

THE FINNEY FAMILY
OF LENTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
AND PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

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The Finney family — two brothers, John and Robert, two sisters, Katherine and Anne, and their aged mother, whose name has not been discovered — appeared in Plymouth Colony late in the 1630s. The earliest mention of the family in New England sources is the birth of John³, son of John² Finney, at Plymouth on 24 December 1638.^[1] John² lived in Plymouth and Barnstable, but he died probably in Bristol, where he had removed late in life with three of his sons. Married three times, he produced an extensive posterity. His brother Robert² Finney, who was married but had no children, remained in Plymouth until his death on 7 January 1687/8. Both brothers held many positions of trust in the colony. Their sisters Katherine and Anne also remained in Plymouth and left descendants.^[2]

It is not known whether the four Finney siblings and their mother arrived on the same date or came to the colony individually, but the evidence suggests they came at or near the same time. John² Finney, Robert² Finney, and William² Fallowell, the son of their sister Katherine, were together on 2 December 1639, when they were assigned land in Webb's Field at Plymouth.^[3]

There is a tradition among descendants that the father of the Finney immigrants died crossing the sea enroute to America.^[4] As will be shown below, this tradition may be correct. The mother of the four siblings is almost certainly the unidentified "Mother Feney" whose death at Plymouth on 22 April 1650, "aged fourscore and upwards," is the only mention of her

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1. The event was recorded many years later in Barnstable Vital Records, published in *The Mayflower Descendant*, 11 (1909) [hereinafter *Barnstable VRs*]:130.

2. An account by Mary Lovering Holman of the early generations of the family in New England, appears as Chapter Three of William Inglis Morse, ed., *Genealogiae; or, Data concerning the families of Morse, Chipman, Phinney, Ensign and Whiting* (Boston, 1925).

3. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, (12 vols., Boston, 1855-61) [hereinafter *PCR*], 1:136, 158.

4. Howard Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families in America* (Richmond, 1957), p. 1.

in Plymouth records.^[5] This paper will explore the English ancestry of the four Finney siblings and supply details of their families in America.

EVIDENCE FROM NEW ENGLAND SOURCES

New England sources reveal important details of family structure necessary to the identification of these Finneys in English records. From Plymouth Colony records, it was learned that John² Finney had a wife Christian who died at Plymouth on 9 September 1649.^[6] It seemed possible, even likely, that John² was married prior to his arrival in the colony, as the first mention of him in Plymouth sources is the birth of his son John³ on 24 December 1638.

The next document of importance is the will of Robert² Finney of Plymouth, written on 20 May 1686 and proved at Boston 6 April 1688.^[7] Robert had no children of his own, and he made bequests to the children of his "brother" John Finney, thus proving the relationship between these two. Deacon [Robert²] Finney died at Plymouth on 7 January 1687/[8], "aged near fourscore years,"^[8] and thus born about 1607/8. He may have been younger than his brother John, as he married several years later, in 1641.^[9]

Evidence that Katherine and Anne are sisters of John² and Robert² is found in the will of the widow Katherine Fallowell of Plymouth, dated 29 March 1673, and exhibited at Plymouth on 5 June 1676.^[10] Among the heirs mentioned in the will are "my brother" Robert Finney, "my sister" Anne Kinge, Anne's children, Samuel Kinge, Joseph Kinge, Isaac Kinge, and Hannah May, the children of her son John Fallowell, and grandchildren Jonathan Fallowell, and Hannah, wife of Joseph Bartlett. Katherine's will is brimming with valuable evidence. Not only did she identify a brother, sister, and son, but clues in the will help to establish the identity of her husband, her sister Anne's husband, and two of her children, who are left unnamed in the will. Furthermore, all of this information is useful to estimate Katherine's age.

Katherine was clearly the wife of Gabriel¹ Fallowell of Plymouth, whose will, dated 14 October 1667, mentions a wife Katheren, grandchild Jonathan Fallowell, and "brother" Robert Finney. The document was exhibited at

5. PCR, 8:10.

6. *Ibid.*, 8:8.

7. Suffolk Co. Probate, File 1625; Old Series, 10:275-78.

8. *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts to the year 1850*, Lee D. van Antwerp, comp., Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed. (Camden, Me., 1993) [hereinafter *Plymouth Vital Records*], p. 134.

