

History of Gideon Arnold

Deacon Gideon Arnold was born about 1691 and died 27 May 1772. He married, first, Abigail Brainerd daughter of Elijah Brainerd, and, second, Sarah Brainerd cousin of his first wife and daughter of William and Sarah Bidwell Brainerd. He was a prominent churchman and a highly regarded citizen. He was confirmed as Ensign of the Haddam First Company or Trainband in October 1735.

History of John Arnold

John Arnold was born in England about 1585 and died Dec 1664 in Hartford Connecticut and married Susannah. They lived on the south side of Winthrop between Brighton (now Boylston) & Eliot, two blocks from Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1635. He came to America before 6 May 1635 and in 1635 he came with Thomas Hooker to found Hartford Connecticut. Susannah was a member of Second Church of Christ, Hartford, in 1670. He is listed on the Founders Monument. His will was dated 22 August 1664 and his estate was inventoried 26 December 1664. John died between these two dates and is probably buried in the ancient burying ground behind the First Church of Christ, 60 Gold Street.

Last Will and Testament of John Arnold

"I John Arnold of Hartford, upon the river of Connecticut, being very aged and weak in body & in a dayle expectation of my change from henc, Doe make and Ordain this my last will and testament in manner and fforme as ffoloweth: Imprimis. I give unto my Dear and loveing wife Susana Arnold the sole and fful use of my now Dwelling hows and howse lott, the barne & all Appurtenances belonging to the aforesaid premises, during the fful term off her naturall life, alsoe my two Kowes. Item. I give my wif to be for her use & at her own dispose all my jousehold goods, my said wife paying or causing to be paid such Legacies as I shall here bequeath unto my Dear and Loving children, viz: I give unto my son Josiah Arnold one cowe and my two acres of Land in the clayboard swamp, after the death of my wife, & my other upland lotto neer the townes

End. If my son Joseph Arnold Returne to Dwell again in Hartford within two yeares after the date heeroff, I give the one halfe of the said Lott to him and his heirs forever; the other part of it I give to my son Daniell & his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son Daniell; after the decease off my fore said wife, my now dwelling house, houselott & Barne, with all Appurtenance there unto belonging. My will is that if my son Daniell shall live and be marred & have a child or children, that the fore said premises shall ne to him and his heirs for ever; But i he shall mary and dye without issue my will is that his wife shall Enjoy the foresaid premises during her naturall lif, and after he Discease my will is that all those premises I have heerin given to my son Daniell Shall be the estate of my son Joseph Arnold & his heirs for ever. Item. I give unto my dear, loving grandchild Mary Buck ffourty shillings, to be paid at her adge of eighteen yeares or within one full yeare after the decease of my fore said wif. That this my last will and Testament be truly performed, I entreat my loveing brethren Edward Stebbing and Leiftenant Bull to be Overseers hereunto. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this two & twentieth day off August, 1664.

John Arnold

Witness hereunto: James Ensign

Thomas Bull.

[Proven 26 December, 1664]

History of John Arnold

John Arnold was born in 1662 or 1663. No clear records of his marriage or death have been found. He was chosen constable at Haddam, Connecticut, 22 Dec 1692 and is found in the early Haddam land records. David N. Field in his "History of Haddam and East Haddam", published 1814, says John Arnold, son of Joseph and Susannah had sons, Dr. John Arnold of Middletown, Connecticut, Dr Joshua Arnold of Haddam Neck, Connecticut, Deacon Gideon Arnold of Middle Haddam, Connecticut and James Arnold.

History of Jonathan Arnold

Jonathan Arnold was born at Haddam Connecticut in 1679 and died at Haddam, Connecticut on 6 January 1728 or 1729. He married, on 14 August 1699, Elizabeth Smith, who was born 1682. She is the daughter of Simon Smith and sister of Susannah Smith who married her husband's brother Joseph. Jonathan Arnold's will was dated 24 December 1728 and inventoried 22 January 1728 or 1729 by Joseph Arnold, Calib Cone and Josiah Arnold. The colonial records of Connecticut mentions Jonathan Arnold as being, in August 1711 and May 1712, as a supplier of goods and the labor of his servant and status that in 1725 he was confirmed by the General Court as Lieutenant of the Company or Train-band in "Haddam West".

History of Joseph Arnold

Joseph Arnold was born probably in England, about 1630; and died 22 October 1691 at Haddam, Connecticut. He married, about 1660, Elizabeth Wakeman, who was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, about 1633 and died in Haddam Connecticut about 1696. Joseph Arnold was listed as a freeman on "ye south side of Hartford, October 1669". The inventory of his estate was taken 2 March 1691/2 by Daniel Braynard and Timothy Spencer. A court record of 21 July 1692 gave administration of his estate to his widow and Joseph and Josiah Arnold. The children, with ages of each, were given as follows; John, age 29; Joseph, 26; Samuel, 23; Josiah, 21; Susannah, 16; Jonathan, 12; and Elizabeth, 9. The estate settlement agreed to by the children on 30 March, 1693, made no provision for their mother so the court approved same with the condition "that", although she be married, this court confirms the agreement with the condition that if the woman see cause she shall have her thirds of the profits during life, the agreement to the contrary notwithstanding". As already stated she married Deacon Daniel Brainerd the same day the agreement was made. Joseph Arnold was a Freeman in Hartford in 1658. He was a member of the First Church in Hartford by virtue of which his son, Joseph was baptized in the New Haddam Church on 3 July 1698. He was among the first settlers at Haddam and was there before 7 December 1667 when a town vote approving the site of the proposed new meeting house described it as "lying againsts the end of the home lot of Joseph Arnold that he now dwells in". Judging by the will of his father he was not

living in Hartford when the will was written, 22 August 1664, but may have resided there for a short time in later years. He was a prominent man in early Haddam. He served as Deputy to the General Court in five sessions during the years 1689, 1690 and 1691 and otherwise was prominently identified with town and church affairs.