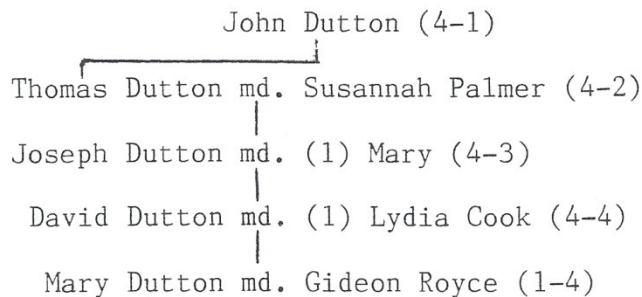


DAVID DUTTON (abt. 1701-1774)

LYDIA COOK (1699-1738)

We leave the Dutton line of progenitors with David and Lydia. Their daughter, Mary, became the last of that name on our pedigree when she married Gideon Royce (Rice). (1-4) It is well to remember the Dutton heritage; the great line of progenitors that have been well documented in Old English records for twenty generations to our immigrant ancestor, John Dutton. In years, the extended line takes us back to 974 A.D. (see 4-1)

Beginning with the American immigrant, John, the Dutton ancestry is shown on the following chart:



John Dutton came to Massachusetts in 1630. He was David's great-grandfather. His grandfather, Thomas Dutton (4-2), resided in Reading and Woburn, Mass., but moved to Billerica, Mass., around 1669. His father, Joseph (4-3), removed to East Haddam, Connecticut, and from there to Wallingford. (maps #5, 6, 8)

It is thought that David's mother was Mary Cutler, as Jacobus in "Families of Ancient New Haven" records it. Other authors have stated Rebecca Fitch as the mother of David and his two brothers. It stands to reason that Jacobus' record is correct for both Rebecca and Mary had children while in Mass., before Joseph moved his family to Connecticut. He and Mary evidently migrated at the turn of the century, before David was born.

"David Dutton, b. abt. 1701, died, 20 Feb. 1774, Deacon; md. (1) 14 Sept. 1722, Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook, b. 13 Jan., 1699, died 12 Oct., 1738; md. (2) 4 Feb., 1739 Sarah, daughter of William and Mary (Peck) Abernathy, widow of Thomas Doolittle, b. 15 Dec., 1705; md. (3) 13 Oct. 1747, Judith, daughter of Jeremiah and Judith (Cook) How, widow of Elihu Hale, b. 22 Oct., 1706; md. (4) Martha Barnes widow of Isaac Bartholomew, b. abt. 1711 at Easthampton, Long Island, died 29 Mar., 1779, ae 68.

"Children by first wife, Lydia Cook:

1. Mary Dutton, b. 16 July, 1723, died 2 May, 1746, md. 4 Oct. 1742-Gideon Royce (1-4) by Mr. Hall.
2. Joseph Dutton, died 25 Sept., 1776

3. Charles Dutton, b. 30 Oct., 1727, died 9 Oct., 1788, ae. 61; md. 29 Apr. 1761-Eunice_____, widow of Nicholas Jones, b. abt. 1736, died 19 Sept., 1829, ae. 93
4. Jesse Dutton, b. 24 Dec., 1729, died 4 Feb., 1745/6 (at Cape Breton)
5. Ambrose Dutton, b. 3 Mar., 1732, died 9 Aug. 1794, ae. 63; md. 27 Feb., 1754-Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sperry) Peck, bpt. 30 Mar., 1735
6. Joel Dutton, b. 20 Mar., 1734; md. 15 Feb., 1762-Hannah, daughter of Ezekiel and Desire (Warner) Sanford, widow of Moses Hall, b. 6 Jan., 1728/9
7. _____
8. Lydia Dutton, b. 27 Apr., 1738, died 29 Oct., 1774; md. 4 May, 1763-Nathaniel Hitchcock; md. (2) 20 Jan., 1772-Enos Tyler

"Children by second wife, Sarah Abernathy:

9. Eunice Dutton, b. abt. 1739, died 7 Mar., 1815, ae. 76; md. 1 Jan., 1761-James Warner
10. David Dutton, b. 23 Jan., 1741; md. Philena _____
11. Jonathan Dutton, b. 25 Jan., 1743/4; md. 21 Sep., 1772-Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hull) Hall.
12. Amos Dutton, b. 13 Oct., 1745; md. (1) 25 Oct., 1764-Thankful, daughter of John and Ruth (Culver) Humiston, b. 26 Nov., 1743, died, 22 Feb., 1768; md. (2) 3 Nov., 1769-Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Humiston) Turner, b. 21 July, 1749
13. Damaris Dutton; md. 23 June, 1763-Daniel How.

"Children by third wife, Judith How:

14. Jesse Dutton, b. 1748, Waterbury, New Haven, Conn; md. (1) Mary _____; died Jan. 15, 1816
15. Titus Dutton, b. Dec. 21, 1749, Waterbury, New Haven, Conn.; md. 1780, Elizabeth Scott; died, Mar. 8, 1832"¹

We are not sure about the birthplace of David Dutton for his parents made a move from Reading, Massachusetts to Connecticut near the time of David's birth or the turn of the century. They settled in several localities including East Hadam. (map #5,6) When David was 16 or 17 years of age the family moved west to Wallingford, Connecticut, where they bought land in what is now the Cheshire area. This settlement was about 50 years away from its infancy so the area was well established at the time and many homes dotted the valley of the Quinnapiac River. (map #5,6)

David married Lydia Cook Sept. 14, 1722, and they made their home on land that had been given to David by his father, Joseph Dutton (4-3), at the time of the original purchase of property in 1718-1719. The specific location of the original land plots of the Duttons is not known, and the 1670 map of Wallingford (map #9) is too early for reference. Records indicate that the Dutton farms were in the area of Cheshire, to the west of Wallingford. (map #12) Benjamin, David's brother, occupied a part of the land given to him by his father and records show that he lived in Cheshire and was buried there.

Lydia Cook was born in Cheshire, January 13, 1699 and was 23 years of age when she was married to David. Her grandparnets, Samuel and Hope (Parker) Cook (4-6) had been among the original settlers of Wallingford and Cheshire. Her parents, Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook (4-7) occupied the old home place where she had grown to womanhood as the fourth child of a large family.

David and Lydia had eight children born to them during their sixteen years of married life together. Lydia was 39 years of age when she passed away Oct. 12, 1738, leaving her youngest child only five months old. Mary, the oldest child, our ancestor, was 15 years of age at the time and, no doubt, much of the responsibility of the home and care of the younger brothers and sisters fell upon her shoulders until her father married again in 1739. Mary was married at the age of 19 to Gideon Royce (Rice) of Meriden, Conn., on Oct. 4, 1742 (1-4).

Five children were born to David and his second wife, Sarah Abernathy, so it is understandable that a heap-o-living went on in the Dutton household.

David's second wife must have died following the birth of her last child, Damaris, for David was married the third time to Judith How, widow of Elihu Hale, on Oct. 13, 1747. Judith had two children, Jesse and Titus Dutton which increased David's family to fifteen. The record, quoted previously, gives Martha Barnes, widow of Isaac Bartholomew, as David's fourth wife who died at the age of 68, five years after David's death, Feb. 20, 1774. No children are listed for David and Martha. All of David's living children were married by the time of his passing and his posterity was destined to be numerous.

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