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FOREWORD

THE basis of this small volume was founded some years ago when Miss Helen Cooper, of Attleboro, Mass., gathered in and typed off briefly what records she was able to secure from the members of the Briggs Family Association.

A year ago the compiler was approached by Walter A. Briggs, Esq., of Attleboro, in behalf of the said Association, and asked to compile a genealogy comprising the *descendants* of Emerson and Lydia (Richardson) Briggs.

It seems fitting at this time to also include a short account of the *paternal ancestry* of Emerson Briggs, and this will be found in the Introduction. Also in the Appendix will be found some brief notes on the *paternal ancestry* of Lydia Richardson, wife of Emerson Briggs.

The compiler is very grateful for the interest and help of Walter A. Briggs, to whom indeed all the members of the Association owe a debt of gratitude for his determination that this work should be compiled and published. Credit and appreciation should also go to the heirs-at-law of Susie B. Coddling, widow of Erastus B. Coddling, who contributed generously to the cost of the work prior to publication. Unstinted thanks is due Ralph E. Parmenter for assuming the financial obligation of publication. Other cousins made their contributions both in work and in money, and to them appreciation is acknowledged.

So that the readers may better understand the words "Attleborough" and "Attleboro," it should be made known that prior to 1888 the lands comprising those which are now the Town of North Attleborough and the City of Attleboro, were the Town of Attleborough. In the year 1888, the State Legislature established two municipalities designated as North Attleborough and Attleborough. In 1914, the Town of Attleboro was incorporated as the City of Attleboro.

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INTRODUCTION

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IN ORDER to obtain a complete and comprehensive account of Emerson Briggs, it was necessary to search the original records of his paternal line, so that statements made herein as to his ancestry and certain achievements of his fathers could be proved. For this reason it was deemed reasonable to examine certain original and printed records and, as the notes were all at hand, to present them briefly herein.

This Introduction, then, deals with brief notes as to Emerson's great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, and father; that is, William Briggs of Taunton; William Briggs, Jr., of Taunton; Seth Briggs of Taunton, Attleboro and Mansfield; and Jacob Briggs of Attleboro, Norton and Mansfield.

If further investigation should ever be made on these four men the compiler suggests that full abstracts of certain important deeds would be valuable, and that the records of the Superior Court of Judicature, the Archives of the Commonwealth, and the eighty-odd volumes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register should be consulted, as well as certain other manuscript and printed sources.

In about two years time the vital records of both Attleboro and Mansfield will have been compiled and published by the Essex Institute, and doubtless further data will be contained in these books about the entire line, as these books will not only contain the records of births, marriages, marriage intentions, and deaths, but also records from graveyards, church records, old Bible records and so on. Both Taunton and Norton have already been published.

It is possible that the Plymouth Colony Records prior to 1685 may contain further material about the immigrant, William Briggs.

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WILLIAM BRIGGS of Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., probably born in England, in 1645, died in Taunton, as William Briggs the first, 3 Jan. 1728, aged eighty-three years. He married there, 6 Nov. 1666, SARAH MACOMBER of Marshfield, probably born about 1643, died in Taunton, 20 Mar. 1680, doubtless the daughter of William and Ursula (——) Macomber of Marshfield. It is possible that after her death, William Briggs remarried.

Some confusion has arisen about this William Briggs and this rendered an examination of the land records and other original sources necessary. There were in Taunton three of the name all contempo-

raries. There was William Briggs the cooper, who died in Taunton, testate, 21 Apr. 1725, aged sixty-two, and was that William, son of Richard, born there, 21 Apr. 1663. He married 13 July 1687 in that town, Constant Lincoln, and in his will dated 19 Apr. 1725, proved 15 June 1725, calls himself: "William Briggs of Taunton . . . Cooper son of Richard Briggs late of Taunton Deceased," and mentions his beloved wife Elisabeth [a second wife],* youngest son Noah, daughter Elisabeth, and two eldest sons, William and Isaac Briggs. (*Bristol County Probate.*) In his deeds he is called cooper, or "son of Richard Briggs," sometimes both. (*Bristol Deeds, 5: 248; 9: 549; 11: 288, 419, 534; 8: 239; 19: 95, 395, 507; 8: 50.*) Then there was William Briggs, Jr., son of our William, whose account will follow later; and the third William, was founder of this particular Briggs family, who was known in the records as "the first," or "Eldest," or "Grand Sen^r," whose account we are now presenting.