9. PCR, 2:23.

10. Plymouth Colony Probate Records [hereinafter PCPR], 3:2:43.

Plymouth on 5 March 1667.^[11] Jonathan Fallowell, mentioned in the wills of both paternal grandparents, was orphaned before 26 August 1652, when he was bound out to his uncle Robert² Finney. The document shows that Jonathan was eight years old and a son of William² Fallowell, deceased.^[12] As mentioned above, William² Fallowell was assigned land in 1639 with his uncles, John and Robert Finney, suggesting that William was born no later than 1618. To further extrapolate the chronology, one may expect that his mother, Katherine (Finney) Fallowell was born no later than about 1600 and probably several years before that date.

Additional evidence of Katherine's age is suggested by the marriage date of her daughter Anne to Thomas Pope on 28 July 1637.^[13] Although Anne is not mentioned in the will of Katherine or Gabriel¹ Fallowell, Katherine's will identified Hannah, wife of Joseph Bartlett, as one of her granddaughters. Proof that Hannah is a daughter of Thomas and Anne (Fallowell) Pope is found in a deed from Thomas Pope to "my Son in law Joseph Bartlett."^[14] Again, a review of the probable chronology suggests that Katherine was born no later than 1600 and probably earlier. There can be little doubt that Katherine² Finney and Gabriel¹ Fallowell were married well before their arrival in Plymouth.

Anne Kinge was identified as a sister in the will of Katherine Fallowell. Through the identification of Anne's children in the same document, it is possible to conclude that Anne's husband was Samuel¹ King of Plymouth. Their oldest known child Joseph² King was born about 1647/8, and thus Anne was probably the youngest of the four Finney siblings.

Summarizing the evidence found in New England sources, the immigrant family consisted of at least four siblings: John, Robert, Katherine, and Anne, and their mother, who was born about 1570. The father may have died while crossing the sea. Katherine was probably the eldest child, born about 1596. She was married to Gabriel Fallowell and had at least two children, William and Anne, before emigrating. They also had a son John whose age is unknown. John² Finney was probably the next oldest child. He had a wife Christian whom he may have married prior to emigration. He arrived at Plymouth no later than 24 December 1638. Robert² was born about 1607/8 and was probably not married when he came to Plymouth, which was before 2 December 1639. Anne was probably the youngest, most likely unmarried upon arrival in the colony. A family matching this description

11. PCPR, 2:247; see also *The Mayflower Descendant* [hereinafter MD], 17 (1915):25-26 for abstract of will.

12. Plymouth Colony Deeds, 2:13.

13. PCR, 1:63.

14. "Thomas¹ Pope's Will and Inventory," MD, 18 (1916): 129.

on nearly all points was identified in the parish of Lenton, Nottinghamshire.

EVIDENCE FROM ENGLISH SOURCES

The parish of Lenton lies immediately southwest of the city of Nottingham. The parish registers, located at the Nottinghamshire Archives, begin in 1540, but baptismal records before 1598 are lost, and there is a gap in the marriages from 1589 to 1612. The following entries were found in the Lenton registers.^[15]

Baptisms

9 April 1599	Jocasta [Joyce] filia Roberti Finnye
14 March 1601/2	Anna filia Roberti Finnye
15 March 1603/4	Johannes filius Roberti Finnye
16 Feb. 1607/8	Robertus filius Roberti Finnye
4 Aug. 1611	Anna filia Roberti Finnye
20 July 1637	Margarita filia Johanni Phiny

Burials

29 July 1575	Isabella Finnes
21 July 1586	Jeffrey Finnye
25 Jan. 1599/1600	Domo uxoris Finnye
17 Feb. 1602/3	Anna filia Roberti Finnye
5 Aug. 1603	Jocassa [Joisea in BT] filia Roberti Finnye
17 Aug. 1606	uxor Galfridi [Jeffrey] ffinnye [BT]
3 Oct. 1632	Anna Phiny
25 Jan. 1643/4	Sisley Phynie

Marriages

19 Sept. 1558	Jeffrey Finnye / Katherine Jackson
22 Oct. 1587	William Fletcher / Anne Finnye
29 Oct. 1587	Edward Finnye / Anne Warde
18 June 1611	Gulielmu Burrowes et Isabella Finny [BT]
27 April 1619	John Cooper / Elizabeth Finnye
26 Nov. 1620	Robert Petite / Elizabeth Finnye
22 Nov. 1636	John Phiny / Christian Patten

The above entries show that Robert Finney had children John, Robert, and Anne, with ages and birth order consistent with the family in New England. The baptism of Robert on 16 February 1607/8 is an exact match

