS. ETC., AND SUMMARY INFORMATION ON JOSEPH CHAPMAN OF NORWICH, AND JOSEPH CHAPMAN OF COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SYMON CHAPMAN OF IPSWICH, MASS., AND MARY BREWER, HIS WIFE

DAUGHTERS OF PAUL & KATHERINE WENTWORTH

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF WILLIAM CHAPMAN I OF NEW LONDON, CONN., AND SARAH, HIS WIFE

SYMON b. 1667 | EDWARD b. 1669 | JOHN b. 1671 | SIMON b. 1672 | MARY b. 1677 | SAMUEL b. 1680 | JOSEPH @ b. 1682 d. 1725 | STEPHEN b. 1685

MERCY b. 1686 | KATHERINE b. 1694

JOHN (SENIOR) b. 1653 | WILLIAM b. 1654 E | SAMUEL b. 1665 | JOSEPH # b. 1667 d. 1765 | JEREMIAH b. 1670 E | SARAH | REBECCA

Married 1707 — Rowley, Mass.

WILLIAM b.1689 E | DANIEL b.1693 E | WILLIAM b. 1691 | SAMUEL JR. b. 1689

Married 1713 — Colchester, CT.

Married 1728 — Colch. CT.

-SUMMARY-
JOSEPH CHAPMAN OF NORWICH @

Birth Date: March 16, 1682
Birth Place: Ipswich, Mass.
Marriage Date: April 23, 1707
Marriage Place: Rowley, Mass.
Wife's Name: Mercy Wentworth
Number of Children: Eight
Death Date: June 10, 1725
Death Place: Norwich, Conn.
Father: Symon Chapman of Ipswich
Mother: Mary Brewer
Grandfather: Edward Chapman of Ipswich

Children:

JOSEPH	4/5/1708
MARY	9/17/1709
MOSES	11/10/1711
SARAH	1/9/1713/4
EZEKIEL	3/3/1715/6
AARON	7/12/1718
DANIEL	1/10/1720/1
SIMON	4/22/1723

(First 4 born at New London, last 4 born at Norwich, Conn.)

Children:

daughter 1/3/1730

Other Children of William Chapman, son of John:

SUSANNAH	2/28/1715/6
MARY	1/20/1717/8
ABIGAIL	6/28/1720
EBENEZER	3/22/1724

(All born at Colchester, Conn.; name of William's first wife is unknown)

-SUMMARY-
JOSEPH CHAPMAN OF COLCHESTER #

Birth Date: 1667
Birth Place: New London, Conn.
Marriage Date: Unknown
Marriage Place: Unknown
Wife's Name: Unknown (he was married)
Number of Children: None known
Death Date: Jan. 18, 1765
Death Place: Colchester, Conn.
Father: William Chapman I of New London
Mother: Sarah (surname unknown)
Grandfather: Unknown

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First Congregational Church
Colchester, Connecticut
Church Records - Volume One
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Joseph Chapman, son of Wm. the Immigrant

1768 Mar[illegible] — 1
April 11 Freedom Chamberlin aged about 59 — 3
April 12 a Child of Black Ned — 4
April 24 Joannah Dau[gh]t[e]r of Aaron Gillet aged 2 Years — 5
June 30 Hannah Brown aged 69 — 6
Sept 25 Jacob [illegible] aged 27 Years — 7
Sept 26 the Wid[o] Staples aged [illegible] — 8
October 15 a Child of Jem[s] Bigelow Still born — 9
Dec[r] 29 Abiah Wife of Joseph Chamberlin — 10
Nov[r] 28 a Child of Edward Brown Still born — 11
Nov[r] — a Child of Dan[l] Foot Esq[r] Still born — 12

1769 Feb[y] 19 the Wife of Steph[n] Beckwith — 1
April 1 a Child of Stephen Kelley aged 2 Years — 2
May 25 a Child of Job Chamber[s] aged about 2 Months — 3
July 5 Jn[o] Son of Jn[o] Waters aged 18 Years — 4
July 30 David Day Aged near 70 Years — 5
Sept[r] — a Infant of Jem[s] Bigelow — 6
Sept[r] — Sarah Worthington aged 82 — 7
Oct[r] 14 [illegible] Wife of Elijah Walkin — 8

1769 Jan[y] 13 the Wife of Elisha Bigelow aged [illegible] — 1
Jan[y] 18 Joseph Chapman aged 98 Years — 2
[illegible] Wid[o] of Jonathan Cook aged 72 — 3
[illegible] Son of Dan[l] Buckley — 4
[illegible] Simeon Welch aged 10 Years — 5
[illegible] Day aged 81 Years — 6
[illegible] a Son of Jn[o] Day aged 15 Years — 7
May 27 a Child of Will[m] Adorson Still born — 8
June 5 Sus[a] Negro Wench of Jn[o] Bigelow — 9
June 6 the Wife of Dan[l] Foot Esq[r] aged 46 — 10

[illegible] a Negro Child of Jn[o] Fairton — 1
[illegible] Jane Kelborn aged 87 Years — 2
[illegible] Clark aged about 47 Years — 3
[illegible] a Child of Jacob Fairfield 2 Years — 4
[illegible] Wife of Jacob Hills aged about 86 Years — 5