

HISTORY OF  
THE TOWN OF  
GLOUCESTER  
CAPE ANN

INCLUDING THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT

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Thirty-five of the whole number are supposed to be represented by descendants living in town, and bearing their names. But further general remarks respecting them are deemed unnecessary in this place, as the biographical notices which follow give all the information worthy of preservation here concerning the settlers whose names have been given, and also of those of their descendants who have been prominent in the history of the town.

**WILLIAM ADDES.**—He was one of the first selectmen. He is not mentioned as a landowner, otherwise than as a seller of a lot on Eastern Point. He was here in 1649, when he was witness in an action against Charles Glover. He appears in New London, Conn., in 1659; when he was allowed to brew beer, and distil for the benefit of the town. Afterwards he was engaged in trading operations for a company in England. Mercantile employments may have occupied his attention in Gloucester; for, in one of the few instances in which he is mentioned, he is spoken of as building a bark. He had a daughter Millicent, who married William Southmeade.

**MARTHA AGAR.**—Her daughter Hannah died in 1696, in the tenth year of her age.

**JOSEPH ALLEN.**—The name of Allen occurs among the first occupants of our territory; William Allen having been one of the adventurers who came over to Cape Ann for the Dorchester Company. He was probably the early settler of Manchester of the same name, and perhaps the ancestor of our Allens. Joseph Allen came to Gloucester in 1674. He was a blacksmith, and was encouraged to settle here by an immediate grant of land and a common right. In 1675, he bought of James Davis, sen., a house and land near the Meeting-house. A house, erected by him on this land, was taken down a few years since by the descendant now owning the property, who built a new one on the same spot. He was frequently elected a selectman, and chosen on committees; and, in 1705, was representative. The title, "captain," often given to him, was a military one; probably derived from his command of a military company. He died Oct. 6, 1724, aged seventy-one. He was twice

Reading in 1744. He was lost at sea in 1755, leaving a son Samuel, who was a soldier in the early part of the Revolutionary War; afterwards a sea-captain and merchant; and died Mar. 27, 1796, aged forty-one. The latter left a son Samuel, who became an intelligent ship-master, and died in New Orleans in August, 1839; and a son Isaac, the present President of the Gloucester Bank, who is probably the sole male representative of this branch of the family. Joseph, son of Timothy, sen., born in 1679, died, probably unmarried, about or before 1719, when his brother Nathaniel administered upon his estate. William, the next son, born in 1681, is supposed to be the person of the same name who was of Amesbury, and was deceased before 1707. Ichabod, another son, born in 1687, is only mentioned as the father, by his wife Abigail, of a son William, Aug. 16, 1713; and in the warning, June 4, 1723, to Abigail, wife or widow of Ichabod Somes, to leave the town, and return to her last abode. Nathaniel, born in 1695, married Susanna Whittredge in 1722, and had two children born before 1726. Timothy Somes had sons Ebenezer and Abiel by his second marriage, who are not known to have married in town. The former, born in 1700, was living in 1721. JOHN, son of Morris Somes, born in 1648, became a cooper, and settled in Boston. Joining the Quakers, he shared in the persecutions of that sect; and was twice apprehended in 1677, at their usual place of worship, and whipped. He had previously been represented to the Colonial authorities as one who derided the government, and aspersed juries by accusing them of false judgments. He died Nov. 16, 1700; and a gravestone in Copp's-Hill Burying-ground still marks the place of his interment. NATHANIEL, third son of Morris Somes, born in 1651, died July 12, 1690. It does not appear that he was ever married. JOSEPH, the youngest son of Morris, born in 1654, was killed in the fight with the Indians at Narraganset Fort, December, 1675.

WILLIAM SOUTHMEADE was one of the early settlers, and had a grant of the lot on which Mr. Thompson's frame stood. He married Millicent, daughter of William Addes, Nov. 28, 1642; by whom he had sons, — William, born in 1643; John,

1645, who died the same year; and John, 1646. The oldest of these sons settled in Middletown, Conn.; and died in 1702, leaving eight sons. The death of our settler is not recorded; but it occurred before 1649, when an inventory of his goods and chattels was made by Christopher Avery and William Addes. The augers, tools, and other instruments, mentioned in the inventory, authorize the conjecture that he was a ship-carpenter. His widow married William Ash, and probably left town with him about 1651.

PHILIP STAINWOOD.—The original orthography of this name, which indicates its probable derivation, was not continued beyond the second or third generation. This settler first appears in Gloucester in 1653. In 1654, he bought a house and land of Robert Tucker; and, in the same year, had a grant from the town of six acres on the east side of Lobster Cove. He was a selectman in 1667; and died Aug. 7, 1672, leaving an estate of £87. 10s. His widow Jane became the second wife of John Pearce, Sept. 12, 1673; and died Aug. 18, 1706. The children of Philip Stainwood were—Philip; John, born in 1653; Jane, 1655; Samuel, 1658; Jonathan, 1661; Naomi, 1664; Ruth, 1667; and Hannah, 1670. Three of these sons (Philip, John, and Samuel) received grants of soldiers' lots at Kettle Cove, in 1679, for military service in the wars of that period. PHILIP married Mary Blackwell, Nov. 22, 1677. She died Jan. 3, 1679; and he next married Esther Bray, Oct. 30, 1683. He died Sept. 24, 1728. Two of his sons married and had families in town. Philip, born in 1690, married Sarah Haraden, Dec. 18, 1718; and had three sons (John, Job, and Zebulon) and three daughters. Job lost his left arm in the expedition against Louisburg in 1745, and for this loss was made a pensioner for life by the General Court of Massachusetts. He married Hannah Byles in 1749; who died March 1, 1753, aged twenty-four, leaving one son (Zebulon), who engaged in agricultural and commercial pursuits. He had his residence in the Second Parish; where he died in August, 1838, aged eighty-seven, leaving several descendants. His son Theodore, an intelligent shipmaster, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John

