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Couch, Simon.

Born about 1633; testified 1681 ae. 48; m. Mary ____.[†] He bought land in Fairfield from Anna widow of Francis Andrews, 14 Mar. 1663/4, from William Hayden, 24 May 1664, and from Robert Beacham, 25 May 1665.

Four of the name came to Connecticut, but not early. WILLIAM d. at Guilford, 12 Sept. 1689; no family known. SAMUEL settled

* A widow Abigail Cosier [prob. widow of one of the elder sons of Richard] m. at Fairfield Church, 24 Dec. 1729, Andrew Sinclair. Abigail Cosier [possibly dau. of the widow] had a child Margaret bapt. at Fairfield, 21 Sept. 1735.

[†] Mrs. Schenk with happy certainty calls her dau. of Francis Andrews, which is not impossible; yet the records she quotes do not specify the relationship as her quotations seem to imply.

at Milford; m. Pity,* childless widow of Charles Deal, by whose gift he had Charles Island; m. (2) in 1691 Mary, widow of Vincent Stilson. His will, June 1693, referred to marriage agreement with wife Mary; his homelot in Milford, Charles Island, etc., to dau. Elizabeth Couch living in St. Mary Ottery, co. Devon, Eng.; but if she come not over in seven yrs., then all to Nathaniel, son of Capt. Samuel Eels of Hingham, Mass. THOMAS bought land from John Stiles in Wethersfield, 1665, and m. (1) 22 Nov. 1666, Rebecca ____, who d. 1 Mar. 1671/2; m. (2) Hannah ____. Inv. of Thomas, 24 Mar. 1687; widow Hannah; ages of children: Susannah 20, Simon 18, Rebecca 15, Hanna 13, Thomas 12, Mary 11, Sarah 8, Abigail 6, Martha 3. Legacy to children from their uncle Simon Couch mentioned. Simon was certainly brother of Thomas of Wethersfield, and prob. also of Samuel of Milford.

Will 22 Dec. 1687, proved 15 Mar. 1687/8; wife Mary; eldest son Thomas; 2d son Simon; 3d son Samuel; brother's son Thomas Couch that lives with me; brother's dau. living at John Grumman's; cousin Susannah Couch living at Milford; eldest daus., Mary and Martha; daus. Sarah and Hannah.

Inv. of Mary Couch, 22 May 1691, exhibited 27 Dec. 1691. Adm'n granted to Simon and Samuel Couch. Order to distribute to the children: Thomas ("if he never come into this Country again"); Simon; Samuel; widow Mary Grumman; Martha, Hannah and Sarah Couch.

Mary Couch conveyed 1689 to brother Thomas. Samuel Couch receipted 1694 to brother Simon for legacy from mother Mary dec'd. Abraham Finch receipted 1697 for legacy from father-in-law Couch. Peter Coley receipted 1703 for legacy of Hannah Couch, his present wife.

Children:

Thomas, d. in 1691. Will 8 Apr. 1689, proved 2 Dec. 1691; "voyaging to England"; mother Mary Couch; brother Simon's eldest son; brother Samuel's eldest son.

+Simon.

Mary, m. (1) Thomas Grumman; m. (2) after 1691, James Bennett,

* She m. Deal on 3 July 1672, her surname being omitted; and it is said that she was an Indian.

"Shipwright"; divorced him 1703 and m. (3) by contract dated 24 Oct. 1727, Samuel Jennings.

+Samuel.

Martha, m. Abraham Finch.

Sarah.

Hannah, m. (1) abt. 1699, Peter Coley; m. (2) Joshua Hoyt.

Couch, Simon, s. of Simon.

He m. Abigail Sturgis, dau. of John, whose father's will 1698 called her his wife. She m. (2) Ens. John Andrews, and d. 14 Sept. 1730 ae. abt. 57 (g. s., Westport). Abigail wife of Simon renewed her Covenant at Fairfield Church, 3 May 1696.

Will 2 Mar. 1712/3, proved 7 Apr. 1713; wife Abigail and brother-in-law Jonathan Sturgis; son Thomas, who had land left him by my brother Thomas; son Simon; slaves; five daus. Abigail, Hannah, Sarah, Isabel, Deborah. The births of the children (see below) are given in the probate records. Distribution made 20 Feb. 1718/9 to those named in will, the only married dau. being Abigail Edwards.

Will of Abigail Andrews, 7 Feb. 1729/30, proved 22 Sept. 1730; daus. Abigail Edwards, Hannah Osborn, Sarah Couch, Isabel Rumsey, Deborah Couch; sons Thomas and Simon Couch.

Anthony Batterson of Norwalk, 23 Feb. 1724/5 quitclaimed to Thomas and Simon Couch any pretense of right to land or any other estate which did belong to Mr. Simon Couch dec'd, being father of the said Thomas and Simon. [His interest does not appear.]

Children, bapt. at Fairfield Church:

Abigail, b. 31 Jan. 1693/4, bapt. 3 May 1696; m. (recorded Norwalk) 4 May 1713, William Edwards.

×Thomas, b. 9 June 1695, bapt. 3 May 1696, d. 1 Apr. 1736 ae. 40 yrs. 9 mos. 22 days (g. s., Westport); will 6 Dec. 1735, codicil 2 Feb. 1735/6, proved 20 Apr. 1736; m. 7 Dec. 1721, Sarah Allen, b. 1 Apr. 1697. She was dau. of Lt. Gideon; m. (2) 10 Nov. 1736, Timothy Keeler, and d. 10 Mar. 1787 ae. 90.

