

On only one occasion does William Dawes seem to have been on the wrong side of the law, and even that is not certain. At the July 1684 court, William Dawes, Boston, bricklayer, and Jonathan Dawes, Boston, bricklayer, were both sued for assault and battery by Elizabeth Doubleday; the judgment of the court was appealed [SCC, 1680-98, p. 49].

Savage confused William Dawes and John Dawes of Boston, crediting William with John's son Robert.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1878 Henry W. Holland published an unsubstantiated, convoluted and unacceptable claim that the father of William Dawes, also named William, had come in 1628-9 and had a son born on the voyage "named Ambrose after the vessel" [*William Dawes, and His Ride with Paul Revere* (Boston 1878), pp. 41-42].

In 1943 Mary Walton Ferris devoted considerable effort to this immigrant's sketch, but mentioned few of his depositions and did not see Susannah after 1687 [Dawes-Gates 1:11-18].

HANNAH DAY

On 9 May 1635, "Hanna Day," aged 20, one of two maidservants to ROBERT JEFFREYS {1635, Charlestown}, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *Elizabeth & Ann* [Hotten 77].

COMMENTS: No record of Hannah Day has been found in New England. She presumably died soon, married or returned to England.

ROBERT DAY

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1634 on the *Elizabeth*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge

REMOVES: Hartford by 1639

OCCUPATION: His inventory included "working tools" valued at £1 8s., but the work for which the tools were intended is not stated.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Cambridge church prior to 6 May 1635 implied by freemanship.

FREEMAN: 6 May 1635 (sixth in a sequence of eight Cambridge men) [MBCR 1:370].

EDUCATION: His inventory included "books, and sacks, and ladders," valued at £1.

OFFICES: His inventory included "1 musket, bandoliers and sword" valued at £1.

ESTATE: On 4 August 1634, Robert Day was granted three acres in Westend Field, Cambridge [CaTR 9]. In the 20 August 1635 division of meadow land in Cambridge, "Rob[er]t Day" received a proportional share of $\frac{1}{2}$ [CaTR 13].

In the Cambridge land inventory on 10 October 1635, "Robert Day" held two parcels: "in Westend one house with backside about two acres"; and "in Westend Field about three acres" [CaBOP 34]. In the 8 February 1635/6 list of those "who have houses in the town," Robert Day was credited with one house in the Westend [CaTR 18].

In the Hartford land inventory of February 1639/40, "Rob[ert] Day" held ten parcels: "one parcel on which his dwelling house now standeth with outhouses, yards & gardens ... containing by estimation two acres"; one acre one rood in the Neck of Land; one rood three perches in the Little Meadow; one acre eight perches "on the east side of the Great River"; three roods eighteen perches in the North Meadow, of which two roods twenty-eight perches is meadow and thirty perches is swamp; five acres three roods and eight perches in the North Meadow, of which four acres four perches is meadow and one acre three roods is swamp; three acres three roods and twenty perches in the Cowpasture; seven acres three roods in the Little Oxpasture; one rood thirty-one perches in the Neck of Land; and two acres two roods nineteen perches in the Neck of Land [HaBOP 118-20].

(On an unknown date Edward Stebbins held two parcels, one in the Neck of Land and one on the east side of the Great River, "part whereof he bought of Mrs. Chester & part of William Rusco & another part of Rob[ert] Day" [HaBOP 105]. In 1645 John Holiway held "one parcel on which his house now standeth which he bought of Robbard Day & was parcel of his houselot containing by estimation three roods" [HaBOP 379]. In 1666 Nathaniel Goodwin held "one parcel of land which he bought of Edward Stebing (which was formerly Rob[ert] Daye's houselot)" [HaBOP 147].)

In his will, dated 20 May 1648 and proved on an unknown date, Robert Day bequeathed to "my beloved wife Edatha Day" the dwelling house and housing, houselot and land in Hartford for her lifetime, she to bring

up the children, and should she remarry, if the supervisors think it good, to take security for the children's upbringing; wife executrix; "my dear brethren Mr. Tailecoate, Wilterton and Stebbing" to act as supervisors [CCCR 1:487-88].

The inventory of the estate of Robert Day, taken 14 October 1648, totalled £142 13s. 6d., of which £71 was real estate: "the dwelling house and out housing, house lot and garden," £45; and "about 6 acres of meadow, in several parcels with upland," £26 [CCCR 1:488-89].

In his will of 24 August 1663, Edward Stebbins included a bequest of 40s. apiece to "the 4 children of my dear sister Holyoke" [Hartford PD Case #5153].

In his will of 23 January 1657/8, "John Maynard of Hartford" bequeathed to "my wife Edetha my dwelling house with all my other houses, as also all other land lying and being in Hartford, during her life; and after her decease unto John Day, the youngest son of my wife, unto him and his heirs forever"; "Thomas Day, the eldest son, shall receive £20 sterling out of my estate provided he carry well and dutifully to his mother"; to "Sarah and Mary Day, my wife's daughters, £20 sterling to each of them"; to "the Rev. Mr. Stone, teacher of the Church of Hartford, 40s."; "my wife sole executrix"; "Mr. John Talcott Senior and my brother Mr. Edward Stebbing and Richard Goodman" overseers [Manwaring 1:137-38].

BIRTH: About 1604 (aged 30 in 1634 [Hotten 280]).

