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Hood American Ancestors

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Representatives of the Hood family coming from England were early in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, but it is not known that there was any relationship between those of New England and those of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania pioneers came from the county Leicester, while those of Massachusetts were from the county Norfolk. It is at least slightly significant that the Hoods of Pennsylvania were Quakers, while several of those in Massachusetts in the second generation became members of that sect, showing, as it would appear, an inherited family religious inclination. In both families the names, John, Richard, Elizabeth and Thomas, were common. These traits may indicate a possible common origin.

I.

John Hood was the first of the name in Massachusetts. Savage, in his *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, says: "Hood, John, Lynn, 1650, Kittery, 1652, says Farmer; yet of him I can learn no more, but that he was a weaver, had w. Eliz., was in Eng., 1653; exc. that Mary Truesdale, wid. of Richard, in her will of 1672, speaks of 'br. John Hood's two ch.'" Later investigation*—Savage's work was of 1860—shows that John Hood was the Massachusetts pioneer, and not Rich-

ard Hood, as was earlier believed. John Hood, born in Halsted, England, about 1600, was the son of John and Anne Hood. His father was a weaver and died in 1622, leaving a son, John, and daughters, Anne, Jane, Avese, Catherine, Grace, Mary and Rose. The daughter Mary married Richard Truesdale, who, from Lincolnshire, England, emigrated to Boston, Mass., in 1630. He was a butcher, a deacon of the First Church, Boston, and one of the founders of the Old South Church. He was born about 1606 and died in Boston before January, 1672.

John Hood, the emigrant, was a weaver, and was settled in Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1638. He removed to Lynn, Mass., before 1650. In 1653 he was again in England, but his wife Elizabeth was still in Lynn. Whether he returned from the old country is not known, nor is the place or date of his death known. But in February, 1683, one John Hude, who may have been the pioneer, purchased from Roger Shaw of Hampton, N. H., an estate in Lynn, comprising twenty-one acres of land and a house.

II.

Richard Hood, only son of John and Elizabeth Hood, was born in Lynn Regis, Norfolk county, England, about 1625. He was brought to America by his par-

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ents, with whom he was living in Lynn, Mass., before 1650. In Lynn he occupied a farm, under lease for several years, and in 1681 purchased the property for £100. He was admitted a freeman in 1691. His death occurred September 12, 1695. He married Mary Newhall, daughter of Anthony Newhall. A Mary Hood who died in Lynn about February 14, 1728, may have been his widow. The children of this union were thirteen in number: Mary, Richard, Sara, Elizabeth, Ruth, Rebecca, John, Hanna, Samuel, Nathaniel, Anne, Joseph and Benjamin.

Mary Hood the eldest child of this family, married Michael Deriche. She was imprisoned as a witch, and was a widow in 1692. Sara Hood, born August 2, 1657, married October 25, 1675, William Bassett, Jr., husbandman. She was imprisoned as a witch in 1692. She had nine children, the seventh of whom, Joseph Bassett, was born when she was in prison. Elizabeth Hood, born in November, 1658, married December 6, 1682, Thomas Farrar, Jr. Ruth Hood was born in July, 1660. Rebecca Hood, born February 7, 1662, married December 9, 1681, Hugh Alley of Lynn, weaver, and had seven sons and one daughter. Hanna Hood, born October 21, 1665, died September 28, 1740, married, March 15, 1703, Edmund Needham, and had one son and one daughter. Anne Hood, born February 13, 1672, married February 5, 1692, Samuel Breed of Lynn, husbandman and weaver, and had six sons and four daughters.

III.

Richard Hood, eldest son of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born in Lynn, November 18, 1655. He became a Quaker, uniting with that sect before 1690. He died in 1696, administration upon his estate being granted December 14 of that year. He married about 1689, Hannah ———, and had: Samuel, born October 18, 1690; Richard, born March

30, 1692; Zebulon, born September 13, 1693, died December 2, 1693; Zebulon, born February 28, 1694, died July 12, 1695.

John Hood, second son of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born in Lynn, May 7, 1664. He became a Quaker before 1690 and, in 1696, was sent to the Salem jail for one month for refusing to pay the ministerial tax for the established church of the town. He died in Lynn, December 4, 1730. His will was dated December 1, 1730, and was probated January 2, 1731. He married Sarah Breed of Lynn, who died May 6, 1747. He had seven children: Barbara, Huldah, Benjamin, Content, Breed, Sarah and Lydia.

Barbara Hood, born June 10, 1694, married, in March, 1718, Benjamin Bowden of Marblehead. Huldah Hood, born March 28, 1697, married, in 1719, Zaccheus Collins of Lynn. Content Hood, born July 25, 1703, married, in July, 1721, Zaccheus Collins of Lynn. Sarah Hood, married in November or December, 1729, John Andrews of Marblehead. Lydia Hood, born April 17, 1714, married, November 30, 1736, Daniel Bassett, husbandman, of Lynn.

Samuel Hood, third son of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born in Lynn, May 2, 1667. With his elder brothers he became a Quaker in 1690. He died March 9, 1750. By his wife, Deborah Hood, he had a daughter, Sarah Hood, who married, July 29, 1731, John Presbrey, of Boston.

Nathaniel Hood, fourth son of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born in Lynn, June 9, 1699. For a time he lived in his native town and his elder children were born there. About 1712 he moved to Topsfield, Mass., where he purchased a farm. In 1746 he built a house by the pond which later became known as Hood's pond; the house has remained in the possession of his Hood descendants to the present day. He died in Tops-

field, October 30, 1748. He married, in Topsfield, October 16, 1706, Joanna Dwinnell, daughter of Michael Dwinnell, a French Huguenot who came to America after the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685 and settled in Topsfield. The children of this union were: Nathan, Nathaniel, Joseph, Susannah, Amos, Richard (?), Mercy and John.

Susannah Hood, born in 1714, in Topsfield, died in Sharon, Mass., January 14, 1812. She married, November 7, 1733, Samuel Cummings, who died in Sharon, December 11, 1804. Issue, eleven children. Mercy Hood, born December 12, 1722, married in Salem, June 8, 1742, James Smith.

Joseph Hood, fifth son of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born July 8, 1674, in Lynn, and died in that town, De-

cember 14, 1729. He married, in Boston, May 17, 1716, Rebecca (Cumbey) More-Mieres. She was born December 8, 1683, daughter of Robert Cumbey; she married, first, July 27, 1704, John More, and second, October 24, 1706, Thomas Mieres, by whom she had one son, Cumbey Mieres. After the death of Joseph Hood she may have married, as her fourth husband, in 1732, William Lee. Joseph and Rebecca (Cumbey) Hood had one son, Cumbey Hood, born August 28, 1717, in Boston.

Benjamin Hood, youngest of the thirteen children of Richard and Mary (Newhall) Hood, was born in Lynn, January 3, 1677, and died in 1696. He was admitted a freeman in 1691.

(To be continued.)

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