Capt. John and Mary (Heath) Johnson

John JOHNSON - b. about 1588, England; d. Sep. 30, 1659, Roxbury, MA. It has been suggested that he was the son of John JOHNSON of Co. Kent, England. John's will, dated Sep. 30, 1659 (the day he died) and proved Oct. 15, 1659 names son Isaac as co-executor. Arrived in New England with the Winthrop fleet at Salem, Jun. 22, 1630. He settled at Roxbury, MA and was made Freeman on May 18, 1631. Subsequently served town and colony in many capacities, including Constable (first on Oct. 19, 1630), Surveyor General, Town Clerk, Deputy to the House of Deputies, and Clerk of the Military Company of Massachusetts. The position as Surveyor General of Arms and Ammunitions of the Colonies made Capt. Johnson responsible for the acquisition, maintenance and distribution of the primary means of protection. Gov. John Winthrop wrote in his Journal under the date of Feb. 6, 1645:

John Johnson, the Surveyor General of Arms and Ammunition, a very industrious and faithful man in his place, having built a fair house in the midst of the town, with divers barns and outhouses, it fell on fire in the day time, no man knowing by what occasion, and there being in it seventeen barrels of the country's powder, and many arms, all was suddenly burnt and blown up, to the value of four or five hundred pounds, wherein a special providence of God appeared, for, he, being from home, the people came together to help and many were in the house, no man thinking of the powder till one of the company put them in mind of it, whereupon they all withdrew, and soon after the powder took fire and blew up all about it, and shook the houses in Boston and Cambridge, so that men thought it had been an earthquake, and carried great pieces of timber a great way off, and some rags and such light things beyond Boston meeting house, there being then a stiff gale south, it drove the fire from the other houses in the town (for this was the most northerly) otherwise it had endangered the greatest part of the town.

John was one of the founders of the town and church at Roxbury, MA and, together with his sons Isaac and Humphrey, was an original donor to the Free School in Roxbury. His second wife was possibly Margery SCUDDER, daughter of William (d. 1607) and Margery SCUDDER of Darenth, Kent. The will of William SCUDDER was dated July 27, 1607, and probated November 4, 1607, naming John JOHNSON, Sr., John JOHNSON, Jr. and daughter Margaret. Married first 21 Sep 1613, Ware, Hertfordshire, England, second by 1633 Margery (b. England; bur. 9 Jun 1655, Roxbury, MA), and third 1655 or later Grace NEGUS (d. Dec. 19, 1671), widow of Barnabas FAWER, and sister of Jonathan and Benjamin NEGUS.

Mary HEATH - d. May 1629, Hertfordshire, England; bur. May 15, 1629, Ware,
Hertfordshire, England. Daughter of William HEATH and Agnes CHENEY.

THIS IS OURS        Children of John and Mary Johnson

1. Mary - bap. Jul. 31, 1614, Ware, Hertfordshire, England; d. Jan. 1678/9, Rehoboth, MA; bur. Jan. 29, 1678/9, Rehoboth, MA. Married first Roger MOWRY (b. England; d. Jan. or Mar. 5, 1666, Providence, RI), friend of Roger Williams, founder of RI. Roger MOWRY arrived at Boston in 1631, moved to Plymouth, then Salem, and resettled at Providence, RI. Mary married second Mar. 16, 1673/4 John KINGSLEY (bap. Jan. 6, 1678/9, Rehoboth, MA). Children of Mary and Roger: Roger died young; Jonathan married first Mary (BARTLETT) FOSTER, and second Hannah; Bethiah married George PALMER; Mary; Elizabeth; Nathaniel married Johanna INMAN; John married Mary OLNEY (surname needs documentation); Mehitable married first Eldad KINGSLEY, and second Timothy BROOKS; Joseph married Mary WILBUR; Benjamin married; Thomas married Susanna NEWELL; and Hannah. 2. Isaac - bap. Feb. 11, 1615/6, Ware End, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England; d. Dec. 19, 1675, Four Corners, RI (in battle). 3. John - bap. Apr. 8, 1618, Ware End, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England; poss. bur. Jul. 6, 1627, Ware, Hertfordshire, England. 4. Elizabeth - bap. Aug. 22, 1619, Ware End, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England; d. Jan. 5, 1683/4, Roxbury, MA. Married Mar. 14, 1642/3 Robert PEPPER (b. about 1620; d. Jul. 7, 1684, Roxbury, MA), son of Richard and Mary. Children: Elizabeth died in infancy; Elizabeth married John Everett; John married Bethiah FISHER; Joseph married Mary MAY; Mary married Samuel EVERETT; Benjamin died young; Robert died young as captive of Indians; Sarah married John MASON; Isaac married Apphiah FREEMAN; and Jacob married first Elizabeth PAIN, and second Mary GLEASON. 5. Humphrey - b. Nov. 5, 1620, Ware End, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England; d. Jul. 24, 1692, Hingham, MA. Sgt. in company commanded by brother Isaac. An original donor of the Free School at Roxbury, he moved about 1651 to Scituate, MA. Married first Mar. 20, 1641/2, Roxbury, MA Ellen/Elinor CHENEY (b. about 1620, England; d. Sep. 28, 1678, Hingham, MA), daughter of William and Margaret CHENEY, ancestors of Pres. William Howard TAFT. He married second Dec. 6, 1678, Abigail MAY (d. after May 14, 1714), widow of Samuel MAY. Children of Humphrey and Elinor: Mehitable married first Samuel HINSDALE, second Robert ROOT, and third John COLEMAN (Mehitable and John became ancestors of Pres. Franklin ROOSEVELT); Martha married Obadiah MORSE; Benjamin married Rebecca HERSHEY (sister of Deborah HERSHEY who married Samuel LINCOLN, brother of Mordecai LINCOLN, ancestor of Pres. Abraham LINCOLN); Margaret married Josiah LEAVITT; Deborah died young; Mary; Nathaniel
married Abigail; Isaac married Abigail LEAVITT; and Joseph died young.

