

Colonel Coffin left his only daughter in England, on the estate at Brixton to preserve the family property, and she married a Mr. Pine, who took the name of Coffin, and whose descendants hold the Portledge property to this day. All the other property was lost to the Family.

Mr. Nathaniel Coffin, the father of General John Coffin, was born in the early part of the 18th century, and received his education at Cambridge College, near Boston; where his brothers were also educated.

Mr. Nathaniel Coffin was brought up as a merchant. When about thirty years of age, he received from England the appointment of Cashier of Customs, at Boston. Being a prosperous man, Mr. Coffin soon acquired a considerable property in the town. His son John, born in Boston, 1756, was sent to sea at a very early age, and served his time in a Boston Ship; being an active young man he soon rose in the estimation of his Captain: in due time became Chief-mate, and soon after was placed in command of the ship, at the early age of eighteen. In 1774, Mr. John Coffin brought his ship to England; the following year the