

## Vital Records

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

**DENNIS, James** {-1730, æ 96) (æ 92 in 1684) & **Mary** {**CHARLES**}; ca 1654?; Marblehead

Mary /Charles/

View Tree

**Sex**  
Female

**Birth**  
1628  
Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts

**Death**  
1671  
Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts,  
United States

## MARRIAGES (1)

Spouse

James /Dennis/

James /Dennis/

Sex

Male

**Birth**  
9 May 1638  
Massachusetts, United States

**Death**  
September 1730  
Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts,

Baptism

9 May 1638  
St Michael Paternoster Royal, London,  
England

## PARENTS

Father

William /Dennis/ Jr

Mother

Jane /Scarlett/

## MARRIAGES (3)

Spouse

Mary /Charles/

Marriage

1654

It appears that the Familysearch source is an Ancestry User Tree. I offer them as possibilities without authentication.

## Marblehead

## Marriages

**DENNIS (Denis, Dennes, Dines, Dinnes)**

James, and Sarah Pitman, Mar. 25, 1682

Amos, and Elizabeth Russell, Mar. 15, 1691-2

Agnes, and Thomas Trevy, Oct. 14, 1692

## Marblehead

## Deaths

**DENNIS (Denis, Dennes, Dines, Dinnes)**

James, sr., —: 9m: 1730, a. 94 y.

**TREVEY (Trefry)**

Agnes "or Annice," [w. ?] Thomas, — —, 1749

Grandchildren or Cousins? I believe the will is correct.

## The Pioneers of Massachusetts:

A Descriptive List, Drawn from Records of the Colonies, Towns, and Churches, and Other Contemporaneous Documents

Charles Henry Pope

Heritage Books, 2010 - History - 568 pages

**CHARLES,**

William, Salem, Marblehead, taxed in 1637. Wife Sarah adm. chh. 6 (4) 1647. He sealed the meeting house in 1656-7.

Will dated 31 Dec. 1672, prob. 27 (4) 1673; wife Sarah; cousins Robert C. and Mary, present wife of James Dennis. The widow's nunc. will prob. 29 (4) 1677, beq. to sister Tryphena Geer, and her ch. Tryphena, John and Sarah Fairfield; to Robert Charles' 2 daus. a legacy when he comes over for it; to goodmen Goldsmith and Haggett; to Mary, wife of James Dennis and her ch. James, Mary, Amos and Agnes.

## Essex Institute Historical Collections,

Volume 46

Essex Institute Press, 1910 - Essex County (Mass.)

*James Dennis, Amos Dennis and Annis Trevie Lot. This was the share of William Charles of Marblehead in the Humphreys farm, and he died, possessed of the lot in 1672 (?), having devised it in his will to James Dennis, blacksmith, Amos Dennis, fisherman, and Thomas Trefey (or Trevie), shoreman, in right of his wife Annis, all of Marblehead. The several parties owned it in 1700.*

*Samuel Robinson and Caleb Buffum Lot. This lot was owned by Richard Reed of Marblehead, shoreman, and William Charles. The latter died, having devised his half part to his grandchildren, James Dennis, jr., Amos Dennis, and Agnes, wife of Thomas Trefry, all of Marblehead. These grandchildren conveyed their half interest in the lot to Samuel Robinson of Salem, carman or carter, Sept. 30, 1695.\* Mr. Robinson conveyed his half part of this lot to his father, Samuel Robinson, sr., of Salem June 2, 1696.†*

The Essex Antiquarian, Volume 12

edited by Sidney Farley

James Dennis father and agent of James, jr., Amos Dennis and wife Elizabeth, both of Marblehead, ship-carpenters, and Thomas Trefrey, jr., of do., mariner, and wife Agnes, sell to Sam<sup>l</sup> Robison of Salem, carman,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of two pieces of marsh held in partnership with Richard Reed of Marblehead, in South fields "on ye mill creek." One piece bounds on land of Edw. Flint, Jeremiah Neale, Sarah Beans, Robert Wilson, Richard Rowland; the other on Richard Rea, Miles Ward, Thos. Flint, Sam<sup>l</sup> Robison, Sr., widow Pickering, Paul Mansfield. Said estate having been of William Charles deceased and given by him to his grandchildren. James Dennis "absent out ye land." 13 Sept., 1695.

vol. XI, fo. 31.

Putnam's Monthly Historical Magazine, Volume 3

(1) Thomas Trefry, immigrant ancestor, settled at Marblehead, and was a prominent citizen. He was in all likelihood descended from the Trefry family of Cornwall, and related to George Trefry who settled in York, Maine; was deputy to the general court of Massachusetts; and to Henry Trefry (Trivett, Trevett, Trevery, or Trifett as variously spelled), who was living at Marblehead from 1646 to 1674, and had a son Henry. Thomas Trefry was one of the signers of a petition for a town meeting for March 16, 1673-4, to be at eight o'clock in the morning. Marblehead then as now was inhabited principally by seafaring men, and the petition adds: "We desire it the more because we suppose the inhabitants now at home." (p. 70, Gen. Reg. 1853). Henry "Treatt" was another signer. A few years later Thomas Trefry signed a petition to the county court with numerous other Marblehead men protesting against actions begun by Erasmus James and others as agents or attorneys to the commoners or town of Marblehead. Henry "Trivitt" (same as Treatt above) was another signer. It may be added that there was a John Treby (sic) of Marblehead before 1668, probably the John Trefry of Boston who died in 1675; was aged forty-five in 1672; left no descendants and similar name is found in the colonies. (Reg. 1854, p. 163 and p. 288). (Savage Gen. Dict.). Children of Thomas Trefry: 1. Thomas, mentioned below. 2. James, married June 8, 1702, Sarah Russell. 3. Sarah (?), married November 5, 1696, Samuel Holman. 4. Benjamin (?), had son Benjamin, who died at Marblehead in 1712.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

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Estate of William Charles of Marblehead.