Children of Humphrey and Abigail: John married Mary RAMSEY; and Deborah married Isaac DAVIS.


8. Sarah - b. and bap. Nov. 12, 1624, Ware, Hertfordshire, England. Probably married first by 1647 Hugh BURT. Married second by Jul. 1653 at Lynn, MA William BARTRAM (d. Swanzey, MA). Resided at Lynn, and then Swansea, MA. Children: Rebecca; Esther married John NEWHALL; Ellen; Mary; Elizabeth; Hannah; and Susanna.


Capt. Isaac and Elizabeth (Porter) Johnson

Isaac JOHNSON - bap. Feb. 11, 1615/6, Ware End, Hertfordshire, England; d. Dec. 19, 1675, Four Corners, RI (in battle). Son of John JOHNSON and Mary HEATH. Isaac's will dated Mar. 8, 1673 and proved Feb. 10, 1676, Roxbury, MA names sons Isaac and Nathaniel. Freeman at Roxbury, MA Mar. 4,1635. Capt. of the Roxbury Company 1663, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company 1667, and in the Narragansett Expedition 1675. Killed at head of his company in the 'Great Swamp Fight' of King Philip's War. His military career is detailed in Soldiers in King Philip's War, by George M. Bodge (Leominster, MA: 1896), pages 159-163. Married Jan. 20, 1636/7, Roxbury (or Boston?), MA.

Elizabeth PORTER - bap. Feb. 10, 1610/11, Ware, Hertfordshire; d. Aug. 15, 1683, Roxbury, MA. Daughter of Adrian PORTER and Elizabeth ALLOT.

Children of Isaac and Elizabeth Johnson


3. Mary - b. Apr. 10, 1642, Roxbury, MA. Married Dec. 17, 1663, Roxbury, MA William BARTHOLOMEW (d. Spring 1697), son of William BARTHOLOMEW and Ann LORD. Lived at Deerfield, MA, and Branford, Woodstock and Harrisville, CT. Children: Isaac married Rebecca FRISBIE; William; Mary married Bartholomew GOODRICH; Andrew married Hannah FRISBIE; Abigail married first Joseph FRISSELL, and
second Samuel PAINE; Elizabeth married Edmund CHAMBERLAIN; Benjamin; John married first Elizabeth MORRIS, and second Mary HARRINGTON; and Joseph married Elizabeth SANGER.


Children: Isaac married Margaret MILLER; Daniel married Abigail LEEK; John died young; Joseph married first Elizabeth BLAKE, and second Elizabeth PARTRIDGE; Nathaniel married Mary BLAKE; Elizabeth did not marry; William died in infancy; Mary married Jonathan BLAKE; and Ebenezer died in infancy.


Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) Johnson

Nathaniel JOHNSON - b. May 1, 1647, Roxbury, MA; d. Feb. 14, 1698/9, Woodstock, CT. Son of Isaac JOHNSON and Elizabeth PORTER. Among the first settlers at Woodstock CT 1686. Married Apr. 29, 1667, Roxbury, MA.