DEATH: Between 20 May 1648 (date of will) and 14 October 1648 (date of inventory).

MARRIAGE: (1) By 1634 Mary _____, born about 1606 (aged 28 in 1634 [Hotten 280]). She must have died soon after arrival in New England, or perhaps even on the voyage in 1634.

(2) By about 1636 Editha Stebbins, sister of EDWARD STEBBINS {1633, Cambridge} [GMB 3:1750-53]. She married (2) by an unknown date John Maynard and (3) by 1663 (and probably earlier) Eleazar Holyoke [Hale, House 644-45; TAG 31:200-1]. She died at Springfield 25 October 1688 [Pynchon VR 76].

CHILDREN:

With second wife

- i THOMAS, b. say 1636; m. Springfield 27 October 1659 Sarah Cooper [Pynchon VR 57], daughter of THOMAS COOPER {1635, Windsor} [GM 2:2:205-12; Hale, House 499].

- ii SARAH, b. say 1638; m. (1) Springfield 17 November 1658 Nathaniel Gunn [Pynchon VR 57]; m. (2) (as "Sarah Gun widow") Springfield 24 November 1664 Samuel Kellogg [Springfield VR (original) 1:14].
- iii MARY, b. say 1640; m. (1) Springfield 28 October 1659 Samuel Ely [Pynchon VR 57], son of NATHANIEL ELY {1634, Cambridge} [GM 2:2:432-39]; m. (2) Springfield 12 April 1694 Thomas Stebbins [Pynchon VR 62], son of Thomas Stebbins and grandson of ROWLAND STEBBINS {1634, Roxbury} [TAG 31:197]; m. (3) Springfield 11 December 1696 John Coleman [Springfield VR (original) 1:19].
- iv JOHN, b. say 1643 (under 21 in 1663 when his uncle Edward Stebbins bequeathed him 40s. "to be paid at the age of 21 years" [Hale, House 510, citing Manwaring 1:237]); m. (1) by 1670 Mary Gaylord, daughter of Walter and Mary (Stebbing) Gaylord [Hale, House 511; TAG 30:202-3, and the arguments presented there]; m. (2) by 1690 (and probably earlier) Sarah Butler [Hale, House 511].

ASSOCIATIONS: Robert Day migrated with and lived near NATHANIEL ELY {1634, Cambridge}, and so some relationship is possible [TAG 30:80-81].

COMMENTS: On 30 April 1634, "Robert Day," aged 30, and "Mary his wife," aged 28, were enrolled at Ipswich for passage to New England on the *Elizabeth* [Hotten 280].

Various authors have misallocated the early records for this immigrant and ROBERT DAY {1635, Ipswich} [Planters 120, 159; Topo Dict 70; Pope 135]. Savage got it right [Savage 2:26-27]; in 1953 Jacobus carefully set forth the arguments for the correct interpretation [Hale, House 509-10].

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1848 there appeared *A Genealogical Register of the Descendants in the Male Line of Robert Day of Hartford, Conn., Who Died in the Year 1648* [Northampton 1848], a better than average production for its day. In 1957 Elizabeth Day McCormick and Robert Hall McCormick III published a brief account of Robert Day and of his son John [McCormick-Hamilton 319-24].

In 1953 Donald Lines Jacobus compiled an excellent account of Robert Day of Cambridge and Hartford [Hale, House 509-14]. In 1954 and 1955 John Insley Coddington published a group of articles on the Ely and

Stebbins families which had important implications for the family of Robert Day [TAG 30:80-81, 197-99, 202-3, 31:193-201].

ROBERT DAY

ORIGIN: Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *Hopewell*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Ipswich

OCCUPATION: Brickmaker.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Ipswich church prior to 2 June 1641 implied by freemanship.

FREEMAN: Admitted 2 June 1641 (fourth in a sequence of five Ipswich men [MBCR 1:379]).

EDUCATION: Signed his name to a court paper 26 November 1660 [EQC 2:252], and to an agreement of 19 March 1663[/4] [ILR 4:439]. In his will, to which he made his mark, Robert Day left each of his five children "one book."

OFFICES: Ipswich petit jury, 29 March 1642, 29 March 1653, 27 March 1655, 27 September 1659 [EQC 1:40, 276, 381, 2:168]. Grand jury, 30 September 1651, 30 September 1656, 24 September 1672 [EQC 1:232, 2:1, 5:79].

Ipswich selectman, 30 March 1658 [EQC 2:66]. Constable, 27 March 1660 [EQC 2:195]. Tythingman, 30 April 1678 [EQC 6:441].

On 28 March 1654, Robert Day was released from ordinary training, paying 6s. a year to the company [EQC 1:337]. On 30 March 1675, Robert Day was released from further training without pay [EQC 6:20].

ESTATE: A pre-nuptial agreement was made on 19 March 1663[/4] between "Robert Day and Hanah his wife of the one part and Mosses Pengry and Lidia his wife on the other part ... that whereas there is a marriage intended between John the son of the said Robert Day and Sarah the daughter of the said Moses Pengry ... the said Robert & his wife ... promise to possess their said son John Day of so much meadow at his land near hand, and marsh by the hundreds as he shall cut four loads of hay by the year from year to year, and as much meadow at the farm as that he may cut two loads of hay from year to year, and also four acres of land already fenced to be crosscutted ready to plant at the farm, and all this ... during the term of the natural life of the said Robert Day, as also