

otherwise noted, the parish register entries above are from this article. In 1995 Richardson published an article supplementing that of 1992, solidifying the evidence that the immigrants William and Isaac Heath were sons of William of Ware, and identifying their mother [NEHGR 149:173-86].

## WILLIAM HEDGES

*ORIGIN:* Unknown

*MIGRATION:* 1633

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Lynn

*REMOVES:* Sandwich 1638, Yarmouth by 1643

*CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:* Admission to Lynn church prior to 14 May 1634 implied by freemanship.

*FREEMAN:* 14 May 1634 [MBCR 1:369]. Oath of fidelity at Sandwich, 1639 (as "Mr. Will[ia]m Edge") [PCR 8:184].

*EDUCATION:* Signed his will.

*OFFICES:* Essex petit jury, 27 March 1638 [EQC 1:7].

Chosen Yarmouth constable, 4 June 1650 [PCR 2:153]. Committee to lay out highway from Sandwich to Plymouth, 24 February 1652[3] [PCR 3:61-62]. Plymouth grand jury, 7 June 1659 [PCR 3:162]. Coroner's jury, October 1659 [PCR 3:172].

In Yarmouth section of 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms (as "Will[ia]m Edge") [PCR 8:194]. "Mr. Will[i]am Hedge" chosen ensign of the Yarmouth military company [PCR 3:38]. Ordered to exercise military company at Yarmouth, 7 August 1655 [PCR 3:87]. "Ensign Will[i]am Hedge" appointed to colony council of war, 2 October 1658 [PCR 3:153]. Appointed captain of the military company of Yarmouth, 2 August 1659 [PCR 3:169], and again on 3 June 1662 [PCR 4:15].

*ESTATE:* On 16 April 1640 "Mr. Edge" received fourteen acres in the court-ordered division of meadow at Sandwich [PCR 1:149].

On 29 August 1643 concerning "the difference betwixt Mr. Hedge and Richard Hore, of Yarmouth, for the meadow ground at Yarmouth, first given to the church there, the Court doth order that the said six acres shall so remain to the church according to the first grant, and that Mr. Hedge may take his remedy against him or them that sold him the same, being formerly disposed of to the church as aforesaid" [PCR 2:62].

In his will, dated 30 June 1670 and proved 11 August 1670, "William Hedge Senior in Yarmouth ... being weak of body" bequeathed to "my beloved son Abraham Hedge this now my dwelling house with all the household stuff ... and all my land that belongeth to my dwelling house,

and also all my lands, both upland and meadow that I have in the Prime Field"; to "my beloved son Elisha Hedge my neck of land and meadows belonging thereunto provided that he pay his brother, my son William, £5"; to "my beloved son William £40 in debts and my best suit of clothes and my best hat"; to "my beloved son John £50 and my next suit of clothes and my brass musket and my rapier and belt and two mares and two colts"; to "my beloved son Elemuell £50 and two mares and two colts"; to "my beloved daughter Sarah Mathews" £5; to "my beloved daughter Elizabeth Barnes" £5; to "my beloved daughter Mary Sturgis" £40; to "my beloved daughter Marcye" £50; "to my beloved sister Brookes £30 that is of mine in Virginia that is due to me from Brother Brookes, deceased, likewise it is my mind and will that my sister Brookes shall have her livelihood amongst my children so long as she continues a widow"; "my beloved son Elisha" sole executor; "my beloved friends Mr. Thomas Thornton, Mr. Edmond Hawes and Richard Tayler" overseers; "whereas Blanch, my wife, hath dealt falsely with me in the covenant of marriage in departing from me, therefore I do in this my last will ... give her 12d. and also what I have received of hers my will is shall be returned to her again" [MD 18:252, citing PCPR 3:20].

Administration on the estate of "Captain Will[i]am Hedge lately deceased" was granted to Elisha Hedge on 11 August 1670 [PCR 5:47]. The inventory of the estate of "Captain William Hedge of Yarmouth late deceased" was taken 15 July 1670 and totalled £487 16s., including no real estate [MD 18:252, citing PCPR 3:21].

**BIRTH:** About 1612, son of Elisha and Ann (Ward) Hedge (his parents married Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, 12 July 1610 [NEHGR 111:319] and the immigrant was admitted to freemanship on 14 May 1634).

