

Bennett Famous Relations

Founder &
1st Governor
of Rhode Island



10th great-grandfather

William
Arnold
1587-1677

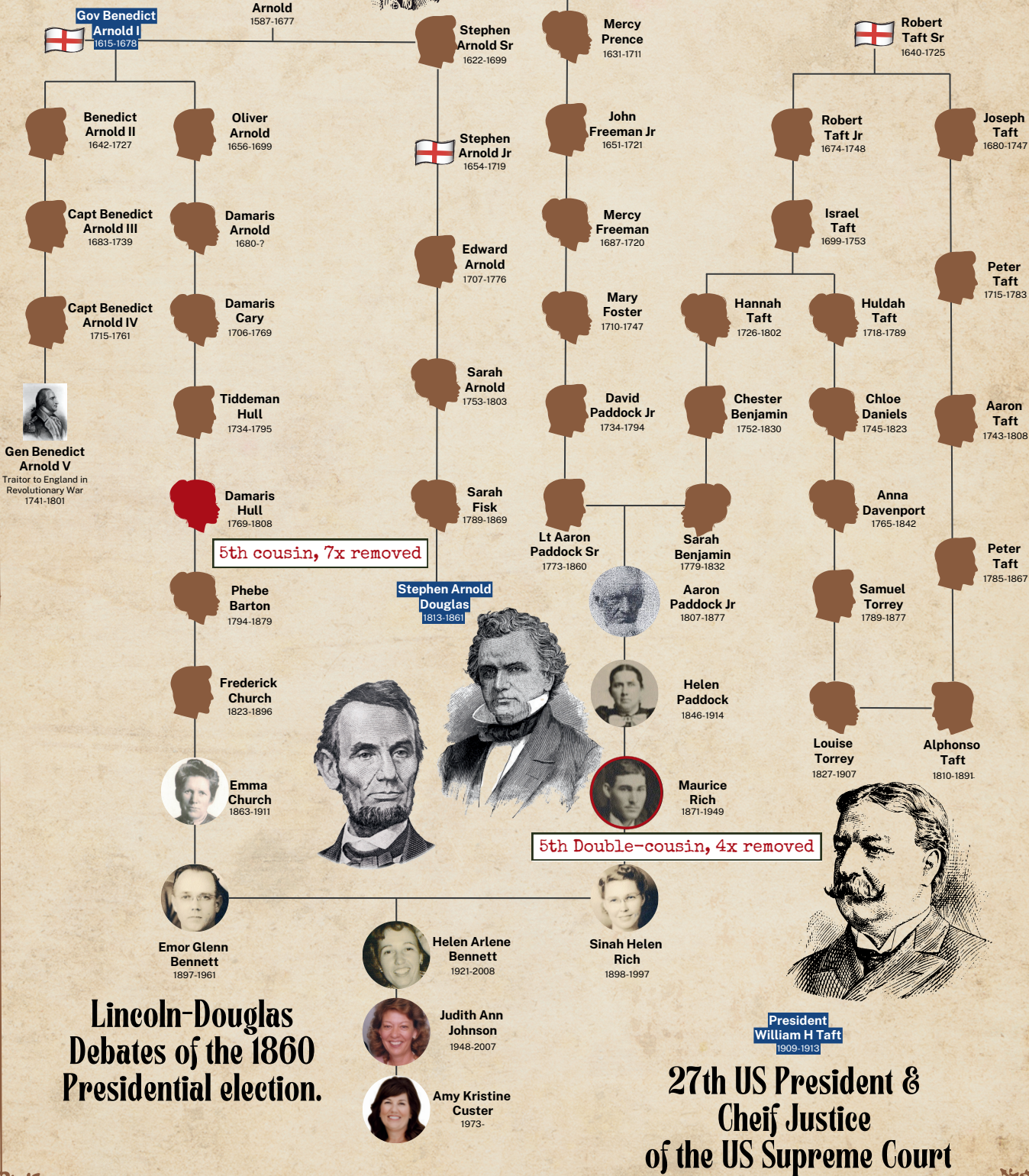


Elder William
Brewster
1586-1644

Mayflower 1620,
Church Leader of the Pilgrims
at Plymouth Colony

11th great-grandfather

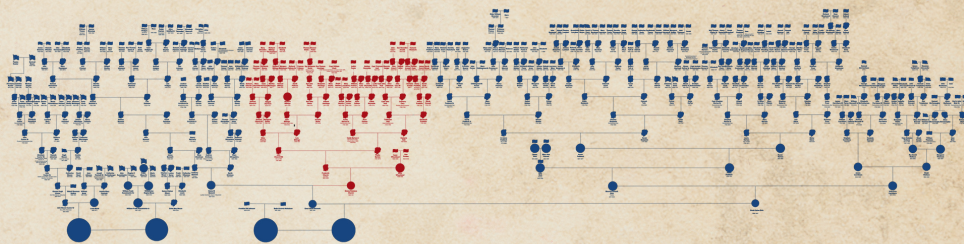
Robert
Taft Sr
1640-1725



Lincoln-Douglas
Debates of the 1860
Presidential election.

27th US President &
Chief Justice
of the US Supreme Court

Bennett-Church



John Cary I
Link to Royalty

10th great-grandfather

16x Great-uncle married
Princess Diana's 1st cousin, 16x removed;
also Prince William's 1st cousin, 17x removed

SKETCH OF JOHN CARY.

Chronological.

Samuel F. Cary, in "Cary Memorials," says: "The writer has had access to a manuscript more than one hundred years old, and written by a grandson of John, which says that John Cary, when a youth, was sent by his father to France to perfect his education, and that while absent his father died. On returning to Somersetshire he differed with his brothers about the settlement of his father's estate. He compromised by receiving one hundred pounds as his portion and immediately sailed for America."

Tradition says that he was the first Latin School teacher in the Plymouth Colony, and that he taught Elder Brewster the Hebrew.

SECTION 1.

John Cary was born near Bristol, Somersetshire, England, about 1610; came to America about 1634, joined the Plymouth Colony, and made his home at Duxbury, where he had a farm. In 1644 he m. Elizabeth, dau. of Francis and Elizabeth Godfrey (who was a carpenter and bridge builder, and in August, 1643, we find his name on the muster-roll of the Duxbury Company commanded by Capt. Myles Standish; he removed to Bridgewater where he d. in 1669; it is thought that the name Godfrey comes from the Duke of Bouillon, the Crusader).