Simon, b. 6 July 1697, bapt. 15 Aug. 1697, d. 10 Apr. 1770 ae. 72 yrs. 9 mos. 13 days (g. s., Westport), prob. misreading for 19 Apr. as given by Church record; Ens., west parish, Fairfield, Oct. 1733; Capt., May 1735; m. 18 May 1721, Abigail Jennings, dau. of Joshua, b. 16 Feb. 1700 (by age at death), d. 14 July 1765 ae. 65 yrs. 4 mos. 15 days (g.s.). His will, 17 Mar. 1770, proved 21 Apr. 1770, freed

two slaves, and gave residue to his nephew and adopted son Simon Couch of Redding.

Hannah, bapt. 27 Aug. 1699; m. 4 Nov. 1724, Samuel Osborn.

John, bapt. 9 May 1702, d. y.

Solomon, bapt. 27 Aug. 1704, d. y.

Sarah, b. 30 Mar. 1706, bapt. 12 May 1706, d. 9 Mar. 1783 in 77 yr. (g. s., Westport); m. 28 Oct. 1730, John Andrews.

Isabel, b. 17 Sept. 1708, bapt. 17 Oct. 1708, d. 7 Nov. 1754; m. in 1729, Benjamin Rumsey.

Deborah, b. 30 Mar. 1710, bapt. 4 May 1710; m. Jacob Jones, of Ridgefield.

Couch, Samuel, s. of Simon. Ens., west company, Fairfield, June 1709; Lt., Oct. 1709; Capt., Oct. 1710; Deputy (Fairfield), Oct. 1710, Oct. 1712, May and Oct. 1720, May 1733, Oct. 1734; Justice, 1723-39.

Married Edrea Hurlbut, dau. of Thomas, 2d, and with her and her brothers and sisters conveyed rights in Woodbury inherited from her father. Doubtless she was the young widow of Benjamin Gilbert when she m. Couch. Born about 1674, she d. 24 Nov. 1737 ae. 63 (g. s., Westport). Edra, wife of Samuel, renewed Covenant at Fairfield Church, 3 May 1696. At bapt. of children 1711 to 1715, Samuel was called Capt.

Will 12 May 1739, proved 3 Dec. 1739; advanced in years; legacies to sons Samuel, Benjamin, John (at College, to have out of his estate education for four years), and Ebenezer; daus. Eunice wife of Reuben Taylor and Abigail Couch; gr. son Joseph Jackson; residue equally to children, Samuel, Benjamin, Ebenezer, and Solomon Couch, Mary Couch, Edry Frost, Eunice Taylor, Elizabeth Todd, and Abigail Couch.

Samuel, Benjamin, Ebenezer, and Solomon Couch, Joseph Crane and wife Mary, Joseph Frost and wife Adra, Nathaniel Hibbard and wife Abigail, all of Fairfield, Reuben Taylor and wife Eunice of Norwalk, and Rev. Jonathan Todd and wife Elizabeth of Guilford, conveyed 15 June 1741 to brother John Couch of Fairfield, land in Redding.

Children, bapt. at Fairfield:

Mary, bapt. 3 May 1696, d. 9 Jan. 1766 ae. 70 (Bible rec.); m. Joseph Crane; res. Fairfield 1741, Dukesfield, Dutchess Co., N. Y., 1744.

- Adrea, bapt. 7 Aug. 1798, d. 23 July 1753; m. 27 Aug. 1724, Joseph Frost.
- ×Samuel, bapt. 22 Sept. 1700, d. at Westport, 18 May 1775; will 2 Nov. 1774, proved 20 June 1775; m. 13 Sept. 1726, Elizabeth Sturges, dau. of John; bapt. 29 Aug. 1708, d. 20 July 1787.
- ×Benjamin, bapt. 27 Dec. 1702, d. 27 Sept. 1748 in 47 yr. (g. s., Westport); m. Mary ____, who m. (2) (rec. Westport) 19 Dec. 1749, Moses St. John, of Norwalk.
- Martha, bapt. 18 Feb. 1704/5, d. abt. 1728; m. Nov. 1727, Ephraim Jackson.
- Eunice, bapt. 2 Mar. 1706/7; m. Reuben Taylor, of Norwalk.
- ×Ebenezer, bapt. Apr. 1709, d. 23 Mar. 1797 ae. 88 (g. s., Redding); will 6 June 1796; m (1) 18 May 1731, Ann Crane, dau. of Jonathan; m. (2) Eunice ____.
- Elizabeth, bapt. 22 July 1711, d. at East Guilford, 18 Dec. 1783 in 73 yr.; m. 9 Jan. 1735, Rev. Jonathan Todd.
- ×Solomon, bapt. 24 May 1713, d. 26 Sept. 1748 in 36 yr. (g. s., Westport); adm'n on Est. granted to Deborah and John Couch, 1 Nov. 1748; m. Deborah Silliman, dau. of Daniel, who m. (2) at Westport, 11 May 1760, David Bulkley, and d. in 1766. The dower set to widow Deborah Couch, late Deborah Bulkley, dec'd, was ordered distributed to her children, 23 Sept. 1766.
- Abigail, bapt. 4 Sept. 1715, d. at Westport, 15 Nov. 1776; m. 24 Apr. 1740, Nathaniel Hibbard.
- ×John, res. Redding; m. Sarah ____.