**DEATH:** Yarmouth between 30 June 1670 (date of will) and 5 July 1670 (court order to bring in will and inventory [PCR 5:43]).

**MARRIAGE:** (1) By about 1640 \_\_\_\_\_; she died after about 1658 and by about 1667.

(2) After 1667 Blanche (\_\_\_\_\_) Hull, widow of Tristram Hull; she deserted him before 30 June 1670.

**CHILDREN:**

With first wife

- i ABRAHAM, b. say 1640; named in father's will, 30 June 1670; sued by Francis Baker, 27 October 1680 [PCR 7:230; see also PCR 5:111]; no further record.
- ii ELISHA, b. about 1642 (d. Yarmouth 17 May 1732 "in his 91st year" [YarVR 809]); m. by 1666 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (eldest child b. 30 November 1666 [YarVR 6]). (Mary is said to be daughter of Edward Sturgis, but see *COMMENTS* below.)

- iii SARAH, b. say 1645; m. by about 1668 James Matthews (although the birth dates of his children, and therefore his approximate marriage date, are quite uncertain).
- iv ELIZABETH, b. Yarmouth 21 May 1647 [PCR 8:3]; m. Plymouth 4 January 1665[/6] Jonathan Barnes [PCR 8:31], son of JOHN BARNES.
- v MARY, b. Yarmouth 24 [February?] 1648[/9?] [PCR 8:7]; m. (1) by about 1667 Samuel Sturges; m. (2) Yarmouth 1 October 1679 as his third wife John Coggeshall [YarVR 17], son of JOHN COGGESHALL. Mary died Newport 22 August 1731 in her 83rd year.
- vi WILLIAM, b. say 1651; m. by 1682/3 Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. (Elizabeth is said to be daughter of Edward Sturges, but see *COMMENTS* below.)
- vii JOHN, b. say 1653; named in father's will, 30 June 1670; no further record.
- viii LEMUEL, b. say 1655; named in father's will, 30 June 1670; no further record.
- ix MERCY, b. say 1658; on 4 July 1673 Plymouth court authorized Lt. Thomas Howes of Yarmouth as guardian of "Marcye Hedge" [PCPR 5:124]; no further record. (Some sources state that Mercy married first Elkanah Watson and second John Freeman. In 1935 George Ernest Bowman demonstrated that the widow of Elkanah Watson did marry John Freeman, but he could find no evidence that she was Mercy Hedges [33:100-14].)

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Sister Brooks, mentioned in his will, is not otherwise named in Yarmouth records, but may be the "Rebecca Hedge, daughter of the said Elisha," named in the will of Elisha's father, Thomas Hedge, citizen and merchant tailor of London [Waters 140-42].

The marriage at Boston on 20 December 1657 of Tristram Hedges and Anne Nickerson is an intriguing one [BVR 62]. William Hedges did not have a son Tristram, but his second wife was widow of Tristram Hull. Although the marriage took place in Boston, Anne Nickerson was daughter of William Nickerson of Chatham, and therefore a near neighbor of William Hedges on Cape Cod. This conjunction of names may be mere coincidence, but deserves further investigation.

Several of the marriages of the children of William Hedges are difficult to substantiate, and this is in part a consequence of the connections with the Sturges family, which is very poorly documented. In his will William Hedges named a daughter Mary Sturges, and she is identified as wife of Samuel Sturges principally because there is no other available Sturges with wife Mary; in addition, Mr. Elisha Hedge is one of those who was

supposed to assist the widow Mary Sturgis in settling the estate of Samuel Sturgis [PCR 5:160]. Most sources claim that Elisha and William Hedges married Mary and Elizabeth Sturgis, but there is no direct evidence for this, and the known marriage of Mary Sturgis to one of the sons of Edward Sturgis is sufficient to explain other associations between the two families [Roger Faxton Sturgis, *Edward Sturgis of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, 1613-1695 and His Descendants* (Boston 1914), pp. 10-18].

**COMMENTS:** Pope has assigned the 1634 record of freemanship to William Hedges of Taunton, but this was a different man, who was made free in Plymouth Colony on 5 June 1651 [PCR 2:141, 167]. William of Sandwich and Yarmouth was consistently called "Mr.," while William of Taunton was not.

On 28 March 1637 in Essex Quarter Court, "Wm. Hedg" had a suit against Ensign Walker and Mr. Edward Tomlins [EQC 1:5], both of the latter being early settlers of Lynn.

