

Our Family Genealogy.

JAMES PHELPS was born in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England—the home and cradle of the Phelps family for the past thousand years—about the year 1520, where, beneath the shadow of the venerable Abbey Church, built by Fitz Hamon, A. D. 1105, many of the Phelps family now lie interred.

WILLIAM PHELPS, his son, was born in Tewkesbury, Aug. 4, 1550. He was Bailiff (Mayor) there in 1607.

Parish Register Entry.—“Lent, 1599. I granted a license to William Phelpes, being then extremely sicke, to eat fleshe, which license to endure no longer tyme than during his sicknes.
R^e. CURTEIS, Curate of Tewkesburie.

WILLIAM PHELPS, his son, was born in Tewkesbury, Aug. 19, 1599; embarked at Plymouth, England, in company with his first wife and children and his two unmarried brothers, George and Richard, on the “Mary and John,” 400 tons burthen, 140 passengers in all, Capt. John Squeb, master, on March 20th 1630. And after ten weeks of a stormy voyage—having preaching and expounding of the word of God every Lord’s day by their two spiritual guides, Revs. John Maverick of Exeter, and John Warham of near Exeter. So says Roger Clap, the passenger historian aboard. They landed at Nantasket, now Hull, Mass., on May 30th, 1630. They first pitched their tent at Dorchester, now South Boston, where they lived nearly five years, and in the fall of 1635, they, in company with about sixty others, went down to the foundation of Windsor, Conn., where he lived some thirty-seven years, and where he died July 14, and was buried on the 15th, 1672, aged 73 years. His second wife, Mary Dover, died Nov. 27th, 1675. He was the father of seven children. He was a very prominent man in New England in both Church and State, says Dr. Henry R. Stiles, and, with the many other Pilgrim Fathers, helped to lay broad and deep the foundations of this now ocean-bound Republic; and his grave, although searched for, is unknown to this day.

LIEUT. TIMOTHY PHELPS, youngest son by his second wife, was born in Windsor, Conn., Sept. 1, 1639; married Mary Griswold, May 19, 1661, by whom he had twelve children. By will his father left him the paternal estate, the old family bible, the family bedstead—brought from England—and the warming-pan. His parents lived with him until their death.

TIMOTHY PHELPS, his son, was born in Windsor, Conn., Nov. 1, 1663; married Mary Crow, Nov. 4, 1686, by whom he had five children. He, together with his younger brother, Nathaniel, went down to the founding of Hebron, Conn., about the year 1690, where he lived—often being in public prominence—until his death.

NOAH PHELPS, his third child, was born in Hebron, Conn., Jan. 23d, 1694. Married Anne Dyer, Oct. 1, 1717, by whom he had six children.

NOAH PHELPS, his eldest son, was born in Hebron, Conn., Nov. 21, 1720. Married Mary Tillotson about 1742. They had ten children.

NOAH PHELPS, his seventh child, was born in Hebron, Conn., Aug. 1, 1751. Married Sarah Adams, Jan. 12, 1775. He had nine children. He with his family removed first to Granby, Conn., and in 1790 to Austerlitz, N. Y., where he died June 19, 1791. His widow married Deacon John Topping, of Fabius, N. Y., where she died at an advanced age.