Couch [Vol. I, pp. 160-164].

- 1 Simon (1633-1688) m. Mary ____.
- 2 Simon (-1713) m. Abigail Sturges.
 - 4 *Thomas* (1695-1736).
- 3 Samuel (-1739) m. Edrea Hurlbut.
 - 5 *Samuel* (1700-1775).
 - 6 *Benjamin* (1702-1748).
 - 7 *Ebenezer* (1709-1797).
 - 8 *Solomon* (1713-1748).
 - 9 *John* (-).

4. Couch, Thomas, s. of Simon.

Born 9 June 1695; d. at Westport, 1 Apr. 1736 ae. 40 yrs. 9 mos. 22 days (g. s.); m. 7 Dec. 1721, Sarah Allen; dau. of Lt. Gideon, b. 1 Apr. 1697, d. 10 Mar. 1787 ae. 90. She m. (2) 10 Nov. 1736, Timothy Keeler.

Will 6 Dec. 1735, codicil 2 Feb. 1735/6, proved 20 Apr. 1736; wife Sarah; sons Thomas, Simon; daus. Sarah and Ann Couch; negroes; mentions bro. Simon Couch's homelot. Dower in estate of Thomas, Sr., was ordered distributed, 13 June 1765, to his widow, Sarah Keeler of Ridgefield.

Children, rec. Fairfield:

Sarah, b. 1 Dec. 1723, d. 24 Aug. 1773.

+Thomas, b. 28 Nov. 1725.

+Simon, b. [5 Apr. 1729].

Ann, m. at Ridgefield, 7 July 1750, Theophilus Stebbins.

5. Couch, Samuel, s. of Samuel.

Bapt. 22 Sept. 1700; d. at Westport, 18 May 1775; m. 13 Sept. 1726, Elizabeth Sturges, dau. of John; bapt. 20 Aug. 1708, d. 20 July 1787.

Will 2 Nov. 1774, proved 20 June 1775; wife; daus. Mary Bennett, Elizabeth, Miriam; sons Josiah, Zebulon, Benjamin, Solomon, David, Nehemiah; daus. Abigail, Naomi; three gr. children; Joshua, Elizabeth, and Rachel, children of dec'd son Samuel; son Nehemiah to have care of the property given to Zebulon for the latter's benefit.

Children, rec. Fairfield and Westport:

Miriam, b. 11 Apr. 1727, d. 13 Nov. 1728.

Mary, b. 28 Mar. 1729, d. 27 July 1788; m. 1 Apr. 1754, Thomas Bennett, Jr.

12+Samuel, b. 5 May 1731.

13+David, b. 25 June 1733.

Elizabeth, b. 13 June 1735, d. before 1790; m. 9 Mar. 1756, Timothy Pierson.

Miriam, b. 14 Apr. 1737, d. at Westport, 19 Mar. 1824 in 87 yr. (g. s.); m.

Solomon Morehouse.

14+Nehemiah, b. 25 May 1739.

Abigail, b. 10 June 1741; m. 8 Feb. 1778, Isaac Godfrey, of Weston.

15+Josiah, b. Apr., bapt. 1 May 1743.

Zebulon, b. 28 Aug. bapt. 15 Sept. 1745, d. at Westport, 12 May 1821 ae. 71
[should be 75].

Benjamin-Solomon, b. 25 Mar., bapt. 2 Apr. 1749, d. at Westport, 26 Feb. 1812
ae. 63.

Naomi, b. 13 Dec. 1751, bapt. 12 Jan. 1752, d. 15 June 1796; m. 10 Jan. 1773,
Benjamin Couch.

6. Couch, Benjamin, s. of Samuel.

Bapt. 22 Sept. 1702; d. at Westport, 27 Sept 1748 in 47 yr. (g. s.); m. Mary
____. She m. (2) 19 Dec. 1749, Moses St. John, of Norwalk.

Agreement 4 June 1751 of Benjamin's heirs; Moses St. John and Mary his
wife, of Norwalk; Joseph Couch; Nathan Godfrey and Martha his wife; and Mary
Couch ye Second;—all of Fairfield. Dower distributed, 4 Aug. 1769, to Mary St.
John, widow of Benjamin Couch.

Children, bapt. at Westport:

16+Joseph, bapt. 17 Sept. 1726.

Martha, bapt. 16 June 1730/1, d. 31 May 1761; m. 11 June 1747, Nathan Godfrey.

Mary, bapt. 15 Nov. 1732, d. at Westport, 26 Mar. 1822 ae. 89 (g. s.); m. (1) 27
Nov. 1752, Jabez Gorham; m. (2) 1 Oct. 1766, David Couch.

7. Couch, Ebenezer, s. of Samuel.

Bapt. Apr. 1709; d. at Redding, 23 Mar. 1797 ae. 88 (g. s.); m. 18 May 1731,
Ann Crane, dau. of Jonathan.

In a deed 30 Sept. 1765, conveying land in Redding, he called himself late of
Fairfield, now of Woodbury; but he returned to Redding.

Will 6 June 1796, proved 1 Apr. 1797; three sons, Ebenezer, Jr., Daniel,
Elijah; Eunice wife of son Elijah; daug. Theody wife of Daniel Copley, Adah
Knap, and Martha wife of James Bosworth.