Mary SMITH - b. Feb. 28, 1642/3, Dorchester, MA; d. Mar. 6, 1731/2, probably at Woodstock, CT. Daughter of Lawrence SMITH (b. England; d. Oct. 3, 1665, Dorchester, MA) and Mary (b. England; d. Jun. 11, 1683, probably at Dorchester, MA). Lawrence, the son of John and Dorothy SMITH, was a member of the Artillery Company in 1642, and a freeman at Dorchester, MA in 1643.

Children of Nathaniel and Mary Johnson

2. Nathaniel - b. Mar. 19, 1670, Roxbury, MA; d. Sep. 8, 1726, Branford, CT. Married Nov. 1690, Hannah HOADLEY (b. Nov. 8, 1670; d. Jan. 15, 1725/6, Woodstock, CT), daughter of William and Mary (BULLARD) HOADLEY.

Children: Abigail married Bezaleel TYLER; Hannah married Daniel PAGE; Lydia married Samuel BROCKWAY; Sarah died in infancy; Nathaniel died in infancy; Nathaniel married Elizabeth WILFORD; Mary married Jonah BUTLER; John died in infancy; and Samuel died in infancy.


Children: Sarah died in infancy; Nathaniel married first Mary HAYWARD, second Mary ROBBINS, and third Jemima FARNHAM; Smith married Experience PARKER; Sarah; Dorothy
married Nathaniel CHILD; Susanna married Samuel BUGBEE; Martha married William JOHNSON; Caleb; Hannah; Esther; Prudence married Ebenezer CHAPMAN; Peter; and David died in infancy.  

4. Mary 'Marah' - b. Feb. 14, 1673/4, Roxbury, MA; d. Dec. 15, 1709, Middlefield, CT; bur. Old Cemetery, Middlefield, CT. Among the first settlers at Middlefield, CT in 1700. Married first Sep.18, 1695, Woodstock, CT Benjamin MILLER (b. Jul. 20, 162-1672, Middletown, CT; d. Nov. 22, 1747 or 1749, Middlefield, CT), son of Thomas MILLER and Sarah NETTLETON. Benjamin married second Mercy BASSETT of New Haven, CT, and had seven children. Children of Mary and Benjamin: Rebecca married David ROBINSON; Mary married Mr. SPENCER; Benjamin probably married Hannah ROBINSON; Sarah married Joseph HICKOX; Hannah married Ephraim COE; Isaac did not marry; Mehitable married Mr. BARNES, perhaps Ebenezer; and Ichabod married first Mary ELTON, and second Elizabeth CORNWELL.  

5. Isaac - bap. Apr. 2, 1676, Roxbury, MA.  

6. Elizabeth - b. about 1678, Roxbury, MA; d. Mar. 17, 1736, Middletown, CT. Married Oct. 20, 1705 John BLAKE (b. May 19, 1683; d. Dec. 8, 1724), son of John BLAKE and Sarah HALL. Children: Richard; Anna died in infancy; John married Sarah LUCAS; and Joseph married Esther BACON.  

7. Rebecca - bap. Jun. 27, 1680, Roxbury, MA. Married Nov. 28, 1701 Joseph MILLER (b. Apr. 21, 1670; d. Dec. 171), son of Thomas MILLER and Sarah NETTLETON. Children: Joseph married Thankful HUBBARD; Huldah died in infancy; Nathaniel married Elizabeth WARD; Elijah married Bathsheba BUTLER; Huldah; Tabitha married Elisha SEARS; and Jared married Elizabeth CENTER.  


Deacon John and Margaret (Morris) Johnson  

John JOHNSON - b. Apr. 29, 1668, Roxbury, MA; d. Nov. 29, 1742, Woodstock, CT. Son of Nathaniel JOHNSON and Mary SMITH. Ordained as Deacon Nov. 14, 1731. Moved to Woodstock, CT about 1692. Married Apr. 4, 1689, Roxbury, MA.  


Children of John and Margaret Johnson  

1. Margaret - b. Dec. 27, 1689, Roxbury, MA; d. Jan. 30, 1743/4, Woodstock,

Isaac and Abigail (Peake) Johnson

Isaac JOHNSON - b. Dec. 23, 1697, Woodstock, CT; d. Apr. 3, 1766, Woodstock, CT. Married Apr. 28, 1720, Woodstock, CT. Son of John JOHNSON and Margaret MORRIS.

Abigail PEAKE - b. Apr. 7, 1700, Woodstock, CT; d. Feb. 22, 1766, Woodstock, CT. Daughter of Jonathan PEAKE, Jr. and Hannah LEAVENS.

Children of Isaac and Abigail Johnson