

9 One Mason family of ~~Canterbury~~ is
descended from Captain John Mason, the
founder of New Hampshire. He was the only
son of John & Isabella Sted, and was born at
Lynn, in the western part of the county of
Norfolk, Eng, and baptised in St. Margaret's
Church in that town Dec. 11, 1586. He matricu-
lated from Magdalen College, Oxford, June
25, 1602.

History first mentions him in 1610 when
he was appointed by James I to command a
fleet sent to control a disturbance in the
Hebrides. In 1615 he was made governor of
the plantation of Newfoundland, where he
remained six years, and thoroughly explored
and surveyed the island, making the first
Eng. map, which was engraved and printed
in 1626 in a rare work entitled "The Golden
Fleece". He also wrote a "Brief Discourse of
Newfoundland" describing the climate, the
products and fishing interests, and noting

greater colonization.

He returned to Eng. in 1621, and Mar. 9, 1622 obtained from the Council for New Eng. a grant of land between the Nannkeag & Merrimac rivers, which lies wholly within the present boundaries of Mass.: he named it Marianne. The same year a grant ^{tract} of land upon the sea-coast between the Merrimac & Kennebec rivers, extending three score miles inland and called ~~the~~ ^{Maine}, was granted to him and Sir Ferdinando Gorges jointly. They sent out parties of immigrants, and in 1623 the settlement at Little Harbor, near the present site of Portsmouth, was made. One of the first houses, a structure of stone, was known as Mason Hall; about 1820 some parts of the wall and chimney remained standing.

When Eng. was at war with France and Spain in 1626, Capt. Mason was appointed treasurer and paymaster of the Eng. army, but he also directed his

affairs in the new world with devoted
interest. Upon the establishment of peace
1629, Mason & Gorges made a division of
the Province of ~~Maine~~, and on Nov. 11
Mason received from the Council a patent
of land between the Merrimack & Piscataqua
rivers, to which he gave the name of ~~the~~
~~Hampshire~~ out of regard to Hampshire,
Eng., where he resided many years. Nov.
17 he and Gorges procured a vast tract
of land in the region of Lake Champlain
called Saconia. Other charters were ob-
tained later.

In 1623 Mason was elected a mem-
ber of the Great Council for New Eng. com-
posed of "persons of honor and some of blood."
Later he became Vice-President and the
Council often held meetings at his house
in Fenchurch St., London. Two years later
when he was preparing to return to

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N. H. to act as Vice Admiral of New England
he suddenly died. By will he left a thousand
acres of land toward the maintenance of a church
and another thousand for that of a school
in ~~New Hampshire~~. He was buried in West-
minster Abbey, and a brass monument
was erected to his memory in the church
of the House of Commons at Portsmouth, Eng.
He was an energetic churchman and
royalist; hence the Puritan historians
of New Eng. failed to pay him the tribute
of later writers. One of these says: "It is
only in the clear atmosphere of modern
historical investigation and tolerance
of historical truth that John Mason
takes his proper place among the state
makers of the Colonial period."

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See Life of John Mason by Little & Dean;
Mason's coat of arms p. 36
Also State Papers of N. H. vols XXVII, XXVIII
+ XXIX.

The inscription on the tablet in the ancient church of Portsmouth, Eng. is as follows:-

To the Glory of God, and in memory of
Capt'n John Mason, ~~Captain~~ in the Royal
Navy, Treasurer of the Army, ~~Captain~~ of South
Sea Castle, ~~Governor~~ of the Colony of Newfound-
land, Patentee and Founder of ~~New Hampshire~~
in America, Vice Admiral of New England,
~~Born~~ 1586, ~~Died~~ 1635.

This faithful Churchman, devoted Patriot
and Gallant Officer, of whom England
and America will ever be proud now bur-
ied in Westminster Abbey.

See "Captain John Mason" by Tuttle & Kean
Dictionary of National Biography
Vol. XXXVI
State-Papers of ~~New Hampshire~~ Vols
XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX.