Prior to 1685, when Bristol County was set off from the Plymouth Colony, the land records of that section were included in the deeds of Plymouth Colony and should be consulted for land transactions of our William Briggs. After 1685 the land records are filed at Taunton. Taunton, county seat of Bristol, early known as Cohannett was established in 1639. Unfortunately the records of this town prior to 1804, were burned in 1838. Some of the vital records are included in the Proprietors Records † between 1660 and 1700. Fortunately these last records were not burned. But in consulting any of these records we must carefully distinguish between these three Williams. As they grew older, William born 1645 became grand senior, William born 1663 became senior, and William born 1667, became junior.

In the first Military Company of Taunton, roster of 8 Apr. 1682, we note the names of William Briggs, and William Briggs, Jr. [son of Richard]. In the roll of 1700 we note the names of "Wm. Briggs Grand Senior, Wm. Briggs sen., and William Briggs Jr."

William Briggs has only one land transaction of record in Bristol:

19 Jan. 1705, "William Briggs the Eldest Called William Briggs Grand sen^r of Taunton" for £50 conveys to "William Briggs Jun^r (the son of the abovesaid William Briggs Grand Sen^r)" twenty acres in Taunton by Three Mile River with a dwelling house thereon. Signs. Wit: Samuel Haskins, Samuel Haskins, Jr., and mark of Merrey Haskins. (*Bristol Deeds, 4: 512.*)

It is possible that a grant of land laid out by the town in 1711 to "William Briggs, Sr.," refers to our William. (*Proprietors Records.*) [Some notes from these records were presented at one of the Briggs Reunions, but it would be necessary for the compiler of this account to

* Elisabeth Briggs, widow of William the Cooper, died 27 Nov. 1729, aged fifty-eight years, in Taunton.

† The *Proprietors Records* should be consulted. See 1: 83, 77, 87, 268; 3: 125, 194; 4: 242; 5: 177; 8: 169.

personally search and make notes of these records before they could be used.]

William Briggs, Grand Senior, left no will, and there is no recorded settlement of his estate in the Bristol Probate Records. It is probable that his eldest son, William, succeeded to the estate, but he also died only three years after his father.

Children born in Taunton:

- i. WILLIAM², b. 25 Jan. 1667; m. ELIZABETH LINCOLN and MEHETABLE BLAKE.
- ii. SARAH, b. 10 Sept. 1669.
- iii. THOMAS (twin), b. 9 (*sic.*) Sept. 1669.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 4 Nov. 1672.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 14 Mar. 1674 (1771 states printed record, an error).
- vi. ———, b. about 1676.
- vii. ———, b. about 1678.
- viii. JOHN, b. 19 Mar. 1680.

(It has been stated that he had eight children. Children were generally born about every two years.—W. L. H.)

WILLIAM MACOMBER of Duxbury and Marshfield, Barnstable County, Mass., died in the latter town before 27 May 1670. His widow URSULA ——— was living in 1675.

He was of Dorchester first, and 2 Apr. 1638, William Macomber, cooper, of that town, in company with Henry Modely of the same, carpenter, had liberty to dwell at Plymouth. In 1643 he had removed from Plymouth to Duxbury, and later was of Marshfield, where he appears in a list of those able to bear arms that year.

30 Oct. 1654, "John Rogers . . . of Duxburrow . . . weaver doth acknowledge that for . . . twelve pounds . . . paid by William Maycomber . . . of Marshfield . . . Cooper . . . doth sell . . . land lying att the North River in . . . Marshfield." (*Copied Plymouth Colony Deeds, 2: 78.*)

22 Aug. 1670, Whereas "John Rogers sen^r of Duxburrow" in 1654 "did sell unto William Macumber of Marshfield" certain land near the North River in Marshfield, and it now appearing that the "sd William Macumber never had the sd lands Confirmed unto him by me . . . by Sufficient & leagall evidence . . . unto the time of his Decease" the said Rogers now confirms the same. (*Ibid., 2: 79.*)

