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The story of the early American Swinnertons in our issue No. 3 Vol. II April 1976 has aroused a great deal of interest both here and in America. In this American Bicentennial Year we are being urged by our American friends to conduct an all-out search to see if we can find out the origins of these early settlers. Accordingly I have been going through our own records and those of the town of Danvers for the 18th and early 19th centuries and have amassed a considerable amount of additional information. This has been supplemented by Mr. Newman A. Hall of Washington D. C. who has kindly sent me extracts from the 'History of Salem' and has also opened up a completely new and most interesting development of which more later.

Here are some of the additional facts we have unearthed and on which we are basing a completely new 'tree' which I hope to publish before the end of the year.

A GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND
showing three generations of those who came before May 1692 on the basis of
Fathers Register by James Savage 1862.

SWINERTON OR SWANNERTON, Job. Salem 1637 when he had gr. of ld. joined the Church 1639 as did Eliz. prob. his wife or mother. Was made Freeman 6th September that year, married 19th July 1658 Ruth, daughter of John Simons, had two sons and two daughters, and his wife died 22nd May 1670. He lived in Danvers and died 11th April 1689. His daughter, Ruth, died 27th October 1694 and was buried next day, being Sunday, when "more attended the funeral than the sermon".

Job, a sgt. of Salem Village, near Danvers, was probably son of the preceding Freeman, 1690. In 1686 was 55 years old and died 7th April 1700.

John, Salem, perhaps a brother of the younger Job, a physician, died 6th Jan. 1691 aged 57, leaving a widow Hannah who died 23rd December 1713, age 71. Felt.

THE PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS DESCRIPTIVE LIST drawn from the Records of the Colonies, Towns and Churches and other contemporaneous documents by Charles Henry Pope 1900

SWINNERTON, Job, a planter, Salem. Proprietor 1637 fr. Sept. 6th 1639. Wife, Elizabeth, Salem, member of the Church 1639. He married 19th May 1658 Ruth Simons, she died 22nd May 1670. He married 2. 7. 1673 Hester Baker. Children - Jasper born 4th April 1659, Joseph born 8th December 1660, Eliza born 26th December 1662, Ruth born 22nd March 1664, Mary born 17th May 1670.

Job Swinnerton, yeoman, made a will 14th March 1699/70, probate May 6th 1700. Bequeathed to wife Easter, sons Jasper, Joseph, Benjamin, Joshua and James (the last two under 21 years), daughters Mary, Easter, Abigail, Hannah and the children of daughter Elizabeth Hutchinson. Fr. (citizen)

DIRECTORY OF THE ANCESTRAL HEADS OF NEW ENGLAND FAMILIES 1620-1700
compiled by Frank R. Holmes 1974.

SWINNERTON, also Swannerton. Job, came from Staffordshire, England to Salem, Massachusetts where he joined the Church 1639, removed to Danvers, Massachusetts, died April 11th 1689

BIRTHS (pp. 359 & 360)

SWINERTON, Alice, d. Amos Putnam [yeoman. dup.] and Sally Bodge (Goodale), Feb. 11, 1847. [1848. dup.]
 Ame, d. James and Ame, Mar. 12, 1755.
 Amos Putnam, s. John, jr. and Elizabeth, May 31, 1812.
 Asa, s. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Oct. 30, 1801.
 Betsy, Oct. 30, 1771.
 Betty, d. Job and Sarah, Sept. 8, 1762.
 Eben, s. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Apr. 1, 1809.
 Ede, d. John and Ede, Jan. 11, 1757.
 Ede, d. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 1794.
 Elisha, s. Job and Sarah, Sept. 17, 1754.
 Elisha, s. Josiah and Elizabeth, bp. June 24, 1792. C. R. 1.
 Elizabeth, d. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Aug. 19, 1791.
 Esther, d. Job and Sarah, May 13, 1760.
 Esther, Aug. 3, 1773.
 Esther, d. John, bp. Aug. 10, 1794. C. R. 1.
 Hannah, d. John and Ede, Oct. 4, 1758.
 Hannah, d. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Mar. 2, 1804.
 Henry Harrison, s. Amos Putnam and Sally Bodge (Goodale). Mar. 8, 1841.
 James, s. James and Ame, Jan. 7, 1767.
 Job, bp. Aug. 30, 1727.
 Job, s. Job and Sarah, Feb. 22, 1752.
 John, jr., s. John and Ede, Apr. 18, 1761. [Apr. 10. dup.]
 John, s. Amos Putnam and Sally Bodge (Goodale), Sept. 8, 1839.
 John Putnam, s. John, jr. and Elizabeth, May 11, 1799.
 Josiah, s. Job and Sarah, Nov. 13, 1764.
 Lucy, d. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 1797.
 Lydia, d. John and Ede, Sept. 27, 1763.
 Mary, d. John, jr. and Elizabeth, Nov. 19, 1806.
 Phebe, d. James and Ame, Feb. 11, 1761.
 Rebecca, d. John, bp. Nov. 5, 1797. C. R. 1.
 Rebeckah, June 30, 1777.
 Ruth, d. Job and Sarah, Apr. 22, 1757.
 Ruth, d. wid. Ruth, bp. Oct. 2, 1796. C. R. 1.
 Sarah, d. Job and Sarah, Apr. 9, 1750.
 Susan, d. Amos Putnam [yeoman. dup.] and Sally Bodge (Goodale), Aug. 20, 1845.
 —, wid. J., —, 1726.