Concerning John Cary, Moses Cary has this: "Mr. Cary was one of the Proprietors (of Bridgewater), and one of the first settlers, and was very useful among them. The town was incorporated in 1656. Mr. Cary was the first Town Clerk and continued in that office a great number of years. At first they settled near together and around where the Town House now stands in West Bridgewater. Mr. Cary's lot was about a ¼ of a mile east of the Town House and on the farm where Dr. Reed lived; and there he spent the remainder of his days, and brought up a great family of children. He had six sons and six daughters. They all lived to grow up and have families, and all took to good courses so that it was the saying of some "that there were 12 of 'em and never a Judas among them.'"

Judge Mitchell, in his description of Bridgewater, speaking of

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the first settlers, says: "Mr. Cary was among the most respectable of them, and his family one of the most influential in the town."

His wife d. in 1680, and he d. in 1681.

Children:

- I. John, b. Duxbury, Nov. 4, 1645. Sec. 2.
- II. Francis, b. Duxbury, Jan. 19, 1647-8. Sec. 3.
- III. Elizabeth, b. Duxbury, Dec. 20, 1649. Sec. 3-A.
- IV. James, b. Braintree, Mar. 28, 1652. Sec. 4.
- V. Mary, b. Duxbury New Plantation, July 8, 1654.
- VI. Jonathan, b. Bridgewater, Sept. 24, 1656. Sec. 5.
- VII. David, b. Bridgewater, Jan. 27, 1658-9. Sec. 6.
- VIII. Hannah, b. Bridgewater, April 30, 1661.
- IX. Joseph, b. Bridgewater, April 18, 1663. Sec. 7.
- X. Rebecca, b. Bridgewater, Mar. 30, 1665. Sec. 7-A.
- XI. Sarah, b. Bridgewater, Aug. 2, 1667.
- XII. Mehitabel, b. Bridgewater, Dec. 24, 1670. Sec. 7-B.