Children, [by first wife], rec. Fairfield, bapt. Redding:

17+Ebenezer, b. 20 Jan. 1733.

18+Jonathan, b. 16 July 1736.

Daniel, b. 20, bapt. 29 July 1739; rem. to Ballston, N. Y.; m. 23 Jan. 1763, Sarah Howes, of Stamford, b. 19 July 1744.*

Adrea, b. 12, bapt. 19 Sept. 1742, d. abt. 1830; m. (1) 27 Aug. 1761, Stephen Crofut; m. (2) ___ Knapp.

Martha, b. 25 Dec. 1744; m. James Bosworth.

Elijah, b. 29 July, bapt. 2 Aug. 1747, d. in Sullivan Country, 19 Mar. 1816 (family record); m. (1) at New Preston, 5 Nov. 1772, Mary Bosworth; m. (2) at New Preston, 20 July 1777, Eunice Copley, of Washington, b. 7 Dec. 1754, d. 8 May 1845.†

Theoda, b. 24, bapt. 26 Jan. 1755, d. at New Milford, 8 Sept. 1841 a. 87 yrs. 7 mos. 14 days (g. s.); m. 3 Apr. 1777, Daniel Copley.

8. Couch, Solomon, s. of Samuel.

Bapt. 24 May 1713; d. at Westport, 26 Sept. 1748 in 36 yr. (g. s.); m. Deborah Silliman, dau. of Daniel. She m. (2) 11 May 1760, David Bulkley, and d. in 1766.

Adm'n granted to Deborah and John Couch, 1 Nov. 1748. On 4 July 1749, Samuel Couch was appointed guardian to Adrea, Solomon, and Eunice; Widow Deborah Couch was appointed guardian to Deborah, Lydia, Isaac, and Elizabeth, and chosen by Mary; John Osborn appointed guardian to Thankful;—all children of Solomon. Distribution 24 Apr. 1751: Widow Deborah Couch; Solomon, Isaac, Mary, Adrea, Deborah, Thankful, Eunice and Lydia Couch. Deborah Couch, late Deborah Bulkley, was reported dec'd. 23 Sept. 1766, and distribution of her dower ordered to the children. Distribution of same was made, 30 Sept. 1766, to Solomon and Isaac Couch, Eunice wife of Azariah Lee, Mary wife of Joseph Osborn, Deborah wife of Isaac Bulkley, Lydia Couch, and Adrea wife of David Adams, Jr. In 1775, Solomon Couch, Joseph Osborn and Mary his wife, David Adams, Jr., and Adria his wife, David Morehouse and Thankful his wife, Ebenezer Hubbell and wife Lydia, and Deborah Bulkley, all of

* Children, rec. and bapt. Redding: Daniel, b. 22 Apr. 1764; Ira Howes, b. 29 Sept. 1766; Sally, b. 4 Feb., bapt. 10 Sept. 1770; Mary, bapt. 2 My 1772, d. 11 May 1772 ae. 2 mos. The young Daniel enlisted at Redding, 1781, was pensioned at Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y., 1819, rem. 1835 to Hillsdale County, Mich.

† Children, rec. and bapt. Redding: William, b. 8 Feb., bapt. 10 Apr. 1774; Samuel, b. 29 Jan. 1778; Jonathan, b. 15 Jan., bapt. 5 Mar. 1780, d. at Bethel, Conn., 22 Apr. 1853, m. 10 Feb. 1801, Lydia Hoyt; Elijah, b. 14 Mar. 1782; Mary, b. 20 July 1784; Silas Crane, b. 8 June 1786; Calvin, b. 14 Aug. 1788; Daniel, b. 15 Dec. 1790; Ebenezer, b. 23 Mar. 1793; Stephen, b. 28 Oct. 1797. Family record adds Harvey, b. 1 June 1800.

Fairfield, and Azariah Lee of Guildford and Eunice his wife, conveyed land in West Parish.

Children, bapt. Westport:

Mary, b. abt. 1735, d. at Greenfield, 14 Feb. 1796 in 60 yr. (g. s.); m. (1) 23 Jan. 1765, Joseph Osborn; m. (2) at Fairfield, 10 Dec. 1778, Jedediah Hull, of Greenfield.

Adrea, b. abt. 1737; m. 10 Nov. 1757, David Adams, Jr.

Deborah, b. abt. 1738, d. at Fairfield, 31 Oct. 1816 ae. 78; m. 18 Nov. 1762, Isaac Bulkley.

Solomon, b. [say 1740].

Thankful, bapt. 6 Feb. 1743; m. 25 Jan. 1764, David Morehouse.

Eunice, bapt. 4 Mar. 1744; m. Azariah Lee, of Guilford; with whom she conveyed 1766 to bro. Solomon Couch.

Isaac, bapt. 20 Oct. 1745, d. in 1771. Adm'n granted to Solomon Couch, 12 Nov. 1771.

Lydia, bapt. 19 Apr. 1747; m. 8 Apr. 1767, Ebenezer Hubbell.

Elizabeth, bapt. 16 Apr. 1749, d. 10 Nov. 1749.

9. Couch, John, s. of Samuel.

He m. Sarah ____.

Children, bapt. Redding:

John, bapt. 20 Mar. 1748.

? Sarah, m. 20 June 1769, Ephraim Robbins.

Stephen, bapt. 21 Jan. 1753.