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## **NAMES AND PROPERTY OF EARLY SETTLERS**

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**COMPILED FROM  
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FIRST VOLUME OF GLOUCESTER TOWN RECORDS

DATE	PROPERTY	PAGE
** Addis, William 1653	Wm Vinson bought of Wm Addis 2 1/2 acers on Easter pwint	52
** Allen, Joseph 1674	Joseph Allen being a [black] smith Townsmen did ingadge he should have 3 or 4 ackers [upland see J. Allen Lobster Cove] to build upon	115
1674	Joseph Allen given 8 ackres upland by Lobster cove & he surrendered upland given him 1674	115
1674	James Davis to Joseph Allen House 3 acres land orchard next to common Town necke & highway to meeting house	116
1674	Joseph Allen to frances norwood 8 ackres upland by path from head of gouse Cove to head of Lobster cove used to go to cape	124
1675	Joseph Allen given small stripe land att wester sid of his orchard [Lobster cove]	115
1685	Joseph Allen given 2 acres fresh marsh above old corn milne 4th Lott [Walkers creek?]	164
1687/8	Willi Sargeant sen 6 acres upland att cape 3rd Lot between Joseph Allen 2nd Lot & Isaac Elwell eastward of Flatston cove	110
1687/8	Joseph Allen given 6 acres att cape 2nd Lot on northeast side of flat ston cove	165
1692	William Sargent sen to Joseph allin 6 acres upland att Cape 3rd Lot eastward flat stone cove	110
1693/4	Joseph & Rose Allen to John Row 12 acres at flat stone cove 2nd & 3rd Lots & sea towards northeast & comon toward southwest	216
1694	John Soames cooper of Boston & Hannah to Joseph Allen blacksmith 6 acres [14th Lot Flat Stone Cove-Gallops Folly] & 1+ acre marsh/med	237
** Allen, Joseph Capt 1704/5	Capt Joseph Allin had Liberty to exchange 12 acres on hill for 12 acres nex to swampy ground above old corn mill [Walkers Creek?]	260
** Allen, Joseph Capt & son Joseph 1705/6	Capt Joseph Allen & son Joseph Allen given Liberty to run fence by Wolf Hill	117
** Allen, Joseph Lt 1703/4	Li Joseph Allen clames 2 comon rights 1 to the hous & other given att his first coming to town	234
1704	Lie Joseph Allin claimed 2 comon rights	284
** Allen, Joseph ensign 1696/7	Insigne Joseph allin given 12 acres upland on top of hill above Mr Emersons ground	259
** Andros, William 1707	Highway from gravell pitt by grist mill [Mill River], hodgkins cove, William andros to samuell gotts land downe att cape	314
** Ash, Millicent 1650	Millison Ash wife to husband Will Ash land in harbor of former husband Will Southmeade	31

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** Somes, Timothy junior		
1687/8	John pearce given 6 acres att cape 23rd Lott [Gallops Folly Cove] & Leyeth between Two ffolliss & recorded it to Timothy Somes junior	229
** somes, Timothy senior		
1693/4	John Sargeant to Timothy Somes sen 6 acres upland att cape wester side of piggeon cove [56th Lot]	104
1693/4	William Ellery to Timothy Somes sen 6 acres att Cape 78th Lott buting Sandy Bay	104
1693/4	Timothy Somes sen to John Sargeant [Soldiers] Lott att Kettle Cove granted 1679 to his son that fell to brother Joseph Somes 7th Lott	141
1694/5	Timothy Somes Sen & John Day given upland	105
1703/4	Timothy Somes sen exchanged 1 1/2 acre upland for comon land	105
1704	Timothy Somes se claimed 1 comon right given to him att a towne meeting to belong to Land & house where it now stands	286
** Somes, William		
1662+	Timothy Somes given 4 acres fresh marsh [near Cape Pond?] & alinated it to son william Somes who sold it & house to Lie James davis	313
1703/4	William Somes 1 comon right to his homestead	325
1704	William Somes claimed 1 comon right	285
1707	Li James davis to Aaron davis 1 comon right which did belonge to place he bought of William Somes	287
1708/9	Lie James Davis granted 1 comon right entred to william Somes in first entering of comon rights & alinated to davis	328
** Southmeade alias Ash, Millicent		
1647	George Ingason 2 acres upland in ffishermans field bought of goodwife [Millicent] Southmate alia Ash buting great harbor & common	25
** Southmeade, William		
1645	Will Southmeade given 4 acres of marsh in ffresh marsh [near Cape Pond?]	30
1650	Will Southmeade given land in harbor upon which Mr Tomsons fframe stood 3 ackers	30
1650	Millison Ash to husband Will Ash land in harbor given to former husband Will Southmeade	31
** Stainwood, John		
1679	John Stainwood given 7 ackres att Kettle cove 6th Lot one end buting towards the sea [Soldiers lots]	150
1687/8	John Stanwood given 6 acres upland att cape 65th Lott by pigeon hill	109
1696/7	John Sargeant to John Stanwood 6 acres upland att Cape [11th Lot] in Lew of soldiers Lott Kettle Cove [Flat stone cove to Gallops Fol]	110
1696/7	John Sargeant to John Stanwood 6 acres upland att Cape 11th Lott in Lew of soldiers Lott at Kettle Cove which fell to Stanwood	110
1696/7	John Stanwod to John Sargeant 7 acres att Kettle Cove 6th [Soldiers] Lot in Lew of 6 acres att cape fell to Thomas Judkin 11th Lot	143

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