Note.—Attention is called to the three daughters of John Cary, viz., Mary, Hannah, and Sarah, of whom only the date of birth is given. Moses Cary in his manuscript wrote: "The daughters of John Cary: One married a Howard; one, Dea. William Brett; one, Samuel Allen; one, a Thurston; and two of them Standishes."

SECTION 2.

John Cary, son of John, Sec. 1, b. Duxbury, Nov. 4, 1645; m. Abigail, dau. of Samuel Allen and his second wife, Margaret (French) (Lamb), at Bridgewater, Dec. 7, 1670. In 1680 he removed to Bristol, where he resided till his death in 1721. The deed to his land in Bristol was granted Sept. 14, 1680, and confirmed by the General Court, Sept. 29, 1680. The first meeting of the people and the naming of the town was Sept. 1, 1681, and John Cary and his brother David were present. He became a prominent man in the town, and was elected a Déacon of the church at its organization, and held the office till his death. He was one of the first "raters" of the town, and appointed Nov. 10, 1681; in 1693 was recording officer of the County, and Clerk of the peace; in 1694 was Representative to the General Court. His wife was also of good family; her father, Samuel Allen, came from Bridgewater, Eng., to Braintree in 1630; in 1635 he took the oath of allegiance, and was Town Clerk, Selectman, Surveyor of highways, Constable, and

Relation Documentation



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served as Deputy three times. He and his son Samuel, who settled in Bridgewater in 1660, both fought in King Philip's War. For eight generations this family has been identified with the best political and religious life of New England.

He d. July 14, 1721, his estate amounting to 700 pounds; the will of his wife was recorded in 1729.

Children:

- I. John, b. Bridgewater, Nov. 6, 1671, d. in infancy.
- II. Seth, b. Bridgewater, Jan. 28, 1672-3.
- III. John, b. Bridgewater, Dec. 9, 1674. Sec. 8.
- IV. Nathaniel, b. Bridgewater, Nov. 24, 1676; d. without issue, Dec. 11, 1739.

SECTION 8.

John Cary, son of John, Sec. 2, b. Bridgewater, Dec. 9, 1674; went with the family to Bristol in 1680; m. Damaris Arnold, dau. of Oliver Arnold and Phebe Cook; he was son of Gov. Benedict Arnold and Damaris Wescott, who was son of William Arnold and Christian, dau. of Thomas Peak, of London, who arrived in New England June 24, 1635; his first home was in Hingham, but soon removed to Providence. In 1636 William Arnold, with Roger Williams, was one of the 54 Proprietors in the first settlement of Rhode Island, and was reckoned the wealthiest man in the State. His farm included a section of the most valuable part of the City of Newport, taking in the "Old Stone Mill." He traced his line back through eighteen generations to one of the kings of Wales.

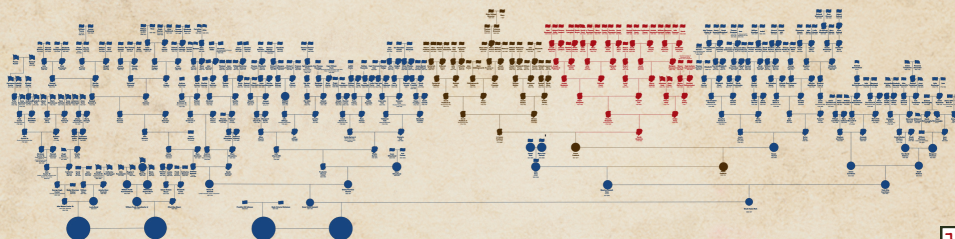
Gov. Arnold's son Oliver lived at Canonicut and was a leading citizen of the town, holding important offices, among which was that of Deputy in 1682. John Cary m. Damaris Arnold, Mar. 3, 1700.