15. Extracts from the Lenton registers were supplied by Mr. Dominic Johnson of Nottingham and supplemented by the Bishop's Transcripts searched at the Family History Library [hereinafter FHL] in Salt Lake City, as noted [BT].

with the age at death of Robert² Finney of Plymouth, who was "near fourscore years" on 7 January 1687/8. That the baptism of Katherine was not found is not surprising, as New England sources suggest she was born probably before 1598. The marriage of John Phiny to Christian Patten on 22 November 1636 also fits the New England evidence perfectly. It is unfortunate that record of the marriage of Robert Finney, Sr., almost certainly fell in the gap in the Lenton marriage register, 1589-1612. Searches in published marriages for the parishes of Nottingham City also failed to locate the marriage, and the identity of "Mother Finney" of Plymouth remains a mystery.

It is significant that no burials or probate records were found for Robert Finney or any of his family, suggesting that they removed from the parish and the county. Robert may have died enroute to New England as published sources suggest, or he may have died soon after his arrival in Plymouth. The last mention of the family at Lenton is the baptism of Margaret, daughter of John Finney, on 20 July 1637, a previously unknown child of John² Finney. As stated above, John² Finney of Plymouth is first mentioned on 24 December 1638, when his son John was born. This narrows the time period of emigration to the period between July 1637 and December 1638.

The will of Ellen Finney of Lenton proves that Robert Finney indeed had a daughter Katherine. Not only should Ellen's will remove any lingering doubts concerning the identification of this family, but it adds another generation to the pedigree. Ellen is clearly the widow of Galfridi [Jeffrey] Finney who was buried on 17 August 1606. Her will was written on 8 August 1606 and proved 16 January 1606/7.¹⁶

In the name of god Amen the Eighte daie of Auguste in the yeare of o^r lord god /1606/
I Eline Finnye of Lenton in the County and Archdeaconrye of Nott^r widdowe sicke in
body but of good and p[er]fecte remembrance laude and praise be given to god
therefore doe ordaine & make this my laste will and testam^t in manner and forme fol-
lowinge that is to witt Firste and principallie I comende my soule into the hand[e]s of
Jesus Christe my onelie Savio^r & redemer and my body to the Earthe from whence it
came to be buried in the p[ar]ishe Churcheyard of Lenton aforesaid as neare to my
husband Jeffray Finnye as may be . And for the dysposic[i]on of my worldly good[e]s
my will is that they shalbe bestowed as followeth Viz. Firste I give and bequeath to
my sonne Robart Finnye my ride Cowe It[e]m to my daughter Anne the wief of
Will[i]am Fletcher my blacke Cowe It[e]m to my daught^r Sicilye Finnye my browne
heffer It[e]m to my daught^r Issabell Finnye my black heffer my Cupbord and the
greatest brasse panne over and above the child[e]s parte of good[e]s due to her by the
laste will of Jeffray Finnye her Father deceased It[e]m I give to my said daught^r Sis-

16. Exchequer and Prerogative Courts of York, reg. wills [hereinafter cited PCY], 30:220.

cilie Finnye the good will of my house And I humblye beseche the honorable the Lo: Wharton that it may please him to admitt her servant thereunto, and that she may quietly enioye the same after my death./ It[e]m my Will is that my sonne in Lawe Will[i]am Fletcher shall have the kitchine and the nether parlo^r to dwell in untill he can p[ro]vide himselfe elsewhere/ It[e]m I give to everie one of my said sonne in lawe Will[i]am Fletcher his children/ to witt/ henry Fletcher Alice Fletcher Margerye Fletcher and Anne Fletcher ij^s in monye and to everie one a henne It[e]m to John Fynnye And to Katherine Fynnye sonne and daught^r of my sonne Robart Fynnye to eyther of them ij^s in money and to eyther of them a henne It[e]m to Marye and to Elizabeth Finnye daught^rs of my sonne Edward Finnye to eyther of them ij^s in money and to eyther of them a henne It[e]m to my daught^r in lawe Anne Fynnye wief of my said sonne Edward Fynnye xij^d in full satisfaction of any porc[i]on w^{ch} shee can challenge under coulo^r of her said husbandes righte All the rest of my good[e]s unbequeathed (my Funerall expenc[e]s discharged and my debt[e]s paid) I will shalbe equalle divided amonge my Children Robart Fynnye Anne the wief of Will[i]am Fletcher afforesaid and Issabell Fynnye/ if that my said daught^r Siscelie Finnye have the house but yf she have it not then my Will is that my said good[e]s unbequeathed shalbe equallie divided amonge them all to witt Robart Finnye Anne Fletcher Siscelie Finnye and Issabell Finnye Joynte executo^rs of this my laste Will and testam^t And I requeste my lovinge Neighb^rs and freind[e]s John Wood Cler^r my brother Thomas Smedlay and James Pares to be Sup[er]visors of this my said laste Will to see it p[er]formed Witnesses John Wood Cler^r and James Pares wth others Et Eisdem die et anno [decimo sexto die mensis Januar' anno dni Mill[es]jmo sexcennio sexto] . . . Roberto Cicilliae et Isabellae Finnie execut^r . . .