Mason Genealogy

1. Baldrin⁽¹⁾ Mason b. Carnforth, Lancashire, Eng.
children: I Christopher⁽²⁾ II William III Richard IV Robert V Roger VI Geo.
2. Richard⁽²⁾
children: I John⁽³⁾ II George of Mesthouse: one son Laurence
3. John⁽³⁾ son: Miles⁽⁴⁾
4. Miles⁽⁴⁾ m. dau. of Geoffrey Olway
children: I George⁽⁵⁾ II John III William IV Richard V Robert
5. William⁽⁵⁾
children: (Miles & Rontand d. infancy) I Christopher⁽⁶⁾ II Miles III John IV Laurence Henry
6. John⁽⁶⁾ m Isabel Stead of Yorkshire
children: I Capt. John⁽⁷⁾ II Sarah III Dorothy
baptized Walec 1586;
7. Capt. John⁽⁷⁾ m. 29 Oct. 1606 Anne, 2nd dau of Edward Guer of London, and Anne
one dau.: Anne⁽⁸⁾
8. Anne m. 27 June 1626 Joseph Lufton of Betchworth, Surrey, bro. to Lord Lufton
children: I Mason⁽⁹⁾ (d. infancy) II John b. 1628 III Robert b. 1635 IV Anne (m. Richard Gibson M.D. of London) V Mary.
Richard Gibson M.D. of London, his grandchild, added name Mason to Lufton's name as far as Benjamin's name being used by their descendants.
9. Robert⁽⁹⁾ m. Elizabeth dau. of Wm. Taylor of Bradley Co., Southampton.
children: I John Lufton Mason⁽¹⁰⁾ (he came to N. England with father & bro. Robert sold N.H. interest to Samuel Allen⁽¹⁶⁹⁾) II Robert III Elizabeth
10. Robert⁽¹⁰⁾ m. Catherine Wiggins
children: I Elizabeth⁽¹¹⁾ m. 1st. Hall's Philbrick 2nd. Rev. Wm. Allen. II John Lufton
11. John⁽¹¹⁾ d. Haranna 1718 m. Susanna Masset May 1711.
children: I Col. John⁽¹²⁾ II Robert b. June 1716 III Thomas b. 12 June 1718 d. 1762

12. Col. John⁽¹²⁾ b in Boston 29 Apr. 1713: d. in Buckden, Eng. 8 Aug 1787
m. Maria Theresa Van Harts Bergen
children: I Sarah Catharine m. Samuel Moffat II Anne Elizabeth m. ^{Peter Sirius}

13. Thomas⁽¹²⁾ b. 12 June 1718, d. 1762: m. 1st Elizabeth Gooding 7 Sept. 1744
children: I Thomas Sackville of Esrolon Mass, II Elizabeth b. 2 Jan 1746
III Susanna m. Mr. Mullins. JMS

Thomas J. m. 2nd. Anne True, 6 Feb. 1762
child: John⁽¹³⁾ b. 6 Mar 1763

14. John⁽¹³⁾
children: I Benjamin⁽¹⁴⁾ II Joseph

15. Benjamin⁽¹⁴⁾ lived in Hampton, N.H.

children: I Benjamin⁽¹⁵⁾ II Joseph III Josiah IV Mrs. Aaron Batchelder ^{of Chichester}

16. Benjamin⁽¹⁵⁾
children: I William II Cyrus III Lucy IV Mary all lived in N.Y.

17. Joseph⁽¹⁵⁾ b. 1776
children: I John II Nuvell III Charlotte IV Hannah

18. Josiah⁽¹⁵⁾ b. 11 July 1778 in Chichester; d. 16 Dec 1846 in Canterbury
m. Betsey Saunders b. 8 Oct 1778; d. 27 Feb. 1854
children: I Hannah⁽¹⁶⁾ II George Saunders III Gardner IV Harry
b. 21 Feb. 1814 V Eliza b. 14 Aug. 1815 m. Eli Brooks of St. Johnsbury
d. in Providence R.I. VI Silas b. 23 Sept 1818; d. 16 Sept 1846
VII John Chandler b. 14 June 1824; d. 14 June 1891; m. Caroline Clark,
lived in Tilton, N.H.

19. Hannah⁽¹⁶⁾ b. 27 Nov. 1804; d. 13 Oct. 1859 m. John Langdon Bradley ^(b. 27 Mar 1805 d. 22 Jan. 1874)
children (born in Canterbury): I Geo. Saunders b. 28 May 1830
m. Sally Ann ^{Weaver} 1858 12 Dec 1858. child: Charles Clement b. 5 July 1871

14 Nov. 1855

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II Sereno Asbury b. 3 Feb 1833; m. Mrs. Erelina Besay; child:
Ellen Amanda b. 29 Dec. 1858.

III Lucian More, b. 27 Apr. ¹⁸³⁵ ~~1845~~; d. 19 Feb 1859 at Hillsdale

IV Betsey Malina b. 11 Mar 1837; m. 11 Aug. 1864 Joseph Josephus Jones
Their children: Frances Deana b. 18 June 1865, Chas Wesley b. 25 Sept. 1866
Edith May b. 17 Dec 1871.