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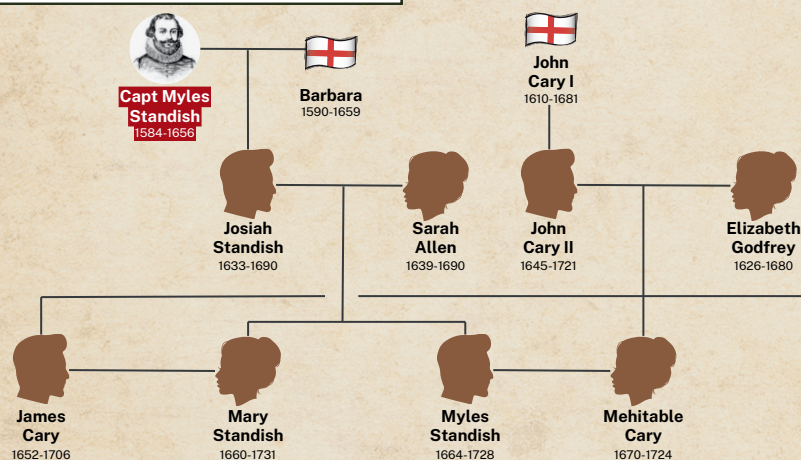
- I. Phebe, b. Mar. 5, 1701.
- II. Abigail, b. Nov. 4, 1702.
- III. John, b. Nov. 21, 1704.
- IV. Damaris, b. Oct. 10, 1706; m. John Hull, a descendant of Rev. Joseph Hull, founder of the "Hull Colony," April 3, 1726, and had fourteen children and a numerous posterity. A descendant is Miss Amy Eleanor E. Hull, Baltimore, Md., author of a pamphlet, "Rev. Joseph Hull and some of His Descendants," 1904; also a "Chart of the Royal Descent of the Carys."

See relation documentation on Governor Benedict Arnold post Damaris Cary.

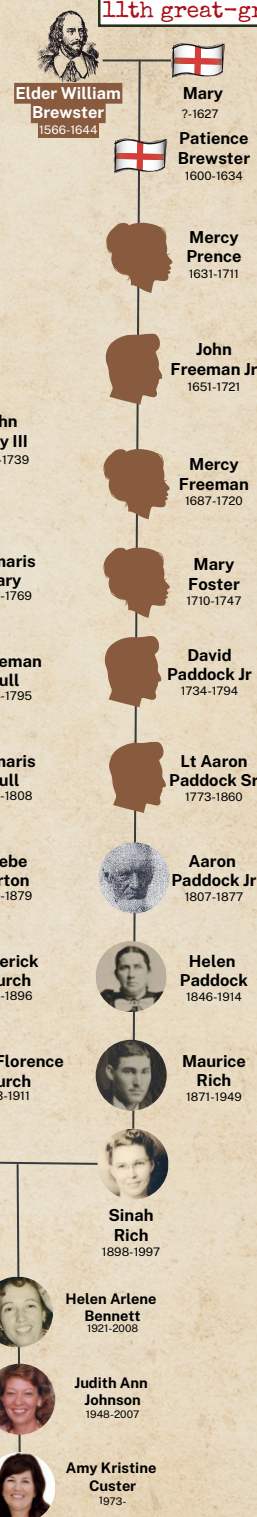
Bennett-Church & Paddock



Grandfather of 8th great grandfather's
brother-in-law and sister-in-law



11th great-grandfather



Elder William Brewster
Church Leader of the Pilgrims
at Plymouth Colony

Capt Myles Standish
Military Leader of Pilgrims
at Plymouth Colony



**Original Pilgrims of the
Mayflower 1620 & Signers of
the Mayflower Compact**



See relation documentation for
William Brester and John Cary I.