The will of Jeffrey Finney is referred to in Ellen's will, but the document has not been found. They had five children: Robert, Anne, Sicilie, Isabel, and Edward. The will also confirms the existence of Katherine and John, children of Robert.

Ellen Finney named her brother Thomas Smedley as one of the supervisors of her will. Although there are other possibilities, the most likely interpretation is that Thomas was Ellen's brother in the traditional sense. Thomas Smedley of Lenton executed his will on 14 October 1608. There is no mention of Ellen in the will; she was already deceased when the document was written. However, the name of Sicilye Finnye, one of Ellen's daughters, appears on a list of debts owed by the testator to various individuals. The debt amounted to four shillings.^[17] No other Smedley wills were found in the Exchequer and Prerogative Courts of York or the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Thomas Smedley and Jane Allen were married at Lenton on 14 October 1565.^[18] The only other Smedley marriage

17. Copy of original will, PCY, proved 17 July 1610, from Nottinghamshire Archives, supplied by Dominic Johnson. The register copy, 31:385 (FHL 099,497) does not include the list of debts.

18. *Nottinghamshire Parish Registers, Marriages*, W. P. W. Phillimore, ed., 6 (London, 1904):120.

at Lenton was for William Horslay and Agnes Smedley, who were married on 28 January 1551. Agnes may be a sister of Thomas and Ellen Smedley.

The marriage of Jeffrey^A Finney and Ellen was not found in Lenton or in the parish registers of Nottingham. However, a Jeffrey Finney married Katherine Jackson at Lenton on 19 September 1558. No burial is found for Katherine, but it seems unlikely that she lived for long, as Ellen identifies herself as the mother of all of the children in her will, and there is no indication that any of the children were the product of an earlier marriage. It is possible that earlier children were born but not mentioned in the will of Ellen Finney.

FINNEY FAMILY

1. JEFFREY^A FINNEY, of Lenton, Nottinghamshire, was born say 1532, and was buried at Lenton on 21 July 1586. He married, first, at Lenton 19 September 1558, KATHERINE JACKSON, who died probably soon afterward. Jeffrey married, second, about 1560, ELLEN, probably SMEDLEY, who was buried at Lenton on 17 August 1606. Ellen's will identifies five children.

Children; surname Finney:

- i. EDWARD, b. ca. 1561; d. at Lenton between 26 March and 11 May 1598, the dates of the execution and probate of his nuncupative will.¹⁹ He m. at Lenton, 29 Oct. 1587, ANNE WARDE, who was bur. there 3 Oct. 1632. Edward was styled "laborer" in his will, which mentions children *Robert, Mary, and Elizabeth*.
- ii. ANNE, b. ca. 1566; m. at Lenton, 22 Oct. 1587, WILLIAM FLETCHER. Four children of Anne are named in the will of their grandmother Ellen Finney; surname Fletcher: *Henry, Alice, Margery, and Ann*.
2. iii. ROBERT¹, b. ca. 1568; m. _____.
- iv. SICILIE, bur. at Lenton, 25 Jan. 1643/4; unmarried. She is mentioned as a creditor to the estate of her uncle Thomas Smedley on 17 July 1610.
- v. ISABEL, m. at Lenton, 18 June 1611, WILLIAM BURROWES. She was unmarried on the date of her mother's will, 8 Aug. 1606, and appears to have married late in life.

2. ROBERT¹ FINNEY (Jeffrey^A) was born about 1568. He died probably about 1637/8, probably enroute to New England or soon after arrival. Robert married, probably at Lenton, about 1595, but the name of his wife is unknown. She came to Plymouth, where she died on 22 April 1650 as "Mother Feney."