"I William Charles being sick of body, but of perfect memory and calling to remembrance the last Will and Testament in naturall life, do make, frame and constitute this my uncerttain State and forme following: viz. I recommend my soul into the hands of Christ my Redeemer, my body to the earth decently to be buried, my estate which God hath lent me I dispose off as follows. Imps. I will that my due debts which I owe to any persons may be satisfied by the Executrix of this my will; I give and bequeath to my dear wife Sarah (whom I do by these constitute Executrix) all the movables within doors to enjoy absolutely as her owne forever, and dispose off as shee shall see meet at her decease & I do by these presents constitute my loving Cousen James Dennis to be assistant, and joynt Executour along with my wife; The remainder of the estate I give also the whole use and benefit of it to be enjoyed by her during her naturall life, and for her comfortable maintenance I give liberty to her, taking the advice of my loving Freinds therein, Mr. Moses Mavericke. Mr. Samuell Cheever and Richard Norman, in case of want to sell, dispose or alienate any part of the estate for her needfull maintenance; After my wife decease I give and bequeath the whole estate then left (excepting what was before excepted) and a shilling which I give to my Cousin Robert Charles to my Cousin James Dennis his children which he hath or may have by my Cousin Mary his present wife.

William (his W mark) Charles (seal)

Witness: John (his H mark) Peach, Joseph Dallaber.

Proved in Salem court 27: 4: 1673 by John Peach, Sr. and Joseph Daleber.

Inventory taken Feb. 10, 1672-3, by John (his mark) Peach, sr., and Samll. Ward: One bed and one suter, 5 li.; 1 new sut with drawers and wastkoat belonging to them, 3li.; 1 fut more with drawers and wastkoat. Hi. 10s.; 1 Cape Cloth Coat, Hi.; 1 hatt, 3s.; 2 shirts, 7s.; 1 pair of stokin, 2s.; 2(olde Chests, 8s.; 1 old table, 3s.; 1 Chair, 2s. 6d.; 1 picher with other Earthenware, 3s.; 2 buckitts, with other woden ware, 5s.; 3 bras kettles, Hi. 10s.; 3 Iron kettls, 12s.; 1 Iron pot, 4s., 1 Iron skillitt, 6s.; 1 ironing pes. Hi.; pot and hooke, tier shovell and tongs, 5s.; 1 tramell and frs. in fowling pan, 10s.; 2 bibls and one book, 15s.; 1 pair of boots and 1 barill, 15s.; 1 Iron pott, 10s.; 2 bbls. and 1-2 of mackrell at 35s., due from Mark Pittman, 40s.; 6 cows, 24li.; 1 dwelling house with outhouses, orchard and Land adjoining, 801i.; 5 ackor Lott, 12li.; half a parsell of Salt marsh lieing betwixt him and John Peach, sr., in south field, 301i.; his part of land in the farm bought of Major Hathorn, 10li.; 2 Kows Leas in the Comons as it was first granted, 10li.; half an Hand Comonlie Cald nick Charls liis Hand, with half the stage standing upon it, 40li.; half of a shallop, 15li.; total, 224li. 15s.

Attested by Sara, the widow, and James Denis, executors.

Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 20, leaves 56, 57.

Citation Nov. 20, 1695, to James Dennis surviving executor of the will of William Charles of Marblehead, to appear at the house of Frances Ellis in Salem and render an account of his executorship, upon the request of Thomas Trevie who married Annis Dennis a legatee in said will.

The account of what James Dennes hath paid for William Charles and his wife deceased Jan. 15, 1672 and other charges: for 2 Cofens & to gi-aves, Sarah Charles 18s. of it, Hi. 18s.; to Richard Norman for wine for his burial, 2li. 10s.; Mr. Moses Mavrick as by his account, Hi. 12s. 7d.; John Waldron for work, 15s.; for wine at ant Charles burial, [14s. crossed out]; Benjiman Panieter for worc, 14s.; Mr. John Higesson. Hi. 10s.; Morgan, 16s.; Tomas Petman, 4s.; Mr. Jonathan Corwin, 231i. 8d.; charg of proving & Recording the will, lis.; by going to Law about the Comons, 21i.; total, 36li. 5s. 3d.

Disbursements of the estate: for building the stage new my part, 131i.; laid out on the ground worck, 3li.; seventy on pole of Stone wall & dech about the 5 acker lot, 81i. 17s. 6d.; a small hanm in the 5 acker lot, 31i.; making a Cart way through a swamp in the lot, 41i.; laid out in apel treas to set in the lot, Hi. 4s.; stone wall about the orchet, 4li. 7s. 7d.; total, 371i. 9s. 1d.