1 Aug. 1654, "Captaine Myles Standish and M^r John Alden were deputed by the court to; determine of certaine bounds of Marsh in controversye . . . do make devision of the same . . . between Morish Truants and William Maycombers." Signed Richard Garrett. (*Ibid., 2: 72.*)

The following deed belongs to the son: 18 May 1665, "Jacob Cooke of New Plymouth . . . husbandman . . . for . . . fifteen pounds . . . payed by William Macomber the sonne of William Macomber of Marshfield . . . sell . . . unto the said William Macomber the younger . . . land . . . within . . . Dartmouth." (*Ibid., 3: 405.*)

In 1660, the will of John Rogers of Marshfield was witnessed by William Macomber.

The inventory of "William Macomber of Marshfield Deceased" was taken 27 May 1670 by Thomas King, William Ford, Sr., and Mark Eames; and exhibited to the Court at Plymouth, 7 June 1670, "on the oathes of Ursilla Maycomber Thomas Maycomber and Mathew Maycomber," no real estate mentioned. From Plymouth Colony Probate. (*The Mayflower Descendant*, 18: 187.)

From the Plymouth Colony Records we note that "Nicholas White Juni^r: married to Ursilla Maycomber of Marshfeild the 9th of December 1673 Nicholas White the son of Nicholas White Borne the 25th of October 1676." (*Ibid.*, 21: 61.)

Probable list of children, born in Marshfield:

- i. SARAH², b. about 1643, m. 6 Nov. 1666, Taunton, she being of Marshfield, WILLIAM BRIGGS of Marshfield.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. about 1645, aged 20 in 1665.
- iii. HANNAH, b. about 1647; m. 1672, JOSEPH RANDALL of Scituate.
- iv. THOMAS, b. 3 Feb. 1649; m. 1676, SARAH CROOKER (CROCKER[?]).
- v. MATHEW, b. about 1651, ae. about 25 in 1675, according to his will: This 8th of december 1675 Taunton in New Plymouth Collonie I Mathew Maycomber the son of William Macomber deceased being twenty five years of age or thereabouts being of pfect understanding and memory blessed be God for it, doe make this my Last will and Testament; I Give and bequeath all my whole estate To my loveing Brother John Macomber to be my heir and faithfull executive To pay all my Legacyes; I Give and bequeath ten shillings to my brother Thomas Macomber; I Give and bequeath ten shillings To my brother William Macomber I Give and bequeath ten shillings a peace To all my sisters, and alsoe I will my abovesaid executor to take all that is due to mee from all men; and to pay all debts from mee;

Witness my hand;

Mathew Maycomber

In the p^rsence of
ye Witnesses
Joseph Wilbore
John Maycomber jun^r

A Postscript to this Will—This Will to stand in power if I the said Mathew Macomber should be taken away by Gods Providence; and soe should not Returne from the Indian Warr I mean if I should be taken away by death

Joseph Wilbore tooke his oath this first day of March 1676/77 That this above written was the last Will and Testament of the abovesaid Mathew Macomber soe far as hee knew—this was taken before mee Constant Southworth Assistant this first of March 1676/77

John Macomber made oath to this will att the court held att
Plymouth the 7th of March 1676

Attested

Nathaniel Morton

Secretary

(*Plymouth Colony Records*, 3: 58.)

- vi. URSULA, b. about 1653; m. 1673, NICHOLAS WHITE of Taunton.
vii. JOHN, b. about 1655.

WILLIAM² BRIGGS, JR. (*William, Grand Senior*¹), born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., 25 Jan. 1667, died there, 20 Feb. 1731, aged sixty-three years. He married first, in Taunton, 13 Oct. 1693, ELIZABETH LINCOLN, who died before June 1696, her identity not ascertained.* He married secondly, in Milton, marriage recorded in Taunton, 16 June 1696, MEHETABLE BLAKE of Milton, born in 1671, died in Taunton, 17 Oct. 1732, aged sixty-one years, her identity not ascertained.* Both William and his second wife are buried in the Oakland Cemetery in Taunton.

Very brief notes on his land records follow:

22 Feb. 1688-89, Aaron Knap of Freetown sells to William Briggs, Jr., of Taunton, eighteen acres in Taunton. Signs by mark. Wit.: Isaac Negus, John Macomber Junr. Recorded in 1749. (*Bristol Deeds*, 37: 153.)