19. PCY, 27:282.

Children; surname Finney:

3. i. KATHERINE², b. ca. 1596, probably at Lenton; m. GABRIEL¹ FALLOWELL.
 - ii. JOYCE, bp. at Lenton, 9 April 1599; bur. there, 5 Aug. 1603.
 - iii. ANNE, bp. at Lenton, 14 March 1601/2; bur. there, 17 Feb. 1602/3.
4. iv. JOHN, bp. at Lenton, 14 March 1603/4; m. CHRISTIAN PATTEN.
 - v. ROBERT, bp. at Lenton, 16 Feb. 1607/8; d. at Plymouth, Mass., 7 Jan. 1687/8; m. at Plymouth, 1 Sept. 1641, PHEBE RIPLEY, who died there 9 Oct. 1710, "being as was Judged in her 92 yeare of agee."^[20] They had no children. Robert first appears in the Plymouth records on 2 Dec. 1639, when he was assigned a "garden place" in Webb's Field with his brother John¹ Finney and nephew William² Fallowell. Robert and his brother John each received grants of six acres on the brook coming from "Fresh Lake" on 16 Sept. 1641. Robert was on the list of those able to bear arms for the town of Plymouth in August 1643. He was constable in 1645 and was made a freeman of the colony on 7 June 1647. He was deputy to the General Court from Plymouth, 1657-60, 1661-64, 1669, and 1670-72. Although Robert was frequently a jurymen, he was fined on 4 Oct. 1653 for failing to serve on a jury. He was granted lands at Taunton in 1662. On 1 June 1663 he was appointed with others to view the lands on the north side of Seconk and make a report to the court. Robert was granted 100 acres at Namassakett River, "if it may be had there," otherwise at Acushenett, on 2 July 1667. In 1666 he was both selectman and surveyor of highways for the town of Plymouth. He was a deacon of the church there from 1669 until his death.^[21]
5. vi. ANNE, bp. at Lenton 4 Aug. 1611; m. SAMUEL KING.

3. KATHERINE² FINNEY (Robert¹, Jeffrey^A) was born about 1596, probably at Lenton. She died at Plymouth between 29 March 1673, when she wrote her will, and 5 June 1676, when the will was exhibited at Plymouth. Katherine married GABRIEL¹ FALLOWELL, apparently in England. He died at Plymouth at the age of eighty-three, 28 December 1667, and was buried on the 31st of the same month "with great respect and honor, and much lamented in respect of the loss of him whoe was a good old man and a faithfull servant of the Lord."^[22]

Children; surname Fallowell:

- i. WILLIAM, b. in England, ca. 1614; d. before 29 June 1649, when his wife remarried. He m. at Plymouth, in 1640, MARTHA BEELS/BEAL, dau. of

20. Plymouth, Mass., Vital Records, *The Mayflower Descendant*, 16 (1914): 64.

21. PCR, 1:136, 158; 2:83, 111, 114, 123, 124, 134; 3:9, 42, 64, 79, 115, 135, 142, 162, 187, 198, 205, 215; 4:14, 20, 37, 39, 60, 64, 67, 123, 124, 128, 160; 5:17, 55, 90, 274; 6:103; 7:29, 35, 42, 52, 53, 56, 58, 68, 72, 73, 81, 85, 90, 93, 94, 105, 196; 8:189, 198; 12:199. See also Mary Allen Phinney, *Phinney Genealogy* (Rutland, 1948?), p. 2.

22. PCR, 8:31.

John¹ Beal of Hingham.^[23] She m. (2) at Plymouth, 29 June 1649, Samuel² Dunham (John¹).^[24] William had at least one son, Jonathan, who was bound out to his uncle Robert¹ Finney on 26 Aug. 1652 at the age of eight years.

- ii. ANNE, b. in England, ca. 1616; d. before May 1646 when her husband remarried; m. at Plymouth, 28 July 1637, THOMAS¹ POPE.^[25] Their daughter Hannah, who m. Joseph Bartlett, is named as Hannah Bartlett in the will of her grandmother Fallowell.^[26]
- iii. JOHN, mentioned in the will of his mother; m. 13 Feb. 1667[8] at Plymouth, SARAH WOOD, dau. of John and Sarah (Masterson) Wood.^[27]

4. JOHN² FINNEY (Robert¹, Jeffrey^A) was baptized at Lenton on 15 March 1603/4. He was living at Bristol, Massachusetts (now Rhode Island) as late as 7 February 1682/3, when he deeded his house and lands there to his son Jonathan.^[28] John married, first, at Lenton on 22 November 1636, CHRISTIAN PATTEN. She was baptized 23 November 1608 in the parish of Sneinton, immediately east of the city of Nottingham and three miles from Lenton, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Trinder) Patten.^[29] Christian died at Plymouth, Massachusetts 9 September 1649.^[30] John married, second, at Barnstable, 9 July 1650, ABIGAIL (BISHOP) COGGIN, the widow of Henry Coggin, and daughter of Thomas and Avis (Abbott) Bishop of Bridport, Dorsetshire.^[31] They had no children. Abigail was buried at Barnstable on 6 May

23. *Ibid.*, 1:153. The marriage date is not given, but it was recorded between entries dated 16 May and 14 Oct. 1640. For information on the Beal family, see George Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts* (1893, repr. ed., Somersworth, N.H., 1982), 2:53-54.