Adrea, bapt. 20 Apr. 1755.

Elizabeth, bapt. 17 July 1757.

Samuel, bapt. 30 Aug. 1758.*

? Abraham, b. abt. 1763, living Redding 1820; m. Abigail ____, b. abt. 1761.

Hannah, bapt. 31 Aug. 1766.

10. Couch, Thomas, s. of Thomas. Ens., west parish company, Fairfield, Oct. 1762.

Born 28 Nov. 1725; d. at Westport, 4 Dec. 1764 in 39 yr. (g. s.); m. 22 or 25 Feb. 1749/50, Elizabeth Jessup; dau. of Edward, b. 13 Feb. 1727/8, d. 25 Nov. 1815 ae. 87 yrs. 9 mos. (g. s.).

Thomas chose Elizabeth Couch for guardian, Apr. 1765: and she was appointed for her children, Simon, Mary, Gideon, Stephen, Sarah and Elizabeth.

* Mother's name stated as Elizabethin baptismal record.

Children, rec. Fairfield, bapt. Westport:

19+Thomas, b. 1, bapt. 3 Feb. 1751.

20+Simon, b. 6, bapt. 12 Nov. 1752.

Sarah, b. 30, bapt. 31 Mar. 1754, d. at Easton, 24 Feb. 1815 ae. 62; m. 14 Oct. 1772, Hezekiah Banks.

Elizabeth, b. 23, bapt. 25 Jan. 1756, d. at Westport, 3 June 1780; m. Noah Taylor Hanford; they conveyed, 1774, right from father Thomas Couch dec'd.

Gideon, b. 14 Sept., bapt 2 Oct. 1757, d. at Westport, 21 Sept. 1817 ar. 60; m. 26 Dec. 1781, Eleanor Wakeman, dau of John, b. 30 Jan. 1762, d. 21 May 1846 ae. 84-3-21 (g. s.). His will, 24 Feb. proved 28 Oct. 1817, named wife Eleanor, dau. Charry, three sons Wakeman, Gideon, Eli.*

Mary, bapt. 11 May 1760, d. at Westport, 3 May 1824 ae. 64 (g. s.); m (1) 5 May 1784, Moses Sherwood; m. (2) 15 Mar. 1801, Aaron Sherwood.

Stephen, bapt. 8 May 1763, d. at Bath, N. H., 21 Apr. 1813 (family rec.); m. 29 Jan. 1784, Ann Edmond, dau. of Robert, b. at Woodbury, 18 Mar. 1764, d. at Bath, 6 Apr. 1813.†

11. Couch, Simon, s. of Thomas. Ens., cast company, Redding, May 1767; Lt., May 1770.

Born [5 Apr. 1729]; d. 25 Apr. 1809 ae. 80 yrs. 20 days (Bible record); m. 27 Jan. 1753, Rebecca Nash, dau. of Thomas; b. 18 Nov. 1732, d. at Redding, 12 Jan. 1784.

Children, second rec. Fairfield; two bapt. Westport:

Abigail, bapt. 10 Feb. 1754, d. 3 Mar. 1754.

21+Simon, b. 18 bapt. 25 May 1755.

Thomas Nash, bapt. at Redding, 21 May 1758, d. at Redding, 3 Jan. 1821; m. 13 Dec. 1787, Abigail Stebbins.‡

Rebecca, bapt. at Redding, 16 Feb. 1761, d. 3 Apr. 1785.

* Children, bapt. Westport: Wakeman, bapt. 29 May 1785, d. 3 Oct. 1848 ae. 63 yrs. 7 mos. (g. s.); m. Eleanor Banks, dau. of Isaac. Gideon, bapt. 18 Jan. 1789, d. 31 May 1846 ae. 57-7-12 (g. s.). Eli, bapt. 24 July 1791, d. 3 Sept. 1796. Charry, bapt. 11 Aug. 1793, d. 3 Sept. 1796. Eli, bapt. 26 Nov. 1797, d. 1 Apr. 1876 ae. 78 yr. 5 mos. (g. s.); m. Matilda ____, b. [19 Jan. 1800], d. 29 Jan. 1882 ae. 82 yrs. 10 days (g. s.). Charry, bapt. 2 May 1802.

† Children, first rec. Fairfield: Elizabeth, b. 20 Apr. 1783, bapt. 14 Aug. 1785; Mary, bapt. 18 May 1788.

‡ Will of Thomas N., 23 Dec. 1820, proved 13 Jan. 1821; wife Abigail; dau. Rebecca wife of James Denison; sons Hiram and Nash; Abigail, Jane, James, Jr., William-Thomas, and Mary-Ann Denison, children of dau. Rebecca. Children, rec. Redding: Rebecca, b. 19 June 1788; Hiram, b. 27 July 1791; Nash, b. 17 Oct. 1794.

Abigail, bapt. at Redding, 27 Jan. 1765, d. at Greenfield, 27 Nov. 1815 in 54 yr. (g. s.); m. Thomas Hull.

Lydia, bapt. at Redding, 25 Oct. 1767,* d. 13 July 1820; m. 16 Feb. 1792, Andrew Fairchild, Jr.

12. Couch, Samuel, s. of Samuel, 2d.

Born 5 May 1731; d. 17 Aug. 1760 of smallpox in Army on way to Canada; m. 22 Feb. 1756, Rachel Allen, dau. of Joseph, b. 28 July 1728, d. 23 Feb. 1817 ae. 87 yrs. 7 mos.