Savage includes this note in his account of William Hedge: "A soldier in the Pequot war, with this surname, whose name of baptism is not found, either in Vincent, Underhill, or Mason, the narrators, who served with him, is very well mentioned and the first writer (who probably spoke with confidence), calls him a gentleman of Northamptonshire" [Savage 2:400]. All the particulars of this description fit William Hedges of Lynn, Sandwich and Yarmouth.

On 5 November 1638 "William Edge, gent.," assigned to Thomas Prence "all his right and interest in the service of Rob[er]t Wickson [PCR 1:102]. On 4 December 1638 "Mr. Hedge" was one of eleven Sandwich men presented at Plymouth court "for keeping swine unringed" [PCR 1:107].

On 6 March 1648/9 "Mr. William Hedge, of the town of Yarmouth," was presented for "letting an Indian have a gun, and powder, and shot," and "the wife of Mr. Hedge, of Yarmouth," was presented "for receiving of stolen goods" [PCR 2:137]. On 6 March 1649/50 "Mr. William Hedge, of Yarmouth," successfully sued Robert Nash of Boston [PCR 7:47]. On 5 October 1652 "William Hedge, of Yarmouth," was presented "for selling wine and strong waters without license" [PCR 3:17].

On 2 October 1658 "Mr. Will[i]am Hedge being presented for threatening to have the blood of Edward Sturgis, upon some small difference betwixt them, the Court do censure him to pay to the country's use the sum of ten shillings" [PCR 3:150].

On 9 August 1662 "Mr. Hedge" brought into Yarmouth "about fifteen gallons of liquors, ten pounds of powder, and half an hundred of lead," and on 19 September he brought in another ten gallons of liquor [PCR 4:28]. He imported more liquor and ammunition in 1663 [PCR 4:52].

On 6 April 1674 "Quachattasett, sachem of Manomett [Chatham]," sold to "Will Hedge or Webaquequan of Koomasabunkawitt" land at Break-

heart Hill [PCR 12:226-27]; the grantee may have assumed the name of Mr. William Hedge of Yarmouth.

## RALPH HEMINGWAY

*ORIGIN:* Unknown

*MIGRATION:* 1633

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Roxbury

*CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:* "Ralph Hinningway a man servant" admitted to Roxbury church as member #96, among those admitted in 1633 [RChR 79].

*FREEMAN:* 3 September 1634 (as "Ralfe Hiningway") [MBCR 1:369].

*EDUCATION:* Made his mark to his will. Inventory included "Bible and other books" valued at 8s.

*ESTATE:* In the Roxbury land inventory of about 1652, "Ralph Hemmingway" held eight parcels of land, all of which were granted by the town: two and a half acres with house, barn and garden; three and a half acres in Black Neck; one acre in the Calve's Pasture; one acre and a half of salt marsh; eight acres of land; two acres of fresh meadow; twenty-four and a half acres "exchanged with John Roberts for so much of his lot lying in the Second Allotment in the Last Division being the second lot there"; and sixteen acres in the Thousand Acres near Dedham [RBOP 28].

In his will, dated 4 May 1677 and proved 11 July 1678, "Ralph Hemenway ... being aged ... and having bodily weaknesses and infirmities increasing upon me" bequeathed to "Elizabeth my wife" my whole estate during her natural life in the hand of "my son John Hemenway" to improve for her comfort; after her decease, to "my son Samuel Hemenway" 20s. paid by my son John Hemenway "and the reason why I do give him no more is because I look upon my self indebted and engaged unto my son John Hemenway who hath taken care of me and my wife in our age and knowing that God hath dealt bountifully with my son Samuel I desire him to accept my love in this legacy"; to "my son Joseway Hemenway" my piece of land in the upper Calf Pasture, also a piece of salt marsh in Black Neck; to "my son John Hemenway" all my other lands and housing and cattle and moveables after my wife's death; to "my daughter Elizabeth Holbrook" £8 in four years time, 40s. [a year]; to "my daughter Ruth" £12 in six years, 40s a year; son John Hemenway and "my loving friend Samuel Williams" executors [SPR 6:239].

The inventory of the estate of "Ralph Hemenway of Roxbury who deceased the month of June 1678" was taken 15 June 1678 and totalled £170 19s. 6d., of which £150 was real estate: "house and orchard &