24. *Ibid.*, 8:8.

25. *Ibid.*, 1:63.

26. See also Charles Henry Pope, *A History of the Dorchester Pope Family 1634-1888* (Boston, 1888), pp. 280-285.

27. *Ibid.*, 8:31; Frederick Chester Warner, "The Ancestry of Samuel, Freda and John Warner" (typescript, Boston, 1949, at the Society), pp. 794-795.

28. Bristol Co. Deeds, 4:25.

29. The parish registers of Sneinton (also called Snenton) before 1654 are lost. Prior to this date, Bishop's Transcripts exist only for the years 1601, 1603, 1606, 1608, 1612-13, 1618, 1620-21, 1625-35, and 1637-38. A search of available BTs found that Edward Patten and Elizabeth Trinder were married on 29 Oct. 1606. Besides Christian, bp. 23 Nov. 1608, Edward had a daughter Elizabeth bp. 19 April 1612, and an unnamed infant buried 20 Oct. 1620. Although the BTs of Sneinton are relatively complete for the period 1625-38, there is no further mention of Edward Patten nor is he found in the parish registers of Lenton. He is perhaps the Edward Patten who married at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 30 Nov. 1622, Winifred Hornbuckell (Phillimore, *Nottinghamshire Parish Registers*, vol. 1).

30. PCR, 8:8.

31. "Scituate and Barnstable Church Records," *Register*, 9 (1855):287. The marriage date is recorded as 10 June 1650 in *Barnstable VRs*, 11:130. Also see letter of Thomas Bishop of Bridport, Dorset, to John Phinney of Barnstable, New England, 10 April 1654, Plymouth Colony Deeds, 2:1:35-36 (transcribed in Morse, *supra*, note 2). This document identifies Thomas Bishop as the father of

1653.^[32] John married, third, at Barnstable on 26 June 1654, ELIZABETH BAYLEY.^[33]

John² Finney emigrated to New England between July 1637 and December 1638. He was assigned land at Webb's Field in Plymouth on 2 December 1639; the grant was confirmed on 6 July 1640. On 16 September 1641 John and his brother Robert were each granted six acres of upland abutting the brook that comes from Fresh Lake, and John received another grant of fifty acres at "Pausatuke" Neck on 5 June 1666. The court confirmed the grant at "Passuntaguanumcke Neck on South Sea," 7 July 1668.^[34]

John was admitted a freeman of the colony on 20 August 1644. He held many positions of trust, beginning with his appointment as constable at Plymouth on 7 March 1642. The following year he was included on a list of those able to bear arms from the town of Plymouth. He was collector of the excise at Plymouth, 1646-1648, and was three times appointed surveyor of highways, in 1646, 1654, and 1668. On 24 February 1652 he was chosen to lay out the highway from Plymouth to Sandwich with twelve other men.

John² Finney removed to Barnstable before 29 August 1652, when he was admitted to Rev. John Lathrop's church.^[35] In Barnstable he was appointed exciseman in 1661, inspector of the ordinaries in 1671, and constable in 1675. John was frequently a juryman in Plymouth and Barnstable.

On 1 March 1658/9 Isaac Robinson and Gyles Rickard, Sr. complained to the court in behalf of two children of Henry Coggin, deceased, who were living in the home of John² Finney at Barnstable, being the children of his second wife Abigail. The complaint was recorded three days after the death of Thomas Coggin, one of Henry Coggin's sons. The exact nature of the offence is not stated, but it was claimed that the Coggin children had "suffered wrong in sundry respects." The case was referred to the May session of the court. In the meantime, John was ordered to keep his stepson, apparently John Coggin, in school "all the time excepting six days," and to prepare an account of the children's estate. John Coggin was eventually placed under the guardianship of Capt. James Cudworth and Isaac Robinson, and on 7 June 1659 John Finney surrendered all of Henry Coggin's lands at Barnstable to the guardians.