11 Feb. 1692, Peter Walker husbandman of Taunton for £24 sells to William Briggs, son of Wm. Briggs Grand sen^r of same, land there on Three Mile River. Wife Hannah Walker releases her rights. He signs; she makes her mark. Wit.: Seth Phillips, John Pollerd. Recorded 1705. (*Ibid.*, 4: 511.)

23 Feb. 1699, Richard Stevens of Taunton for £6 sells to "William Briggs Jun^r of sd Taunton the son of William Briggs Grand sen^r so called" land there on the west side of Three Mile River. Wife Mary Stevens releases her rights; he signs, she marks. wit.: Samuel Danforth, Esther Hodges. (*Ibid.*, 4: 88.) Recorded 1705.

3 July 1700, John Smith, Sr., of Taunton sells to William Briggs of same, son of Wm. Briggs Grand Senior of same, land there. Signs. Recorded 1751. (*Ibid.*, 38: 200.)

21 Apr. 1701, Samuel Danforth of Taunton, Clerk [i.e., minister], for £6 sells to "William Briggs Junior of s^d Taunton (the son of William Briggs Grand sen^r)" eight acres there. Signs. Wit.: Henry Hodges, hanah Glad- ing, recorded late. (*Ibid.*, 19: 507.)

22 Dec. 1702, Benjamin Leonard of Taunton conveys to "William Briggs jun^r (son of William Briggs Grand Senior)" and to Thomas Briggs his brother, one half part of sixth lot in Taunton in a cedar swamp etc. Recorded 1730. (*Ibid.*, 20: 30.)

We have seen that 19 Jan. 1705, he purchased twenty acres and a dwelling house (probably the home farm) on Three Mile River in Taunton of his father. (*Ibid.*, 4: 512.) That same year, Samuel Stacey and John Stacey both of Taunton and "sons of Richard Stacey of s^d Taunton Deceased" for £13-5s.

* The Compiler did not do any research on their identities.

sold a tract of twenty acres there to "William Briggs Jun^r of s^d Taunton (son of William Briggs Grand Sen^r of s^d Taunton)." Signed by mark. Wit.: mark of Thomas Samson grand sen^r, and John Edy. Recorded 1711-12. (*Ibid.*, 7: 171.)

10 Dec. 1705, John Crossman of Taunton for £16 sold to "william Briggs Jun^r (son of william Briggs Grand sen^r" and to Samuel Haskins Jun^r forty acres there on Three Mile River, signs, wit.: Samuel Danforth, mark of Jonathan Harley. Recorded 1711. (*Ibid.*, 7: 108 $\frac{3}{4}$.)

There was a controversy between Thomas Harley Grand sen^r of Taunton and William Briggs Jun^r and Nathaniel Lincoln both of same concerning land there, this was long drawn out, and finally settled 14 Apr. 1712. (*Ibid.*, 8: 167.)

11 Mar. 1715-16, Edmund Andrews of Taunton sells land there in the North Purchase for £100 to William Briggs Jun^r of same. Wife Esther releases her dower rights. The Haskins witness. Recorded 1724-25. (*Ibid.*, 16: 18.)

[A deed in 17: 281 I did not see as the book was not available at the time having gone to the Binders.]

5 Jan. 1716, William Briggs Jun^r of Taunton purchased part of the Bradford Grant for £4 from Samuel Danforth. (*Ibid.*, 10: 341.)

According to some notes read at a Briggs Reunion: 1 Dec. 1702, the town granted land to William Briggs, Jr., being forty-eight acres, being eighteen acres that he had bought of Aaron Knapp, four bought of Mr. Danforth, and the rest his own right. In 1703, he had five acres laid out to him, bounded by land purchased of Richard Stevens; he is also called Jr. in this grant. Again in Norton he had another grant on 22 Mar. 1716-17, which mentions his father's home lot, etc. (*Taunton Proprietors Records.*)

William Briggs died soon after his father the "Grand Senior," but left no will. An administration was taken on his estate by the eldest son:

