

History of Elias Stratton

Elias Stratton was born in Watertown, Massachusetts on 22 October 1730. In 1757 his name was on the alarm list in the French and Indian war. He married Milicent in 1754, and settled in Athol Massachusetts, about 1775. The date of her death is not known. The early records of Athol were destroyed by fire. In Sherborn, in 1761, he was a "house wright." He married, second, on 25 march 1796, widow Joanna Brooks. He died 4 October 1796, and was buried on that part of his own farm which later became a public cemetery.

History of Jabez Stratton

Jabez Stratton was born 28 March 1701. He married Tibitha Coolidge, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Eddy) Coolidge, on 29 April 1725. They were married in Watertown by Rev Seth Stoner. She was born 2 November 1702. They lived in Watertown for about eleven years after their marriage and then removed to Sherburne (now Sherborn), Massachusetts, in 1736-7. His name appears often on the records. In Watertown he owned several lots of land, and was "tithing-man" for several years. In Sherborn, he was one of the substantial men of the town. He made his will 26 October 1764, and it was proved 29 March 1774. In it he mentions only his wife Tibitha, and sons Abijah, Nathan and Elias, with Benjamin Kendall as administrator, but in the settlement of the estate Jonas Greenwood received a portion also.

History of John Stratton

John Stratton is first mentioned in Watertown in 1652, though he is supposed to have come from England with his father. On March 10, 1658, he married Elizabeth Traine, daughter of John and Margaret Traine of Watertown. She was born 30 September 1640, and died 7 May 1708.

Will of John Stratton

1708

In the name of God, Amen the fourth day of November 1708. I John Stratton of Watertown in the county of Middlesex within her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New England yeoth: being weak in body; but of Sound & Desposeing memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling unto mind the mortalley of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordaine this my last will and testament, that is to saie, principally & first of all I give & command my Soul into the hands of God that gave it; and for my body I comend it to the earth, to be buried in a christian-lik and-Decent manner, at the Discretion of my executors, assuredly hoping at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same againe by the mighty power of God: And as for the worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Impr: I give and bequeath to my son John Stratton & to his heires and assignes forever the mantion house barn & orchard that he now liveth in and halfe the land (that is to say) the whole of

my homestall to be equally Divided between my Son Samuell Stratton & said: son John to have that and so eastward where he now dwelleth, untill the one halfe be mad up, also I give to my said Son John that lott called Clerks lott, my said Son Samuel Stratton to have free egrese & Regres-thro said lands for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Stratton & to his heires & assignes for ever my lott of wood-land lying neer to Liue James Bruers and all my sheep, and fifteen pounds in countrey pay to be paid him by my executors within fower years after my Decease by my executors, equally out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequesth to my son Samuel Stratton and to his heires & assignes for ever the other halfe of my homestall together with my mantion house barn out houseing & orchards, and also that lot of land lying over the way against my said: house called by the name of Brights lott, also all my wareing apparrell both woollen & linen, also my best fether bed, bed sted curtaines & vallent and al the beding therto belonging, together with all say husbandrey uteneels and my oxen, and also fower chaires my great brass kittle & a tamill, one pair of andirons, spitt, fier-pan & tongs, also my will is that what provision I die seized of be returned to my said: son at my Decease, also that my said: Son Samuell & his heires & assignes to have for ever throw my son Johns land free egrese & egrese with cattles, carts and what he may have occation for. Also I give to my said: son Samuelli my Sword musquet & ammunition, livery cobard and the long table and wencecod chest.

Item: I give to my two own Daughters Elizabeth & Rebecca: my little cobart & and the great box,

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Chenry two pounds and ten shilling in countrey pay to be paid: her by my executors equally, and also one cow, (she having already had the greatest part of her portion out of my estate) within fower years after my Deease to be paid.

Item: I give to my Grandson John Stratton my fowlling-peie.