Adm'n granted, 8 Dec. 1760, to Rachel Couch. Samuel Couch was appointed guardian to the three children, same date.

Children, bapt. Westport, eldest rec. Fairfield:

Elizabeth, b. 20 Aug., bapt. 10 Oct. 1756, d. at Westport, 25 Apr. 1799 ae. 43; m. 15 Dec. 1776, Andrew Bennett.

Joshua, bapt. 11 June 1758, d. at Westport, 13 Oct. 1841 in 84 yr. (g. s.); Dr.; m. 15 July 1779, Patty Parchen, bapt. 22 Nov. 1761, d. 11 Oct. 1851 in 91 yr. (g. s.).†

Rachel, bapt. 2 Nov. 1760; m. 21 July 1779, Joseph Green, Jr., of Weston.

13. Couch, David, s. of Samuel.

Born 25 June 1733; d. at Westport, 20 June 1816 ae. 83 (g. s.); m. at Weston, 1 Oct. 1766, Widow Mary Gorham, who d. 26 Mar. 1822 ae. 89 (g. s.). She was widow of Jabez Gorham, and dau. of Benjamin Couch, bapt. 15 Nov. 1732.

Of Norwalk, 1781, conveyed with wife Mary, land at Saugatuck.

Children, first two bapt. Weston, next three Westport:

Polly, bapt. 19 July 1767.

Joseph, bapt. 16 June 1769; m. 24 Mar. 1803, Abigail Couch.

Benjamin, bapt. 12 May 1771, d. in West Indies, 23 Dec. 1793.

David, bapt. 20 June 1773, d. 9 Dec. 1773.

Susanna (twin), bapt. 20 June 1773, d. 2 Aug. 1781.

* Mother's name stated as Lydia in baptismal record.

† Children, bapt. Westport: Betsey, bapt. 18 Sept. 1785; perhaps the Elizabeth who m. 23 Feb. 1803, Samuel-Sturges Smith of Greenfield. Rachel, bapt. 21 Aug. 1789, d. 19 Nov. 1808 ae. 19-8-4 (g. s.). Samuel, bapt. 4 Mar. 1792, d. 20 Sept. 1793 ae. 2 yrs. less 5 days (g. s.). Joshua, bapt. 6 Oct. 1793, d. 25 Feb. 1869 ae. 75-6-1 (g. s.). Joseph, bapt. 24 Apr. 1796, killed at Lake Champlain, 11 Sept. 1814; ae. 18-8-1 (g. s.). Hezekiah-Allen, bapt. 22 Apr. 1798. Sally-Ann, bapt. 2 July 1802. Mary, bapt. 11 June 1803. Adm'n on Est. of Joseph Couch granted, 9 July 1816, to Joshua Couch, with Benjamin Meeker as surety.

14. Couch, Nehemiah, s. of Samuel.

Born 25 May 1739; d. early in 1823.

He m. 19 Nov. 1780, widow Abigail Baker; widow of Joshua Baker, and dau. of [Eleazer?] Sturges. She d. 9 Aug. 1791.

Child, bapt. Westport:

Abigail, bapt. 28 Oct. 1781; ?m. 24 Mar. 1803, Joseph Couch

15. Couch, Josiah, s. of Samuel.

Born Apr. 1743, d. at Westport, 22 Apr. 1821 ae. 78.

He m. at Weston, 21 Apr. 1766, Eunice Frost; dau. of Joseph, b. 16 Sept. 1742.

Children, bapt. Westport:

Samuel, bapt. 19 Apr. 1767, d. in West Indies, 13 Mar. 1793.

Adrea bapt. 30 Apr. 1769.

Eunice, bapt. 26 Feb. 1775; perhaps d. at Westport, 9 Feb. 1849 ae. 72 (g. s.).

Josiah, bapt. 20 Nov. 1783.

16. Couch, Joseph, s. of Benjamin.

Bapt. 17 Sept. 1726; Joseph and his son Joseph d. 7 Feb. 1769 between New York and Fairfield, on their passage home.

He m. 7 May 1747, Hannah Sherwood; dau. of David, b. 4 Mar. 1728. Widow Hannah m. at Westport, 21 Nov. 1773, Capt. Gideon Hurlbut.

Adm'n granted, 7 Mar. 1769, to William Bennett, Jr. Dower set to his widow Hannah, 27 Apr. 1770.

Children, rec. Fairfield, bapt. Westport:

Benjamin, b. 26 Mar., bapt. 3 Apr. 1748, d. 14 June 1777; m. 10 Jan. 1773,

Naomi Couch, dau. of Samuel, b. 13 Dec. 1751, d. 15 June 1796.*

Joseph, b. 5 Feb., bapt. 17 Mar. 1751, d. 7 Feb. 1769.

Child, stillborn 4 Apr. 1754.

Hannah, b. 8 June, bapt. 11 July 1756; chose mother Hannah guardian 17 Oct.

1769; m. 23 Sept. 1779, Hudson English.

Sarah, b. 13 Sept., bapt. 15 Oct. 1758, d. 13 May 1776.

* Children, bapt. Westport: Betty, bapt. 1 May 1774; Benjamin, bapt. 11 Sept. 1775. Thomas Bennett was allowed guardian to Benjamin Couch, 7 Feb. 1791.