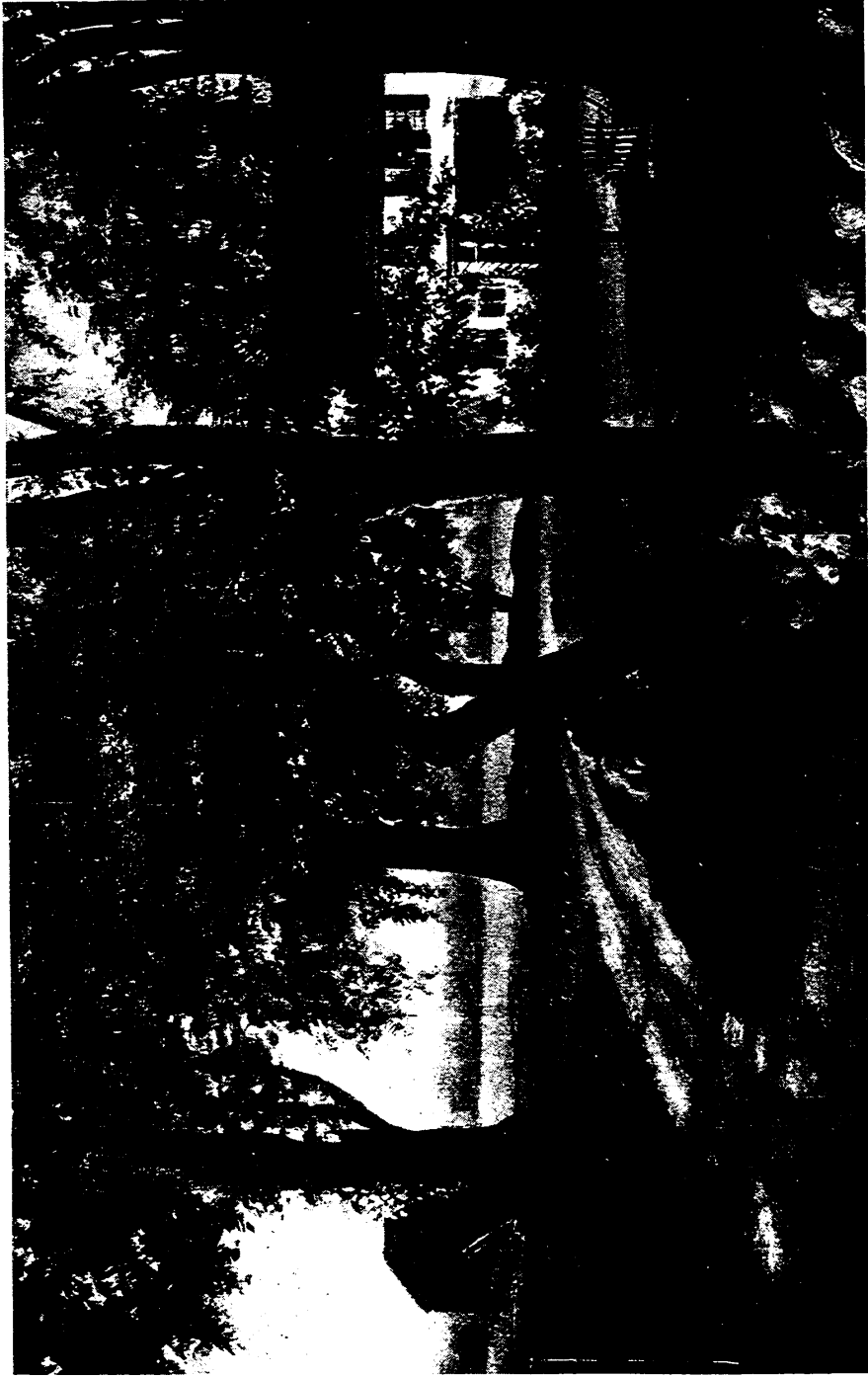
"Nathaniel Briggs of Taunton & Thomas Briggs of Rehoboth husbandmen & Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Cooper" appear on a bond dated 16 Mar. 1730-31, which cited that "Nathaniel Briggs Administrator to the Estate of his father William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased" had as his bondsmen or sureties the above Thomas Briggs and Nathaniel Bosworth. Thomas made his mark, the rest signed the bond.

