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his first child **Desire² Howland**

and her husband **Captain John Gorham**

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probated 6 February 1781, Hezekiah Gorham, yeoman, gave all of his property to his beloved wife, Anna Gorham. At her death it was to be divided among his five children, not named, at her discretion. Anna was made sole executrix. Witnesses were Solomon Otis, Nathaniel Lothrop and Catherine Otis.⁷

Anna Gorham, in her will dated 2 March 1792, probated 9 June 1792, named her two sons by her second husband, James Gorham and Jonathan Gorham, and her son by her first husband, Josiah Davis, "of Gorham, in the County of Cumberland." James and Jonathan Gorham shared most of their mother's real property, including her share in the grist mill. Her two daughters, Anna, wife of Silvanus Gorham, and Susannah, wife of Gorham Easterbrooks, were given all of her household furniture and wearing apparel. Her two sons by her second husband, James and Jonathan Gorham, were named joint executors.⁸

Children (Gorham), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the East Church of Barnstable:⁹

- i. James⁶⁻⁶, bapt. 22 February 1746/7.
- ii. Anna, bapt. 17 July 1748.
- iii. Lemuel, bapt. 5 May 1751, died young.
- iv. Jonathan, bapt. 4 February 1753.
- v. Susannah, bapt. 21 April 1754.
- vi. Isaac, bapt. 13 April 1760, died at sea, leaving no issue.

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209. Mary Gorham⁵⁻⁵ (James⁴⁻³, Desire² Howland, John¹) (Mary Joyce⁴, Elizabeth Chipman³, Hope² Howland, John¹) was born posthumously in Barnstable, Mass., 19 July 1719,¹ the daughter of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 June 1795, in her 76th year, called "widow of Capt. Benjamin Lothrop."²

Mary Gorham married first, in Barnstable 25 January 1738/9 (intentions 5 November 1738) Thomas Hedge,³ who was born in Yarmouth 5 May 1719,⁴ the son of Thomas and Hannah (Taylor) Hedge. This parentage is proved by three probate records — that of his grandfather, Elisha Hedge, that of his father's sister, Hannah Hedge, and that of his mother's brother,

Benjamin Taylor.⁵ Thomas Hedge died in Yarmouth 15 June 1764, at 45 years of age.⁶

Mary married second, as his fourth wife, in Yarmouth 5 January 1769 Thomas Hallett,⁷ who was born in Yarmouth in 1691,⁸ the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. His other wives were Sarah Hawes [see #101, pages 174-75], Hannah Gray and Desire Gorham [see #221, pages 299-300]. Thomas Hallett died in Yarmouth 10 April 1772.⁹

Mary married third, as his fourth wife, in Yarmouth 23 September 1779 (intentions 28 August 1779) Capt. Benjamin Lothrop "of Kingston,"¹⁰ who was born in Barnstable 8 April 1704,¹¹ the son of John and Hannah (—) (Fuller) Lothrop. His previous wives were Experience Howland, Deborah Thomas and Ruth Putnam. Benjamin Lothrop died in Kingston, Mass., 23 September 1786, in his 84th year, still called "Capt."¹²

Mary's first husband, Thomas Hedge, was the father of all of her children. In his will dated 16 July 1761, proved 22 June 1764, Thomas Hedge mentioned his well-beloved wife, Mary Hedge, and his daughters Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Thankful, who were each to receive £20 at the age of 18 or their marriage, "all children to be brought up as if I myself were living, until 18 or married." Unmarried daughters were to live in his house. All remaining property was bequeathed to his son, Thomas Hedge. He named his wife, Mary, as sole executrix. Witnesses were James Taylor, John Beare [Bears?] and Thankful Bassett. The inventory was taken 12 October 1764 and amounted to £728-10-10.¹³

Mary's second husband, Thomas Hallett, left a large estate. In his will dated 21 February 1770, proved 4 May 1772, he gave his wife, Mary Hallett, all of his real estate for life. After bequests to his nephews, he left the rest of his real and personal estate to his adopted son, Joshua Gray, nephew [or son] of his second wife, Hannah Gray, and husband of his step-daughter, Mary Hedge. [Mary Hedge was his fourth wife's daughter by her first husband, Thomas Hedge.]¹⁴ After the death of her third husband, Capt. Benjamin Lothrop, Mary returned to Barnstable and Yarmouth.¹⁵

Children (Hedge), all by her first husband, Thomas Hedge, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:¹⁶

- i. Mary⁶⁻⁶, born 30 June 1740, died 4 August 1740.
- ii. Thomas, born 8 April 1742, died 19 April 1742.
- iii. Hannah, born 20 July 1743.
- iv. Mary, born 5 December 1745.
- v. Sarah, born 21 May 1748.
- vi. Thankful, born 17 February 1750/1.
- vii. Thomas, born 14 April 1754.
- viii. James, born 3 July 1758, drowned in 1761.

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210. Mary Lothrop⁵ (*Experience Gorham*⁴, *James*³, *Desire*² *Howland, John*¹) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 4 April 1701,¹ the daughter of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. She died in Barnstable 29 November 1789, in her 89th year,² and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Mary Lothrop married in Barnstable about 1720 Ebenezer Taylor,³ who was born in Yarmouth about 1689,⁴ the son of Richard and Hannah (—) Taylor. He died in Yarmouth 10 October 1770, in his 82nd year,⁵ and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.

Mary Taylor was called "loving daughter" by her father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 24 May 1751.⁶ Mary's husband, Ebenezer Taylor, served as a selectman in Yarmouth. In his will dated 1 November 1769, proved 10 November 1770, Ebenezer Taylor, yeoman, mentioned his wife, Mary Taylor, his sons, Daniel and Lothrop Taylor, his granddaughter Tamsin Taylor, and his grandson Lothrop Taylor.⁷

Children (Taylor), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:⁸

- i. Daniel⁶, born 28 October 1722 (*sic*).
- ii. Lothrop/Lathrop, born 16 February 1722/3.

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211. James Lothrop⁵ (*Experience Gorham*⁴, *James*³, *Desire*² *Howland, John*¹) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 August 1703,¹ the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. He died at sea in April 1748.²