John, bapt. 19 Oct. 1760; m. 27 Feb. 1782, Rhoda Bennett, dau. of Moses, bapt. 8 May 1763.*

Abraham, bapt. 10 July 1763; m. ____†

Asa, bapt. 20 Oct. 1765, d. 12 Aug. 1766.

Comfort, bapt. 4 Sept. 1768, d. 10 Feb. 1810 in 43 yr. (g. s.); m. 6 May 1790, John Ogden.

17. Couch, Ebenezer, s. of Ebenezer. Ens., 2d Co., 4th Regt., Army, Mar. 1758; 2d Lt., Mar. 1759; 1st Lt., Mar. 1760. Capt. 8th Co., 2d Batt., Army, June 1776.

Born 20 Jan. 1733; d. at Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y., abt Oct. 1800; m. (1) at Greenfield, 27 July 1761, Elizabeth McCarty.

He m. (2) at New Preston, 4 Nov. 1777, Sarah Bostwick. She was widow of Joel Bostwick, and dau. of Jacob Kinney.

Will 17 Aug. 1800, codicil 16 Sept. 1800, proved 8 nov. 1800; wife Sarah; oldest son John; sons Ebenezer, Jr., Aaron, Joel-Bostwick, Levi; daus. Anna wife of Henry Whitlock, Elizabeth wife of Benjamin Benedict, and Sarah K. Couch. [Surrogate's Court, Saratoga County.]

Children [by first wife], rec. and bapt. Redding:

John, b. 5 May, bapt. 27 June 1762, d. at new Preston, 12 June 1812 ae. 50 (g. s.); m. at New Preston, 9 Mar. 1783, Lois Stone, who d. 8 Jan. 1845 ae. 81 (g. s.).

Levi, b. 25 Aug., bapt. 16 Oct. 1763, d. y.

Anna, b. 28 Feb., Bapt. 28 Apr. 1765; m. at New Preston, 30 Dec. 1785, Henry Whitlock, of Ridgefield.

Ebenezer, b. 26 Feb. 1768.

Abner, bapt. and d. 24 Mar. 1770.

Aaron, b. 17 June, bapt. 2 Aug. 1772.

Children [by second wife], bapt. New Preston:

Elizabeth, bapt. 30 Apr. 1780; m. Benjamin Benedict.

Joel-Bostwick, bapt. 15 Apr. 1781.

Levi, bapt. 22 June 1783.

Caswell, bapt. 14 Oct. 1785, d. y.

Electa, bapt. 15 June 1788, d. y.

Sarah K.

* Children, bapt. Westport: Salome, bapt. 29 June 1783; Charles (son of John and Rhoda of Redding), bapt. July 1785.

† Children, bapt. Westport: Nancy, bapt. 1 July 1786; Joseph, bapt. 10 Feb. 1788.

18. Couch, Jonathan, s. of Ebenezer.

Born 16 July 1736.

He m. (1) at Redding, 15 Aug. 1759, Eunice Griffin; dau. of John, bapt. 22 Oct. 1738.

He m. (2) at Redding, 24 Sept. 1777, Mabel Meeker; prob. widow of Jared Meeker, and née Cole.

Joseph, son of Jonathan of Redding, chose Joseph Frost of Redding for guardian, 3 Aug. 1786.

Children [by first wife], bapt. Redding:

Lucy, bapt. 8 Apr. 1761.

Anna, bapt. 17 June 1764.

Joseph, bapt. 13 Aug. 1769.

Eli, bapt. 2 Aug. 1772.

Eunice, bapt. 4 Sept. 1774.

Child [by second wife]:

Molly, bapt. 31 Jan. 1779.

19. Couch, Thomas, s. of Thomas.

Born 1 Feb. 1751; d. at Redding in 1817; m. 2 Apr. 1772, Sarah Nash, dau. of Jonathan, b. 17 Jan. 1755, d. 1 May 1837.

Distribution, 21 Mar. 1818: widow; heirs of son Thomas, Jr.; sons Jonathan, Nathan, Hezekiah, John; heirs of dau. Sarah; dau. Esther wife of Seth Sanford; dau. Mary wife of Ebenezer Hawley.

Children, bapt. Westport.

Sarah, b. 9, bapt. 20 Aug. 1773, d. 24 Aug. 1773.

Thomas, b. 23 Sept., bapt. 30 Oct. 1774, d. 8 Oct. 1805; adm'n granted to Seth Sanford and Mary Couch; m. 25 Sept. 1797, Mary Sanford.*

Jonathan, b. 13 Feb., bapt. 22 Mar. 1777, d. at South East, N. Y., 4 July 1845.

Sarah, b. 18 Sept., bapt. 7 Nov. 1779, d. 7 Jan. 1809; m. 8 Oct. 1803, Seth Sanford.

Nathan, b. 25 Sept. 1781, d. at Natchez, Miss., 9 Sept. 1823.

Esther, b. 14 Dec. 1783, bapt. 7 Mar. 1784, d. 12 Nov. 1867; m. 28 May 1809, Seth Sanford.

Moses, b. 2 Oct. 1786, d. 24 June 1796.

* Children, rec. Redding: Timothy Sanford, b. 12 Feb. 1797; Esther, b. 29 Jan. 1799.

Edward, b. 7 Mar. 1789, d. 17 Sept. 1792.
 Hezekiah, b. 14 Mar. 1791; res. Patterson, Putnam County, N. Y.
 Mary, b. 21 Apr. 1793; m. Ebenezer Hawley, of Ridgefield.
 John, b. 28 July 1795; res. Redding.