MARRIAGES (pp. 283 & 284)

SWINERTON, Amos Putnam, and Sally Bodge Goodale, Oct. 18, 1838.*
 Asa, and Elize Dempsey, Oct. 24, 1769.*
 Betsy, and William Cutler, Apr. 18, 1794.*
 Ebenezer, and Lucy Hopkins of Monson, Dec. 22, 1757.*
 Ebenezer, of Malden, and Hannah Cross, June 15, 1837.*
 Ede, and Eli Upton, Oct. 22, 1782.*
 Ede, and Capt. Aaron Tapley, June 2, 1825.*
 Elizabeth, and John S. Upton, Jan. 16, 1813.*
 Esther, and Timothy Fuller, —, 1776.
 Esther, and Joseph Dwinel, jr., Dec. 1, 1796.*
 Hannah, and David Felton, Dec. 7, 1784.*
 James, jr., and Martha Martin Thompson, int. Dec. 12, 1812.
 Job, and Sarah Hutchinson, Sept. 1, 1748.
 John, and Edey Putnam, int. Nov. 8, 1755.
 John, jr., and Eliz[abe]th Phipena, Dec. 20, 1770.*
 John, jr., and Elizabeth Upton, Dec. 12, 1790.*
 John, jr., and Mercy Russell, 2d w., b. Lynnfield, int. Apr. 21, 1827.
 Joshua, and Mary Buxton, Dec. 12, 1754.*
 Josiah, and Elizabeth Twiss, Apr. 9, 1789.*
 Lydia, and Jabez Hayward of Andover, int. Dec. 31, 1811.
 Rebecca, and David Dwinel, Nov. 26, 1818.*
 Ruth, and Holten Goodale, int. Nov. 30, 1803.
 Ruth, and Jesse Hayward, int. Apr. 19, 1825.
 Sally, and Ezra Broadstreet of Middleton, int. Nov. 20, 1802.
 Sarah, 2d w., and Eleazer Goodale, Nov. 8, 1770.*

*Intention also recorded.

A CONNECTION WITH THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Mr. Newman A. Hall, already mentioned, wrote to our American Vice-President on the 4th April as follows :-

"Dear Mr. Swinnerton,

Recently I noted in the 'Genealogical Helper' a bit of information regarding studies on the Swinnerton Family History. I have an interest in this in view of a project I am undertaking in co-operation with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. We are working on a record of descendants of all the Mayflower Passengers. My role in this study is an enquiry into the Mayflower leader, Isaac Allerton.

My particular interest in the Swinnerton family is the result of my establishment that the third wife of Isaac Allerton was JOANNA SWINNERTON of Salem, Mass. This is discussed in my article in the April 1970 New England Historical & Genealogical Register. Unfortunately, I was never able to establish the parentage of this Joanna or her association with the other Swinnertons of Salem.

It occurs to me that you or your organisation would have an interest in this problem or perhaps some specific information. It would be of substantial interest to many to be able to establish more extensively this association between the Swinnerton family and Isaac Allerton of the Mayflower.

Sincerely, "

This letter, of course, was passed on to me and arrived, by sheer coincidence, just after we had published Newsletter No. 3 (Vol. II) in which we reprinted the Rev. Charles Swynnerton's article on the Salem Swinnertons. Mr. Hall and I have now exchanged several letters and, with his kind permission, I reproduce here his article.

JOANNA SWINNERTON: THE THIRD WIFE OF ISAAC ALLERTON, SR.

By NEWMAN A. HALL, of Washington, D. C.

The identity of the first two wives of Isaac Allerton, Mayflower passenger, has been known for a long time. He married his first wife, 'Mary Norris, single woman, from Newbury, in England' on 4 Nov. 1611 in Leyden, Holland.¹ She was the mother of all but his youngest child, and died shortly after their arrival in Plymouth, 25 Feb. 1620/21.² In 1626, Isaac Allerton married his second wife, Fear, daughter of William¹ Brewster. By this wife he had his youngest child, Isaac,² born about 1630. Fear (Brewster) Allerton died 12 Dec. 1634 of "the pestilent fever".³ The earliest apparent reference to the third wife, Joanna, is the occasion of a shipwreck in the winter of 1644-45 which she and Isaac survived.⁴ It is probable, however, that the third marriage occurred shortly after the death of the second wife.