Besides the above bond, the original papers also contain the appointment of the appraisers, the inventory (a verbatim copy enclosed, as it lists all his land), and a release signed by the autograph of "Seth briggs," this reads:

"To the Hounourabell Nathaniel Blagdone Esqr Judg of Probate For the County of Bristol these are to Insure your honer that I give my Consent that my Eldest Brother Nathaniel Briggs my take Letters of Administration upon the Estate of my honred father William Briggs of Taunton Late deceased as witnes my hand this 13th day of March 1730/31 Seth briggs" Wit.: George Leonard.

Seth briggs

(*Bristol Probate.*)



HOME OF EMERSON AND LYDIA RICHARDSON BRIGGS IN NORTON, EASTERLY OF WADING RIVER

The following is a copy of the original inventory in the estate of William Briggs, Jr., 1731, as sent the compiler by the registrar of probate of the County of Bristol:

A true Inventory of all and singuler the Goods Creditts and Chattles of Mr William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased who Died Intestate viz all the Estate that was shewed to us to Apprise: by his Administer on the 23d of March 1731 and since as followeth

Imprimis	To His Appariel thee pounds nineteen shillings and six pence	} 03 19 06
Item	His Books two pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence	02 14 09
Item	To his Armes one pound and ten shillings	01 10 00
Item	To three Beeds beedsteads and Coards and Beedings	11 14 06
Item	To Brass veaseles three pounds and twelve shillings	03 12 00
Item	To puter veasles three pounds seven shillings and nine pence	} 03 07 09
Item	To Glass Earthen and tinn veaseles Sixteen shillings	00 16 00
Item	To his Iron Ware as potts and Kittles tramiles and tonges and fire sheovell two pounds five shillings	} 02 05 00
Item	To one pare of silver shew Bockles	01 08 00
	To Money scales three shillings	00 03 00
Item	To a peace of New Cloth and some small Linigs	00 08 06
Item	To Mohare flax wolen yearn Cotten yearn and Tow yearn	} 01 04 10
Item	To a pare of spectkeles and Raser and Candlestick and Brass Candle stick nine shillings	} 00 09 00
Item	To Tables three Chests a pare of stilleards and a flax Combe two pounds and seventeen shillings	} 02 17 00
Item	To Eight Cheairs trays and Dishes and Tubs	02 18 00
Item	To shewmakers tules and Leather one pound and ten pence	} 01 00 10
Item	To one Cart and wheales Chaine and two ox yokes with their Irons and Cops and pin at Nine pounds and fourteen shillings	} 09 14 00
Item	To Two saddles and one bridle Male pillion and a pillion and Cloth	} 03 01 00
Item	To two spinning Wheales a Clock Reale and a meale bage at	} 00 15 00
Item	To his husbandrey tules as oxes and howes and Drawing knife	} 01 08 00
Item	To three Augers Box Iron and heaters two sises and tackling and two Nepmug stones and a Chisill and other small things	} 01 10 10
Item	To a horse plow and other plow Irons	01 07 00
Item	To a Cross Cut saw hand saw Cart hops and Rung pins and Ringe one pound seventeen shillings and ten pence	} 01 17 10
Item	To harrow teth two sikles and abettle and one wedge	00 12 06
Item	To Drie Casks and other Caskes	02 13 02