V Susan Clough b. 14 June 1841; m. Joel B. Sellick 10 Nov. 1860
Their children: Eva Mary b. 20 Oct. 1861; Chas. Eddie b. 17 June 1867
Gracie b. 23 Oct. 1872

VI Charles Wesley b. 8 Apr 1843; m. Hecia Ann Comstock
7 Mar. 1872; child: Mary b. 27 May 1873

VII Mary Jane b. 22 Oct 1845; m. Myron E. Bates 5 Sept 1867
Their children: 1 Snella Rutime b. 6 July 1868, 2 Byron Emmet b.
26 Dec. 1870; d. 11 Feb. 1871, 3 Regena E. b. 14 Dec 1872

VIII Ellen Amanda b. 17 July 1848; d. 29 Sept. 1851

19. George Saunders Mason ⁽¹⁶⁾ b. 30 June 1806; d. 6 June 1872 m.
18 Nov 1831 Huldah Lane b. 9 Jan. 1809; d. 7 Dec. 1893.
Children: I Francis ⁽¹⁷⁾ II Mary B. III Frank George

20. Francis C. ⁽¹⁷⁾ b. 26 Dec 1833; d. 7 Oct. 1901; m. James Sangmaid d. 1861
children: I John H. b. 17 July 1856; d. 1 July 1877. II Mary F. b. 24
June 1858 III Martha A. b. 12 May 1860 m. Walter
S. Clement of Herry N.H.; Their children: 1 Rufus W. b.
17 Aug. 1880, 2 James H. b. 1 May 1882, 3 Clarence E. b. 15
Nov. 1883, 4. Ray Allan b. 17 June 1887, 5. Helen E.
b. 18 Sept. 1888.

21. Mary B. ⁽¹⁷⁾ b. 26 Nov 1835 in Chichester; d 15 Sept 1909 in Chichester
m. ~~James~~ 1859 Chas. Lake of Chichester; d 9 July 1897
children: I Charles ⁽¹⁸⁾ b 13 Oct. 1861 d. in infancy II George William
b 4 Apr 1864; m 14 Dec 1886 Jessie F. West; one son,
Charles Wm. ⁽¹⁹⁾ b 16 Mar. 1889; m 26 Nov. 1909 Mary E.
Greely of Franklin, N.H.
III Jennie Frances ⁽¹⁸⁾ b. 14 Mar 1868; m. 13 Nov 1889
Florence A. Gale of Concord.

22. Frank George ⁽¹⁷⁾ b 2 Aug 1839; d. 9 Aug. 1908;
m. 28 Sept 1863 Lucia
Maria Fox of Bradford, Vt. ⁽¹⁸⁾
children (born in Concord) I Frank W. b 29 June 1864; II Geo. H.
b 2 May 1868 III Edith M. b 22 May 1870 IV Charles S.
b 23 Nov. 1872 V Grace E. b 9 Feb. 1875 VI Lucy M.
b 16 Dec 1877 VII Edward S. b 13 Aug 1880.

23. Gardner ⁽¹⁶⁾ b 1 June 1809 in Chichester; d 18 Jan 1873 Soudon Centre
m. in ~~Concord~~ 24 July 1839 Harriet Stevens, dau. of Jesse
Stevens, b in ~~Concord~~ ²³ here 1815.
children (born in ~~Concord~~): I Sarah Stevens ⁽¹⁷⁾ b 2 July 1841;
d 7 July 1902; m Henry Batchelder; one child, Elmer Mason b
24 July 1875 in Jamaica Plain, Mass.
II Charles Henry ⁽¹⁷⁾ b 12 Sept 1844; m 4 Apr. 1865 Phebe
Elizabeth Harber of London; two children: 1 Charles Harber
b 1 Jan. 1873; m 14 Apr 1903 Anna Margaretha Schiller
of Jamaica Plain, Mass. 2. Mabel H. b 1 May 1875; m
18 May ~~1895~~ ¹⁹⁰⁵ Melvin S. Fickett of Concord
III George Harry ⁽¹⁷⁾ b 19 Oct. 1846; d 19 Oct 1877
IV Susan Jane b 5 Aug 1849; d 22 Feb 1893

5.
I Mary Anna b 16 Feb. 1856

II Ellen Maria b 25 Nov. 1859 m 28 June 1900

Frank M Johnson of London Centre.