Abigail, second wife of John² Finney. See also George E. McCracken, "Early Cogans English and American," in the *Register*, 111 (1957): 174-177.

32. *Barnstable VRs*, 11:130; also *PCR*, 8:47. *Register*, 9:286 indicates Abigail was buried on 7 May.

33. *Barnstable VRs*, 11:130.

34. Except as noted, the principal history of John² Finney is drawn from *PCR*, 1:136, 158; 2:14, 25, 53, 71, 75, 102, 105, 111, 112, 116, 117, 125, 140; 3:50, 61, 62, 73, 75, 115, 156, 160, 166, 188, 216, 217; 4:77, 128, 181, 189; 5:36, 42, 60, 91, 114, 145, 165, 277; 6:60; 7:20, 22, 23, 25, 28, 38, 41, 42, 47, 70, 72, 101, 150; 8:174, 181, 188, 200; 11:133.

35. *Register*, 9:281.

Late in his life, John Finney became interested in the Mount Hope lands, now Bristol in present-day Rhode Island. John and his sons Jonathan and Jeremiah were original grantees of Bristol on 1 September 1681.^[36] The last mention of him is in a deed dated 7 February 1682[3?] in which he disposed of his house and thirty acres of land in Bristol on the Swansea River to his son Jonathan.^[37] No record of the death or probate of John¹ Finney has been found.

Children, with first wife, Christian Patten, surname **Finney**.^[38]

- i. MARGARET³, bp. at Lenton, Notts., 20 July 1637. No further record.
- ii. JOHN, b. at Plymouth, Mass., 24 Dec. 1638;^[39] bp. at Barnstable, 31 July 1653.^[40] He d. at Barnstable before 9 March 1718/9, when his estate was inventoried.^[41] John m. at Barnstable, 10 Aug. 1664, MARY³ ROGERS, dau. of Joseph² and Hannah (____) Rogers, and granddau. of Thomas¹ Rogers of the *Mayflower*.^[42] John is the founder of the Barnstable branch of the family. His descendants generally used the spelling "Phinney."

Children, with third wife, Elizabeth Bayley, born at Barnstable:^[43]

- iii. JONATHAN, b. 14 Aug. 1655; d. at Swansea, Mass., Nov. 1728 and bur. in Kickemuit Cem., now in Warren, R.I.^[44] He m. at Bristol, 18 Oct. 1682, JOANNA KINNICUTT, dau. of Roger and Joanna (Shepardson) Kinnicutt.^[45]
- iv. ROBERT, b. 13 Aug. 1656. He was a soldier in King William's War, "bound for Canada to fight against the French," on 23 July 1690 when he wrote his will. He did not survive the campaign and the will was proved at Plymouth 17 March 1690/1.^[46]
- v. HANNAH, b. 2 Sept. 1657; d. before 3 Aug. 1730, the date of her husband's will. She m. ca. 1676, EPHRAIM MORTON, son of Ephraim and Ann (Cooper) Morton.^[47]
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. 15 March 1658/9; mentioned in the will of her brother Robert² Finney on 23 July 1690. No further record.^[48]

36. Bristol Town Records, 1:1.

37. Bristol Co. Deeds, 4:25. The deed suggests a possible maintenance agreement with his son Jonathan, who sold the land to Nathaniel Paine on 3 Jan. 1687/8, perhaps after the death of his father.

38. A third child, Thomas², born in 1648 and died in 1653, is included in Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families*, p. 1. However, no evidence of this child has been found in original sources.

39. Barnstable VRs, 11:130.

40. Register, 9:284.

41. Barnstable Co. Probate Records, 3:595-96. The will was written 19 April 1718 and proved 18 June 1719.

42. Barnstable VRs, 11:130; see also Alice W. A. Westgate, "Thomas Rogers," *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Two* (Plymouth, 1978), pp. 155-158, 162.

43. Barnstable VRs, 11:130; births are recorded also in PCR, 8:47.

44. "Inscriptions in Kickemuit Cemetery, Warren, R.I.," *Register*, 70 (1916):32. Warren was separated from Swansea in 1747. See also the will of Jonathan Finney of Swansea, dated 27 Aug. 1724, proved 20 Aug. 1728, inv. 18 Nov. 1728 (Bristol Co. Probate, 6:137-38, 239).

