

NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700

CHINN, George & Elizabeth ?; b 1653; Marblehead
 CHINN, [?John] & Rebecca [MERRETT] (-1717?); b 1681; Salem/Marblehead
 BROWN, William & Mary [?CHINN], m/2 Richard GROSS 1684; b 1664; Marblehead

The Probate Records of Essex
 County, Massachusetts: 1635-
 1664

ESTATE OF GEORGE CHIN OF MARBLEHEAD.

Administration on the estate of George Chin granted 6: 1: 1653-4, to his widow, Elizabeth Chin of Marblehead. Inventory, 34li. 4s. Debts, 33li. 7d. *Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 3, leaf 69.*

Court 28: 4: 1664, ordered that the estate of houses, lands, etc., of George Chin, deceased, in the hands of **John Codner**, said Chin's successor, be given to said Codner, in consideration of bringing up the children of the deceased, and paying his debts. *Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 4, page 133.*

The Lawsuit

William Browne v. **John Codner** Non-performance of a promise made by him upon the marriage of his daughter-in-law to the said Brown. Verdict for plaintiff, either the two acres of land at Gatchell's hill or on the neck, or ground to set a house upon and a garden spot by the cow house of said **Codner** also one-third part of the shallop called the Black Besse, and seven years' stage room for his own particular person.†

†Writ, dated June 6, 1664, signed by John Fuller,§ for the court. **John Codner** and John Bartoll, sureties for Codner's appearance.

Wm. Browne's bill of cost, 1li. 14s. 10d.

John Pedrick, aged about forty years, and James Poere, aged forty-five years, deposed that being in September last at the house of Goodman Grosse at Bostone, in company with **John Codner** and William Browne and others, they heard Codner discoursing with said Browne about marrying his daughter-in-law Mary Chin. Deponents heard Codner say to Browne "yf thee doest mary my Daughter, (meaning ye said mary) I will giue thee two acres of land at Gatchells hill or on the neck, & yf you accept not of that, I will giue thee ground to sett a house upon & a garden spott, by my cow house, & further said I will alsoe giue thee the third pt of my shallop caled ye black Bess: & for stage roome I will giue thee yt alsoe for 7 yeares for thy || owne || pticular pson" and said Browne answered, taking off his hat, when **John Codner** drank to him upon those foregoing words, calling him son, "I thank you, father." Then they shook hands, and Codner was well in his right understanding and memory without being distempered with drink or otherwise. Sworn, 25 : 4 : 1664, before Wm. Hathorne.†

Samll. Condey, aged about thirty-three years, deposed that Jno. Pederick said that Browne's estate was worth two hundred pounds in England, etc. Sworn in court.

Robert Pety, aged twenty-three years, deposed that when William Browne demanded what **Codner** had promised, the latter said he had promised him nothing and "yf I did com by it how you can." Sworn, 25 : 4 : 1664, before Wm. Hathorne.†

Execution, dated 15 : 8 : 1664, to be levied upon estate of John Codner, namely, on two acres of land at Gatchell's hill or on the neck in Marblehead, or ground to set a house on and a garden spot by the cow house of said Codner, at the choice of William Browne, also one-third of the shallop called the Black Besse and possession of the stage for his own personal use for seven years, to satisfy judgment of Salem court of 28 : 4 : 1664, signed by Hillyard Veren,† cleric., and returned by Isack Williams,† constable. The two acres of land on Gatchell's hill were delivered to William Browne before Mathew Price† and Samuell Archard,† marshal, by John Codner without serving the execution.

1005 George Chinn
1600-1654

Spouse & Children ▾

1005 Elizabeth

John Chinn

975 Mary Chinn

On 10 April 1671, "Nicolas Merrett" was awarded two shares (out of fifty) in the stinted commons at Marblehead [EQC 5:279-80].

In his will, dated 17 July 1685 and proved 9 December 1686, "Nicholas Meritt Sr. of Marblehead" bequeathed to "my eldest son Jno. forty shillings"; to "my daughter Martha Owens" five pounds; to "my daughter Rebecca Chin twenty shillings"; to "my daughter Elizabeth Dixey twenty shillings"; "considering and well knowing my own weak

Martha (Merritt) Owen, Rebecca (Merritt) Chinn and Elizabeth (Merritt) Dixey all named daughters Remember [SChR 35; EPR 307:244-45]. This was presumably in honor of Remember (Allerton) Maverick, daughter of ISAAC ALLERTON {1620, Plymouth} and wife of Moses Maverick [MF 17:1-6; GMB 1:35-39, 2:1241-43], the most prominent resident of Marblehead. No genealogical connection has been found between the Merritts and the Mavericks.

- vi REBECCA MERRITT, b. say 1655; m. by 1678 John Chinn (assuming that one of the daughters "of sister Merrit's daughters" bp. at Salem on 19 May 1678 was a child of this couple [SChR 32]; on 29 September 1712, administration on the estate of "John Chinn late of Marblehead, cooper," was granted to "his widow Rebecca Chinn" [EPR 310:460, 311:13]).

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Mr. Chinn was a cooper, and built a house upon the lot; dying possessed of the house and land before Sept. 28, 1712, when administration was granted upon his estate. The homestead was inventoried at one hundred and five pounds. Mr. Chinn left a widow, Rebecca, and children, George Chinn, Elizabeth Chinn and Rebecca Chinn. Rebecca Chinn died —: 12 mo: 1717, and George Chinn released the house and land to his widowed sister Elizabeth Carter, June 17, 1718.† Mrs. Carter, married, secondly, John Crowell of Manchester before Dec. 17, 1722, when they conveyed the house and garden to Ebenezer Hawkes of Marblehead, blacksmith.§ Mr. Hawkes conveyed the lot and house, "known as the John Chinn house," and then occupied by George Chinn, to Thomas Kimball of Marblehead, tailor, Jan. 21, 1722-3.|| For twenty-five pounds, Mr. Kimball conveyed his "now dwelling house" and land to his son Thomas Kimball of Marblehead, Nov. 8, 1742.¶ Mr. Kimball, the son, was a mariner, and the old house was probably taken down by Mr. Kimball before 1764.

No. 5306

Chinn

John cooper.

1712. Sept. 23.

K **N** **O** **W** All Men by these Presents, That We Rebecca Chinn Rehiet Widdow of John Chinn late of Marblehead Cooper doe intestate, as Principall, and Eloazar Ingolls, and Philip Roman Coopers, and all of Marblehead as sureties within Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto John Chappleton Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within the County of Essex in the full Sum of two Hundred Pounds,