

History of David Knight Sr

David Knight was from East Greenwich, Rhode Island and lived at Woodstock, Connecticut. On March 17, 1691-2 he married Sarah Backus daughter of Stephen & Sarah Spencer Backus.

He was granted land in 1700 for repairing the meeting-house and school-house. An early law stated that every town of thirty inhabitants must have a school-house. The Town negotiated with David Knight to repair the School-house and, later, was granted land in payment for the work he had done on the Meeting-House and School-House.

He died in 1744. David Knight will is on file at New London Connecticut.

Will of David Knight

I, give unto my well Beloved wife Sarah the use & Improvement of all my Moveable Estate During her Natural Life, In Lieu of her Right of Dower.

As to my four Sons (viz) David, Jonathan, Benjamin & Joseph deceased, what I have formerly Given to Each of them in Land and Divers other ways I Judge to be the full of their Several Portions of my Estate: and therefore I Give them Nothing by this my Last Will and Testament, nor to to the Children of my Son Joseph Deceased.

As to my moveable Estate: I Give it to my Daughters (viz) Sarah the wife of Elisha Lilly, Mary he wife of Thomas Walbridge, Hannah the wife of Aaron Read & Lourana ye wife Ebenezer Bettles and the Children of my Daughter Rachell Hendy, deceased, to be Equally

Divided to and among them, that is to Say, to all the Children of my Daughter Rachell, Deceased, as to one of the above Named Daughters, one fifth Part, to be Equally Divided to & among as above Expressed after my wifes decease.

Exor: Jonathan Knight Proved 10 Dec 1744

His son Jonathan was made executor and the will was signed with his mark, a straight line crossed by a curved line. The will was proved 10 Dec 1744. The inventory dated three days later amounted to 607 pounds 11 shillings and 7 pence. No real estate was listed and it seems certain that he had divided his real estate among the children before he made his will. The inventory of the estate includes three bonds of 100 pounds each and one bond of 130 pounds, old tenor, a Bible valued at 2 pounds 5 shillings and a history book valued at 1 shilling. In a division of the estate in February following, Sarah Knight signs with her mark. In the final accounting mention is made of a journey to Woodstock to look after the estate, and the widow, in this division, received 532 pounds and 9 pence.

History of David Knight Jr.

David Knight Jr. was born on 12 November 1693 in Woodstock, Connecticut and married Abigail Crane on 24 December 1718 in Windham, Connecticut. In 1720 a bounty for rattlesnake was issued. David Knight Jr. slaughtered 28 rattlesnakes and the payment was 4 pounds. In 1730 the payment for killing rattlesnakes was 2 shillings for each snake killed. He was deeded land by his father before 1744 which was mentioned in his Father's Will. David Knight Jr. died 19 December 1769 in Lisbon, Connecticut

History of David Knight 1721

David Knight was born on 13 October 1721 in Windham, Connecticut and married Abigail Hutchens on 11 May 1743 in Norwich, Connecticut. At a meeting of the General Assembly of Connecticut held in May 1766, he was commissioned an Ensign of the Militia Company in the Society of Hanover in the town of Norwich. David was deeded land by his father and also from the estate of his uncle Jonathan Knight. The original will of David Knight is on file at the State Library Hartford, Connecticut. It was signed 3 June 1804 and proved 17 October 1807. He bequeathed what he had to his wife Mary, Sons David, Daniel Wightman, Crane and Joshua and to daughters Eunice, Susanna, Jean, Amia and to granddaughter Lysia. David Knight died 28 September 1804 in Lisbon, Connecticut

Richard Knight

Richard Knight was born (perhaps Norfolk County) England and married Sarah Roger, born Rhode Island, before 8 February 1648. They Immigrated to America and on 4 August 1640. He agreed with the town of Hampton to build and keep a mill at the landing and was granted 100 acres. He contracted to build a meeting house on 14 September 1640.

In 1644 he was suspected of theft and was at that time of Salisbury Massachusetts and in 1645 a warrant was issued for the arrest of Richard Knight of Hampton.

Richard Knight Sold twelve acres and half of upland in the east field and fifty acres of upland at Gauges wigwam and ten acres of meddow and fourty acres of upland in the west field on 5 (3) 1645.

On 9 Sep 1645 Joseph Armetage was ordered by the Court to hold all the goods in his hands of Richard Knight late of Hampton, now of Rhode Island.

On Feb 1646 Richard sold his house and mill in Hampton to Christopher Lawson of Boston and left for Rhode Island.

Richard purchased 2 parcels of land one of 40 acres and one of 2 acres from James Rogers on 16 Jan 1648 and made a will (or marriage contract).

Will of Richard Knight

Newport the 8th day of February 1648

I Richard Knight of Newport doe...inverce and ingage to my wife Sarah Knight that I will sell...any of that Tract of Land

latly bought of James Rogers and Robert Griffin but doe...Intaile it upon her and my heires forever, but Especialy to her and my Eldist sonn if any and in case wee have no sonn to my Eldist daughter to be my and her proper heire after my death and if a sonn he shall have it at The age one and Twenty yeares if I have left my being in this life, and if noe sonn then the Eldist daughter shall have it at Sixteene yeares of age provided alwaies that the Land and the best and convenientest roome in the house is to be my wife's during her life, and then to return to the heir - - but if there be more than one sonn, the daughters are noe heires so land as any of the male be livinge, but no sonn or sonns, or if the sonn or sonns died without issue the eldest daughter then livinge shall be the right heir. But this is more Largely declared that if the eldist sonn dye without issue the next shall enjoy it. But if the first shall have issue, whether sonns or daughters, and alsoe the rest that are herein appointed to be heires. And this have I done the day and year above written. To avoid strife because my sonn in Old England, shall have noting to doe herein nor have any right to any land of mine in New England. In testimony hereof I put to my hand this day and year aforesaid.

Richard Knight

Signed in the pressence of John Downeing (X) his mark

Robert Spink (X) his mark

Richard Knight was a soldier in the King Philip's War in 1675-1676. King Philip was the Christian name given to Metacomet, the chief of the Wampanoags, whose warriors raided parties along the

frontier. The war was brought about when colonists expanded into the western New England lands.

Richard Knight probably died in 1680 at Rhode Island. On 27 Oct 1680 his widow, in Newport, petitioned the Assembly for confirmation of a share of lands settled by her deceased husband without court order, at East Greenwich, and she was ordered to be possessed of aforesaid share upon same terms as rest of East Greenwich inhabitants, she paying 40s., to General Treasurer within six months. On 12 Oct 1683, his widow, now of East Greenwich, deeded to eldest son John, a 10 acre lot, house, & c., and also farm in first division containing 90 acres, reserving privilege of egress and regress of lower room to live and lodge in.