Item	To hay flax two forkes and "—" of Lumber and an ox slead and other Lumber at seven pounds two shillings and eight pence	07 02 08
Item	To his stock of Neat Cattle sixty four pounds and ten shillings	64 10 00
Item	To his horses at nine pounds and	09 00 00
Item	To his swine four pounds and Eight shillings	04 08 00
Item	To his Sheep six pounds and six shillings	06 06 00
Item	To one Eight and one sixteenth part of a saw mill and part of of a sawmill saw Nine pounds and Eleven shillings	09 11 00
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		164 06 6
Item	To his Real Estate as followeth to his Land on the East side of the River at two Hundered and Eighty pounds	280 00 00
Item	To his Homstead farm with all the Boudings on it at	898 00 00
Item	To a peace of Land in Norton Adjoyning to Tuckers land	056 05 00
Item	To a peace of Land Adjoyning to Seth Eddyes in Taunton	047 10 00
Item	To a peace of Cedar swamp in Cobbs swamp so called	03 10 00
Item	To Land in Bradfords Claym at	50 00 00
Item	To one Quarter of a Lot in the Great Cedar swamp at	02 00 00
Item	To Two acres of Land in Eastown	04 00 00
Item	To half a Right in the Burnt Ground so called—	01 10 00
Item	To part of the undivied part in the fifth Great sheare in the Great Cedar swamp at	01 00 00
Item	To one Quarter of a Right in the North purches—	04 00 00
Item	To half a purches Right in the Township of Taunton	05 00 00
Item	To Coard Wood five pounds and five shillings	05 05 00
Item	To one Draught Chaine Bettle and Weages	01 01 00
Item	To horse Chaines spade Cops and pine and other things at	01 00 00
Item	To A Beedstead and beasts hide	01 07 09
Item	To Tobackco and Other small things at	00 11 06
Item	To Corn beanes ots salt and Rye at	08 11 00
Item	To A Bond from John Lane principall and Intrest Due from from John Ware	06 01 05
	Dated at Taunton	04 00 00
	June the 12th 1731	
	the appraisers Sworn before	
	George Leonard Esq ^r Justice	
	Joseph Hodges	} Apprisers
	Thomas burt	
	Morgan Cobb 2d	

Bristol Ss June ye 15 1731

Then Before the Hon:^l Nathaniel Blagrove Esq^r Judge of the Probaite of Wills &c within the County of Bristol Came Nathaniel Briggs Administrator To the Estate of William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased: and made Oath that this Inventory Containes the Whole of that Estate the said Deceased Dyed seized

of and is Come to her Knowlidge & when she Knows of Any more She will
Reveal the same y^t it may bee of Record herewith

Jurat Coram N: Blagrove
(*Bristol Probate.*)

Neither Sarah (Macomber) Briggs, wife of William Briggs, Grand Senior, nor the two wives of William Briggs, Jr., left recorded estates. The births of his children are not of record.

Children born in Taunton:

By ELIZABETH LINCOLN:

i. SARAH³, b. 5 July 1694.

By MEHETABLE BLAKE: *

ii. AGNES, b. about 1697.

iii. NATHANIEL (Lt.), eldest son, b. 1700, d. 14 Aug. 1774, *ae.* 74, Taunton; m. JUDITH ———, who d. 22 Nov. 1774, *ae.* 76.

iv. MEHETABLE, b. about 1703; m. JOHN WARE, JR., of Wrentham.

v. ELIPHALET, b. about 1706.

vi. SETH, b. about 1709; m. HANNAH WHITTAKER.

Probably other children.

SETH³ BRIGGS (William Jr.², William¹), born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., about 1709, living in Mansfield, that county, in 1776. He married, in Rehoboth, Mass., 22 Jan. 1735-36, HANNAH WHITTAKER, whose identity was not ascertained. She was living in 1747.†

“Seth Briggs of Attleborough and Hannah Whittaker of Rehoboth” were married by Rev. David Turner of Rehoboth, 22 Jan. 1735-36, at Rehoboth, the intention was recorded 8 Mar. 1734-35.

The first record we have of Seth is his appearance in his father's estate in 1731, when he consents to the appointment of his eldest brother, Nathaniel, as administrator, and was of course of age at the time, hence born before 1710.

At Taunton, 30 June 1732, a grant of laid was laid out to “Seth Briggs on a grant made to his father, William Briggs, said grant bears date March the 22nd 1716/17,” this being on Three Mile River. A further grant was made to him 17 Nov. 1732. (*Proprietors Records.*)

Seth lived in Taunton to about 1733, when he removed to Attleboro; here he lived till about 1748, when he removed to Norton. Norton had been the North Purchase of Taunton and was established as a separate town in 1710. Attleboro had also been part of the

* It might be found on further investigation that she was a young widow and not born a Blake.

† Hannah, b. 28 Mar. 1705-6, dau. Dan. and Mary (Chafee) Whittaker; Hannah, b. 19 July 1708, dau. Noah and Sarah (Read) Whittaker (*Rehoboth Records.*) Whittaker probate and Seth's land records do not help solve her parentage.