

Elder John Harriman.

In 1639 Rev. Ezekiel Rogers fled from ecclesiastical oppression in England, and came to these shores, which were then resounding with the war-whoop of the Indian. This was only 19 years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Rogers brought along 20 families with him. They were from Yorkshire County, in the north of England. The historian tells us that they "were goodly people & most of them of good estate." They settled in Bowley, Essex Co. Mass. Mr. Rogers was minister of the parish till his death in 1660, having an annual salary for the first 10 years of 60 pounds. He had been a faithful laborer in England, and Sir Francis Barrington had bestowed on him the benefice of Bowley, in Yorkshire where he had labored with great fidelity for 17 years. Leonard Harriman, then a very young man, came with this emigrant. He settled. When he became of age, on Bradford St. in Bowley village. He was "admitted freeman" in 1647. He and his wife, Margaret, had three sons & three daughters. John, the oldest son, born in 1650 was sacrificed in King Philip's war. Capt. Thomas Lathrop raised a company of 100 young men - "The flower of Essex County," for that war. On the 18th of Sept. 1675 he was attacked at a place called "Bloody Brook" in Deerfield, Mass, by a force of nearly one thousand Indians, armed with muskets. The tragic drama was of short duration. Only 8 of Lathrop's men escaped to tell the awful story. Ninety fell upon the bloody field, John Harriman being one of the number. Two sons remained - Matthew & Jonathan - the one born in 1652, the other 1657. Matthew ^{in 1673} at the age of 21 settled at Haverhill, Mass. The same year he married Elizabeth Swan of that town. Their home was on Fishing river - a place now in the compact part of that city. They had a large family. Leonard, the father, in his Will of May 1691,

~~Says~~ ~~gladly~~ "To my oldest son Matthew Harriman, I give & bequeath all my lands and meadows in the bounds of Haverhill, and to his son Matthew, my grandchild, I give my arms and ammunition." She gave to Jonathan, his youngest son, his real estate in Bowley.

The first Matthew had 6 sons & six daughters, the first child being Matthew, Jr. who in the year 1700, married Martha Page. This couple had 6 sons & 3 daughters. The oldest son Joseph married, in 1728, Lydia Eaton, and had Abigail, Benben & Joseph. This last Joseph had two sons - David & Asaph. David had 4 sons - Joseph, Israel, John & David. The two last were the somewhat noted Elders.

Judge, such is my reckoning, and I am quite sure it is all correct. It will be safe so to consider it unless you fall upon something that conflicts.

This Elder David you may know nothing about. He was much like his brother John, of whom you do know. He preached many years in Rockingham Co. & many in the town of Weare. He died while a resident of that town. My father was a 6th cousin to these men.

I think you will clearly see this chain. John, which was the son of David, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Matthew, which was the son of Leonard, is your man. He is then of the 7th generation of the Harrimans in this country.

Very Respectfully,
Yours &c.

Master Harriman

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