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William Brewster: the First Year of Plymouth Colony

"But that which was most sad and lamentable was, that in two or three months' time half of their company died, especially in January and February, being the depth of winter, and wanting houses and other comforts; being infected with the scurvy and other diseases which this long voyage and their inaccommodate condition had brought upon them.

So as there died some times two or three of a day in the foresaid time, that of 100 and odd persons, scarce fifty remained. And of these, in the time of most distress, there was but six or seven sound persons who to their great commendation, be it spoken, spared no pains night nor day, but with abundance of toil and hazard of their own health, fetched them wood, made them fires, dressed them, made their beds, washed their loathsome clothes, clothed and unclothed them. In a word, did all the homely and necessary offices for them which dainty and queasy stomachs cannot endure to hear named; and all this willingly and cheerfully, without any grudging in the least, showing herein their true love unto their friends and brethren; a rare example and worthy to be remembered.

Two of these seven were Mr. William Brewster, their reverend Elder, and Myles Standish, their Captain and military commander, unto whom myself and many others were much beholden in our low and sick condition. And yet the Lord so upheld these persons as in this general calamity they were not at all infected either with sickness or lameness."

William Bradford, Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 77.

"A cenotaph stone was erected for William and Mary Brewster, commemorating his honor; 'Elder William Brewster, Patriarch of the Pilgrims and their Ruling Elder 1609-1644.' William Brewster was characterized in a 1992 biography as the "father of New England," and of the entire Pilgrim adventure - its backbone, its brain and its conscience."

MAYFLOWER COMPACT 1620

In the Name of God Amen. We whose Names are underwritten, the loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James by the grace of God, of Great Brittain, France, & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Countrey, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the Northern parts of Virginia: Do by these Presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, Covenant & Combine our selves together into a Civil Body polittick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid: and by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame such just & equal Lawes, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, & Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for the generall good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Codd the 11. of November in the year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fiftie fourth. An. Dom. 1620.

GOVERNOR BRADFORD'S COPY OF THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT
Preserved in his handwriting in his History of Plymouth Plantation,

OVER 300 YEARS AGO!

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John Carter	Samuel Fuller	Edward Tilly
William Bradford	Christopher Merson	John Tilly
Edward W. Brewster	William Allen	Francis Cooke
William Brewster	William Allen	Thomas Carter
John Allen	Richard Lorton	Thomas Parker
John Allen	John Howland	John Rolfe
John Allen	Simon Hooper	Edward Taylor
John Allen	John Pugh	Richard Clark
Francis Eaton	Thomas Williams	Richard Gardiner
James Child	Edward Winslow	John Alden
John Cox	Edward Margery	Thomas English
John Billington	Peter Brown	Edward Dism
John Fletcher	Richard Brintidge	Edward Luffe
John Gorton	George Smith	

The "Compact", with the signers, as first printed in "Morton's Memorial" at Cambridge, Mass., in 1609, an official publication of the Plymouth Colony. The order of signing the original manuscript is not known.

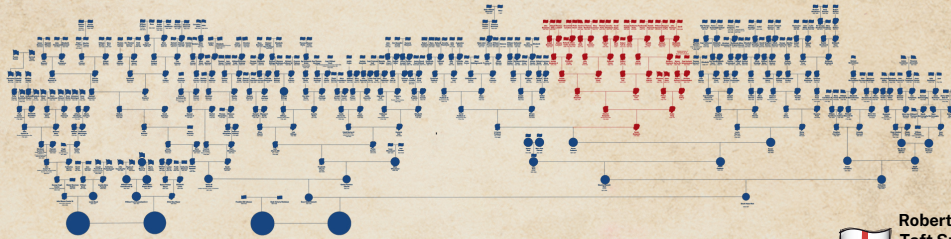
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27th US President & Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court William H Taft

4th double-cousin, 7x removed

Taft's father married his 4th cousin, 2x removed.