Isaac² Allerton by his first wife, Elizabeth, had two children, Elizabeth and Isaac. Elizabeth³ Allerton married Simon Eyres in New Haven as her second husband. Simon Eyres died about 1695 leaving his widow with several children and substantial property. Before her death on 17 Nov. 1740 in New Haven there were many real estate transactions. Among the earlier ones there is a transfer to John Row, dated 23 Dec. 1703, which reads as follows:

Be it known to all men by these presents That I Elizabeth heire [Eyre] of the Town of N Haven in the Colony of Connecticut in N England widow. Grandaughter & heir at law to Joanna Swinerton after Joanna Alderton [Allerton] late of N Haven deceased for & in consideration of a valuable sum to me in hand already paid by John Row of N Haven in N England aforesaid planter have given granted bargained sold enfeofed conveyed confirmed & firmly made over unto him the said John Row all that tract of land belonging to me as here to the afore mentioned Joanna Swinnerton alias Alderton at the place called the Dragon on the east side of the Ferry River within the precincts of N Haven aforesaid....⁵

Attention may be directed also to Job Swinnerton who was admitted as an inhabitant at Salem on 30 July 1637.⁶ This suggests that Joanna, possibly a relative, was living in Salem or Marblehead at the time Isaac Allerton lived there, during which period they were married.

REFERENCES

1. *The Mayflower Descendant*, vol. 7, p. 129-30, July 1905.
2. George F. Willison, *Saints and Strangers* (1945), p. 166.
3. John Winthrop, *History of New England* (1853), vol. 1, p. 463.
4. *Ibid.*, 1:466; 2:258.
5. This transcript is taken from a late copy of the original record of New Haven Deeds, vol. 4, p. 49 (Microfilm, Connecticut State Library, Hartford).
6. Sidney Perley, *History of Salem, Massachusetts* (1924-1928) 3 vols. *passim*.

His most recent letter to me closes with the words :-

"It would be most helpful if your members in England would take an interest in this problem. It should not be beyond solution, although the very first settlers in Salem, Massachusetts were many of rather humble backgrounds. Also one never knows for sure where to look.

In your case, however, with an active organisation, it would seem to me you could identify most of the Swinnerton families in England at that time and then check each one for the connection.

Good Luck."

This is a most exciting connection and we must certainly see what we can unearth.

STAFFS. DIRECTORIES (7)

JONES MERCANTILE DIRECTORY OF STAFFS. & THE POTTERIES 1864.

Hanley. SWINNERTON James Cratemaker
Paddock St. Hope St.

KEATES GAZETTEER & DIRECTORY OF STAFFS. & THE POTTERIES 1879

Stoke on Trent SWINNERTON J. & Co. Drapers
Liverpool Road.

Hanley. SWINNERTON Francis Confectioner & Baker FS. 27
7 Broad Street

(This is Francis, the founder of the catering firm still in existence today and run by our member HENRY JOHN SWINNERTON - HS. 46)

THE WINE TRADE. A. D. Francis. A. & C. Black, London 1972

pp. 44 & 45

"In the first years of the century the trade still flourished and sweet wines were the most expensive fetching 4/- a gallon as against 3/8 for sack The extent of the trade in the last years of Queen Elizabeth was shown by the considerable stocks kept in London and by keen competition for the farm of the duties In 1612 Sir FRANK SWINNERTON had offered £9000 a year and a down payment of £8,500 to farm them for 8 years. A few years earlier he had not offered more than £15,000 a year to farm the French and German wines together

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(In the first years of the reign of James I) the importation of Bordeaux wines rose again and in 1612 Sir JOHN SWINNERTON made a much higher bid for the farm of the French wines than he had in the days of Queen Elizabeth.

NOTE: The first name is obviously wrong and should be Sir JOHN, this is John (JS, 84) the Lord Mayor of London, see S. F. H. Vol. I. p. Nos. 3 & 6.

(Ex Dr. D. A. L. Wilson)

DARK DEEDS ?

Betley Parish Register

1662 Sept. 8 Under 'Burials' has been inserted :-

"WILLIAM SWENERTON and RAPHE his sun (sic). BRIBERS 1795"

FAMILY NOTES

Our warmest congratulations go to our Vice-President R. J. M. Swynnerton CMG. OBE. MC. on his Knighthood in the Birthday Honours List. Sir Roger recently retired from what used to be called the Colonial Service and is proving invaluable as a Vice-President, having already written two articles for the "Who Was Who" series on his father, Charles Francis Massy Swynnerton, (see S. F. H. Vol. II No. 2) and his grandfather, the Reverend Charles Swynnerton - the first family historian. In addition he has provided an immense amount of additional information for the family records. A biography of Sir Roger will appear in the "Who's Who" series shortly and a 'tree' of this branch of the family (descendants of Joseph Swinnerton, 4th son of William of Betley - see S. F. H. Vol. I No. 3) is in preparation.

Our congratulations also to RAYMOND (RS. 59) and SHELAGH SWINNERTON of Bolton on the birth of a son, JOHN MYLES SWINNERTON, on the 3rd June 1976.