20. Couch, Simon, s. of Thomas.

Born 6 Nov. 1752; d. at Redding, 16 April 1829; m. 7 Jan. 1776, Eleanor Nash, dau. of Jonathan, b. 14 Jan. 1758.

Will 3 Apr. 828, proved 25 Apr. 1829; son Edward; dau. Eleanor; my son Jessup N. Couch of Chillicothe, Ohio, by will gave to Edward and Eleanor Couch all portion in his mother's estate; children, Elisabeth N. wife of Ozias Burr, Jr., Seth, Eleanor, and Nash Couch, Priscilla wife of Edward Mallory, and Edward Couch; gr. son Simon A. Couch, son of Simon A. late of Ohio dec'd.

Children, rec. Redding, first bapt. Westport, second Redding:

Elizabeth Nash, b. 9 Oct., bapt. 8 Dec. 1776, d. at Worthington, Ohio, 21 Feb. 1834; m. Ozias Burr, Jr.
 Jesup, b. 3 Aug. 1778, bapt. 20 Sept. 1778, d. at Chillicothe, Ohio, 30 June 1821, unm.; grad. Yale Coll.; Judge, Superior Court of Ohio, 1815-21.
 Seth, b. 31 Aug. 1780, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 30 Apr. 1841; m. 1 May 1806, Sarah Burr, dau. of Ozias.
 Eleanor, b. 26 Aug. 1782, d. 8 Dec. 1856, unm.
 Simon, b. 2 Dec. 1784, d. 14 Feb. 1794.
 Nash, b. 23 Apr. 1787, d. 22 Mar. 1835, unm.; Maj. and Inspector in Militia, N. Y. City.
 Priscilla, b. 27 June 1790; m. Edward Mallory, of Worthington, Ohio.
 Edward, b. 14 July 1792, d. at Ridgefield, 16 Apr. 1856; Capt.; m. Betsey Marchant, dau. of Joel, b. 6 May 1805.
 Simon, b. 6 Dec. 1794; physician, of Marion, Ohio.
 Caroline, b. 22 June 1801 (family rec.), d. 8 Mar. 1802.

21. Couch, Simon, s. of Simon.

Born 18 May 1755; d. 8 Nov. 1807 ae. 52-5-21 (Bible record); m. 25 Nov. 1779, Abigail Chapman, dau. of Dennie; b. 10 Oct. 1758 (Bible record), d. 18 Dec. 1825 ae. 67-2-8 (Bible record).

Children, rec. Fairfield (also Bible record), bapt. Westport:

Abigail, b. 14 Aug., bapt. Oct 1782; ?m. 5 Jan. 1800, William Sherwood, Jr.

Simon, b. 16 Oct., bapt. 31 Nov. 1783, d. at Newbern, N. C., 28 July 1819 ae. 35-9-12 (Bible record); m. 2 Nov. 1806, Betsey Hide, dau. of John, b. 5 Feb. 1785, d. 26 Nov. 1863 (g. s.).

William, b. 8 May, bapt. 1 July 1786.

Couch [*Unplaced*].

WILLIAM m. 26 July 1801, Annis Freeman. [Greens Farms Church.]

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Hoyt, Joshua, s. of Simon. Deputy for Stamford, Oct. 1681, Oct. 1682, Oct. and Nov. 1683, May and Oct. 1684, Oct. 1685, Oct. 1686, Jan. 1687.

Born before 1641, d. at Stamford in 1690; m. Mary Bell, dau. of Francis. She m. (2) in 1691, Joseph Turney.

He was drummer at Stamford, 1667.

Inv. 4 Nov. 1690; widow Mary made oath.

Children, recorded at Stamford:

Mary, b. 22 Dec. 1664. Prob. she (or sister Rebecca) m. Joseph Ferris [called son-in-law 1717 in deed from Mrs. Mary Turney], who had children born 1688-1706 [including Nathan, b. 1694, called gr. son-in-law 1713 in deed from Joseph Turney].

Rebecca, b. 21 Sept. 1667.

Joshua, b. 4 Oct. 1670, d. at Stamford, 1 Jan. 1744/5; planter; bought land in Fairfield, 1736; m. (1) (rec. Stamford) 16 Mar. 1698,

Mary Pickett, dau. of John, b. 30 Mar. 1677, d. 10 Nov. 1732; m. (2)
Hannah, widow of Peter Coley, and dau. of Simon Couch.

Sarah, b. 17 Apr. 1674, d. 10 Dec. 1715; m. 11 Apr. 1706, Peter Ferris, Jr.

Samuel, b. 3 July 1678, d. at Stamford, 10 Aug. 1738; blacksmith; m. (1) 24 Oct.
1700, Susannah Slawson, who d. 26 Mar. 1706/7; m. (2) 31 Dec. 1707,
Mary Weed; widow of Jonas Weed and dau. of Daniel Scofield.

Hannah, b. 1 Sept. 1681; perhaps m. 6 Apr. 1704, Abraham Bell, and if so, she d.
16 Nov. 1711.*

Moses, b. 7 Oct. 1683, d. at Stamford, 2 Nov. 1731, unm.; incapable.

Abigail, b. 20 Aug. 1685; m. 1 Jan. 1707/8, John Holly.

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