Item: I give to my Daughter in law my son Josephe wife one paire of sheets & one of my best putter platters.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter in law, Sarah, my son Samuels wife, one pair of sheets and the next best of my puter platters.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizabeth Cherny my wives Bible.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizabeth: Seaverns my own Bible.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two Sons Samuell Stratton & John Stratton & to their heires and assignes for ever all the Rest and Residue of my out-lands wood lands, pasture land meadow land both marsh & fresh meadow together with my close of English grace, all to be equally dividd between them, also my tow comb between them.

Item: My will is that all the Rest and Residue of my moveable estate execpting two bed steds namly one trundel bed sted and the bed sted in ye Rom where the comb stands I give to my son Samuell

with what I have already given In consideration of his care that he hath had on me, and what I hope to Receive of him towards the support of my old age, all the Rest as aforesaid to be equally Divided between my five Daughters, namely my son Johns wife, and my son Joseph wife, my son Samuels wife, my son Chenrey wife, and my Sone Severnes wife, and I do nominat, appoint & constitute & ordaine my two sons John Stratton & Samuell Stratton my executors, to se this my last will & testament performed, and I do herby Revock may null & voide all former or other wils by me herto fore made. In witness whereof I have bereunto set my hand and seal the day and year abovesaid.

John J S (his mark) Stratton [seal]

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of

Jonas Bond

Samuell Thatcher

Manings Sawin

History of John Stratton

John Stratton was born 24 August 1661. He lived in Watertown, where the births of his five children are recorded. He married Abigail (Prentice?) about 1688. She died 25 October 1732, aged 66 years. He died, intestate, 20 February 1718, and his estate was administered the following year. Both are buried in the Old Arlington Cemetery, corner Arlington and Mt. Auburn Streets, Watertown, where stones mark their graves. In the division of the estate the five children are named. An inventory of the estate includes the manor house, barn and orchard, and 30 acres of land valued at 300 pounds and specifies 7 pd 6s 9d per annum for the maintenance of "Mr John Stratton, the honored father of the deceased."

History of Samuel Stratton

Samuel Stratton was born in England about 1592. He settled in Watertown, Massachusetts with his wife Alice, as early, at least, as 1647. Before 1657 Alice died. The date of her death has not been learned. The last mention that has been found of her is 9 November 1649.

June 27, 1657, Samuel married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Bowlins, and widow of William Paker of Scituate and Boston. They were married in Boston by Governor John Endicott. Margeret died, a widow, in Watertown, 7 December 1676, aged 81 years. Samuel Stratton owned real estate in Watertown and Concord, --several lots, with mansion, barn, orchard, etc. His descendants are found today in almost every State in the Union. More than two thousand of them have been traced. In almost every case they are among the substantial citizens of the towns in which they dwell, many occupy positions of trust and honor.

Will of Samuel Stratton

1672

In the name and by the help of ye Lord Jesus Christ I Samuel Stratton Senior, being in Sound memory and understanding, But near my Death I make my last will and testament. I give my Body to ye Earth from whence I had it to be decently buried, and my soule I give to God yet gave it me in shure and certaine hope of ressurection to life through ye merritts of Christ Jesus, and concerning my good yet God hath left me to wit-my house and land at home and abroad my cattell chattlles what ever belongs to me in New

England I will it after my deacease they be apprised, and my Debts being paid I will it be delivered into the hand of my sonn John after my Decease to be disposed of as followeth. I Will it my loving wife have out of my state a comfortable maintenance, and after her death I will it all ye movables in my house or more remote I will it sonn John shall fully and peacably enjoy without any molestation or disturbance, onely I will it my grandson Samuel ye sonn of my deceased son Richard which he is of age shall have ye house and land adjoining to it my sonn John dwelt in to ye time it he entered into ye farme he now is in being formerly ye land of old Felch, Mis Allen and old Folger, willing it ye land On Concord formerly being mine but now in my sonn Samueells hand it be his forever as his full due and portion.