45. Bristol Vital Records, transcript, 1:36. See also Francis Wayland Shepardson, *The Shepardson*

- vii. JOSIAH, b. 11 Jan. 1660/[61]; d. at Plymouth between 2 Jan. 1723, when he made his will, and 2 Jan. 1726/7, when it was proved.^[49] He m. (1) at Plymouth, ELIZABETH³ WARREN, dau. of Joseph² and Priscilla (Faunce) Warren, and granddau. of Richard¹ Warren of the *Mayflower*,^[50] m. (2) at Marshfield, 14 Sept. 1726, MERCY (FORD) THOMAS, dau. of William and _____ (Dingley) Ford and widow of Samuel Thomas.^[51] Josiah is the founder of the Plymouth branch of the Finney family.
- viii. JEREMIAH, b. 15 Aug. 1662; d. at Bristol, 18 Feb. 1748.^[52] He m. at Bristol, 7 Jan. 1684, ESTHER LEWIS, prob. dau. of Thomas and Hannah (Baker) Lewis.^[53]
- ix. JOSHUA, b. 31 Dec. 1665; d. at Swansea, 7 Sept. 1714.^[54] He m. at Bristol, 31 May 1688, MERCY WATTS, said to be the dau. of Jeremiah and Elinor (____) Watts.^[55]

5. ANNE² FINNEY (Robert¹, Jeffrey^A) was baptized at Lenton on 4 August 1611. She died at Plymouth on 4 May 1688.^[56] Anne married, probably at Plymouth, before 1647/8, SAMUEL¹ KING of Plymouth. He died there in August 1705, "Aged upwards of 90 years" (actually, he was 85 or 86).

Children, all born at Plymouth, surname **King**.^[57]

- i. JOSEPH, b. 1647/8; d. at Halifax, Mass., 30 Oct. 1736, aged 88 years; m. ELIZABETH BRYANT, dau. of Stephen¹ and Abigail (Shaw) Bryant.

Family (1907), p. 2. Joanna is incorrectly identified in other sources, including *Finney-Phinney Families* and the *Register*, 60 (1906):68.

46. Plymouth Co. Probate, 1:81-82.

47. No marriage record has been found, but she is called the wife of Ephraim Morton in the will of her uncle Robert¹ Finney. Franklin C. Clark in "The Bristol Branch of the Finney Family," *Register*, 60 (1906):67, stated that Hannah, widow of Ephraim Morton, married, second, John Cooke of Kingston, but this seems unlikely, as Ephraim Morton's will mentions no wife.

48. It is stated in Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families*, p. 2 and in Phinney, *Phinney Genealogy*, p. 11 that Elizabeth married Haile Barton on 19 Dec. 1673. Vital records of Warren, R.I. show that the actual date of marriage was 19 Dec. 1773, thus obviously not the marriage of Elizabeth² Finney. Furthermore, the 1690 will of her brother Robert² calls Elizabeth by her maiden name.

49. Plymouth Co. Probate, 5:219-22.

50. *Plymouth Vital Records*, p. 86.

51. Robert M. Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman, comps., *Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts* (Soc. of Mayflower Desc., 1970), pp. 145, 428. See also intentions of marriage, *Plymouth VRs*, p. 173, and Robert S. Wakefield, Janice Beebe et al., "Richard Warren of the Mayflower," *Mayflower Families in Progress* (Plymouth, 1991), pp. 10, 40; John Marshall Raymond, *Thomas Families of Plymouth County, Massachusetts* (n.p., 1980), p. 163.

52. Bristol VRs, 1:36.

53. *Ibid.*, 2:96; Michael L. Cook, *Pioneer Lewis Families*, Volume 1 (Evansville, Ind., 1978), pp. 1060-61.

54. *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts* (Boston: NEHGS, 1992), p. 218. See also estate records of Joshua Finney of Swansea, Bristol Co. Probate, 3:204, 235.

55. Bristol VRs, 1:36.

56. *Plymouth VRs*, p. 134.

57. The four children are well covered in Mrs. John E. Barclay, "Samuel King Family of Plymouth, Plympton and Halifax, Mass.," in *The American Genealogist*, 30 (1954):11-12, q.v. for more detail.

- ii. SAMUEL, b. 29 Aug. 1649; m. SARAH³ DUNHAM, dau. of Samuel² Dunham and his wife Martha (Beal) Fallowell, the widow of his cousin William Fallowell.
- iii. ISAAC, b. 24 Oct. 1651; d. at Plympton, 8 Aug. 1728, aged 77 years; m. at Plymouth, 13 Aug. 1689, MEHITABLE BRYANT, prob. dau. of Stephen¹ and Abigail (Shaw) Bryant.
- iv. HANNAH, b. ca. 1653; m. before 1673, EDWARD MAY.