And I appoint my sonn John my sole executour of this my last will & testament revoking all other wills heretofore made, wittness my hand this p'sent 19 December 1672.

My will is it servent Thomas Cooper have a cow after my decease

Samuel X (his mark) Stratton, [seal]

Sealed & delivered in prence of
Richard Norcross.

Cambridge 31 January 1673

Mr Richard Norcross being sworne do say that he was present when Samuel Stratton above named deceased, Signed, Sealed & Published this instrument as his last will & testament, and that according to his best understanding he was of sound judgement &

memory when he so did.

Justinian Holden aged about 60 years being sworne do say that he was present with the above named Samuel Stratton deceased about ye time he made this his last will as he apprehends it was ye same day and he ye said Samuel declared to him that he had an intent to alter one he had formerly made and that he would make his last will to be accord to the contents of this above written instrument, for the substance thereof, and according to his best understanding he did judge him at ye time to be of sound Judgement & memory.

Before Capt Daniel Gookin

& Thomas Danforth, Recorder

This will was made when he was "near his death" - which probably accounts for its not bearing his autograph. He died 25 December 1672, aged 80 years.

Inventory of Estate of Samuel Stratton

1672

This is an Inventory of the houses and Lands and moveables of Samuel Stratton senior deceaset apprised by us who have subscribed this 3rd of January 1672

	pd	s	d
Impr Wearing Cloaths both Linnen and woollen	001	15	00
In ye Roome called parler	008	00	00
A cubbard and cubbard and a deske	001	00	00
A table 2 forms six qushons 3 chairs on stoole	001	10	00
A warming pan: a paire of tongs and a pair of small cobirons	001	10	00

In ye roome called ye kitchen: 3 kitlets 2 skilletts	001 10 00
Seven pewter platters 2 little plates of pewter	
2 pewter cups a pint botle one salt one pewter	
pott and a dram cup six spoones	001 04 00
One iron mortar one friing pan a pair of tongss a	
tranell a peelee one iron candle stick: an old	
gridiron an iron pot	001 00 00
A kneeding trough 3 pailles a tray 4 wooden dishes	
2 earthen pans one earthen pott	001 00 00
Ammunition; 2 muskitts a fowling peece a rest	
a cutlass a paire of bandeleeves	001 10 00
In ye roome called ye butry a table a box a keeler	
a linnen wheele 2 woolen wheels	001 00 00
In ye Chamber over ye parler: A small flock bed	
one fether pillow a small boltster 2 sheets	001 00 00
and some old lumber in the same chamber	000 10 00
In ye Chamber over ye Kitchen 4 hoops and 4 boxes	001 10 00
a cross cut saw, a handsaw a hamer 3 axes	000 16 00
In ye room called ye Ciller 6 barrells 3 old keelers	001 00 00
A parcell of small cheeses	000 16 00
A grindstoe and iron wrench	000 06 00
Utensils for husbandrie one old card and wheeles	
and iron belonging to them one plow 2 chains	005 10 00
About 4 bushels of Indian Corn in the ears	000 10 00
Pease and wheare in ye barne and hay	002 00 00
seaven hors kind young and old	015 00 00

eleven neat cattle young and old	022 00 00
2 sheepe and two swine	001 10 00
A dwelling house and out house with ye land about ye od houses ye land containing about 65 acres with one acre of marsh	100 00 00
10 acres of meadow in Cambridge	020 00 00
A lott called dividant land of 35 acres	009 00 00
A parcell of land called township land 10 acres	007 00 00
A parcell of land called a farme	008 00 00
A panall	000 04 00
A fowleing peece a case of pistolles and holsters and a hemp comb and Iron crow and a spade	001 13 00
An other dwelling house and barne with 19 acres	030 00 00
A frow and a paire of hooks for a yoake 3 rods of upland	001 10 00

The estate of Samuel Stratton aforsaid was apprised ye day and
yeare afforsaid by us.

Richard Beeres

Henrie Bright

William Bond