

Testimony about John Ashton from the Sister of His Third Wife

Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of  
Walter Goodwin Davis, Vol. I. Allanson-French

Edgecomb, of Scarborough and Biddeford

“Boston June 1739

Johanah Punchin Ninety Odd Years of age Declares and Saith that this Depont was Borne at Blew Point in the Township of Scarborough at the Eastern parts of New England and Knew Andrew and Authur Auger who lived at a place Called Dunston which was owned and Settled upon By Said Auger, and their Children lived with them and Further this Depont well Knew John Astin (alias) Ashton who married with Andrew Augers Daught- ter and lived at Said Dunston under Andrew and Authur Auger Said Ashton had no Issue By Said Augers Daughter and after his Said Wifes Decease, In a Short time he ye Said Ashton Married Mr Foxwells Daughter By whome Said Ashton had Several Children at Blew Point whare Said Ashton Lived with Said Foxwell and did nott Returne Again to Said Dunston & Further this Depont Saith that when the wars Broke Out Said Ashton Removed to the Greate Island so Called in Piscatiqua and their his Said wife daughter to Said Foxwell Died and Said Ashton Soon after Removed to Marblehead whare he lived Some time & then Married with this Deponts Sister Mary Page and whose Maiden Name was Mary Edcomb Daughter of Nicholas Edcomb Father of the Depont : and Further this Depont Well knew Mary Ashton Daughter of John Ashton aforsd: who Married with Giffer Libbys Son & Said Ashton Never had any Land of his Owne in ye Towne of Scarborough that Ever I ye Depont herd off ye Said Ashton Lived & Died at Marblehead aforsd:

Suffolk ss Boston June 16, 1739.  
Joanna Punecheon being carefully Examined made oath to the aforsd Declaration, it being distinctly read to her, She being blind did not Sign it.

Records of John Ashton's Three Marriages

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John ASHTON	John (1638-1714+) & 1/wf _____ [ALGER]; Scarborough, ME (GDMNH 67; Haley Anc. 37; Sv. 1:27; Milliken 11; Sv. 1:69, 80; Reg. 29:271)	Record

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John ASHTON	John & 2/wf Susannah [FOXWELL]; by 1666; Scarborough, ME (GDMNH 67; Sv. 1:69; Libby Gen. 34, 244; Reg. 39:344; McIntire Anc. 147)	Record

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John ASHTON	John & 3/wf Mary (EDGECOMB) PAGE, w George, 30 Jul 1691; Marblehead (GDMNH 67; Converse (1905) 763; Edgecomb 8, 215; Haley Anc. 37; Milliken 11; Essex Ant. 5:186; Nicholas Davis Anc. 90)	Record

Records of the Marriages of the Ashton Children

U.S., New England Marriages Prior to 1700 for Daniel Libby

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

**CODNER, Robert & Susanna ASHTON; 14 Oct 1684; Marblehead**

**LIBBY, Daniel (?1665,?1666-1735, 1736?) & Mary ASHTON (-1735+); 23 Feb 1687; ?Scarboro, ME/York Co, ME**

**ASHTON, Samuel & Mary SANDEN (-1730), Marblehead; 15 Jul 1686; Scarborough, ME**

**MERRITT, [Nicholas] & Elizabeth ? ; b 1690; Marblehead**

**HENLY, Joseph (-1699) & Sarah HANNIFORD (1671-); 9 Jun 1692; Marblehead**

Marblehead

ASHTON Marriages

Philip, and Sarah Hendly, Nov. 20, 1701.

**ASHTON, Joseph & 1/wf Mary PAGE; 4 Aug 1700; Marblehead**

**PAGE MARBLEHEAD MARRIAGES**

**Mary, and Joseph Ashton, Jan. 25, 1713-14.**

John Ashton

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Ashton, John, Scarborough, b. c. 1638; refugee at Newcastle in 1676, at Marblehead in 1690; living 1714. Lists 235, 237a, 238a.

Three wives, 1st a dau. of Andrew Alger, who d. s.p.;

2d Susannah Foxwell, dau. of Mr. Richard and Susannah (Bonython) Foxwell, mother of all the ch. and d. at Newcastle;

3d, 30 July 1691, Mary (Edgecomb), widow of George Page, dau. of Nicholas and Wilmot (Randall) Edgecomb, who joined the Marblehead church in 1728 and deposed aged ±83 in 1730.

Ch. Susannah, m. at Marblehead 14 Oct. 1684 Robert Codner; d.s.p.

Mary, m. at Scarb. 23 Feb. 1687 Daniel Libby.

Samuel, fisherman, m. 15 July 1686 Mary Sandin. 6 ch.

Elizabeth, bap. 11 Dec. 1687; m. Nicholas Merritt, who d. at Marblehead in 1736. 10 ch.

Philip, shoreman, m. 20 Nov. 1701 Sarah Hendly. 2 ch. Philip Jr. in 1725 printed Ashton's Memorial, Strange Adventures of Philip Ashton, Taken by Pirates. This narrative mentions (his cousins) Joseph Libbee, who saved him from drowning, and Benj. Ashton.

Joseph, b. 1678, d. 22 Aug. 1725. (Gravestone at Marbl.); m. 1st 4 Aug. 1700 Mary Page, 2d 25 Jan. 1713-4 Mary (Dutch) Page, widow prob. of Christopher, dau. of Hezekiah Dutch, who surv. him. 5+4 ch.

The Family of John's First Wife

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**ALGER**, spoken Auger, a West of Eng-land surname.

1 **ANDREW**, b. 1610. The Alger brothers named their Indian purchase in Scar-borough Dunstan for Dunstone in the parish of Yealmpton, Devon. Andrew came with Winter and after his time was out be-came a fishing master himself, having his house on Prout's Neck. Cleeve in 1643 called him "of Stratton's Island," a name for Scarborough. He had a grant in Saco before Mass. came in, but led a company to withdraw to Dunstan. Juryman 1640, con- stable 1661, selectman, surveyor. Lists 21, 22, 239a, 243a, 231, 235, 236, 83, 238a. He was killed about 10 Oct. 1675. His will, made 23 Mar. 1669-70, was proved at Salem 30 June 1676, by his widow, Agnes, who was b. 1621. List 235. Ch. John, b. 1640-1. Daughter, m. John Ashton and quickly d. s.p. Elizabeth, b. 1644, m. John Palmer. Joanna, b. 1650, m. 1st Elias Oakman, 2d John Mills; living in 1727. **Andrew, Mat-thew.**

Susannah Foxwell's Grandfather and Parents - The Family of John's Second Wife

THE BONYTHON FAMILY OF MAINE.

By Dr. CHARLES E. BANKS

**THE name of Bonython\* is one of the most ancient and aristo- cratic in the county of Cornwall, England. Its antiquity is shown in the records which tell us that they were possessed of the Bony- thon Manor continuously from the 14th century to the begin- ning of the 18th century, and the social position of the family is certified by their intermarriage with the leading families of Corn- wall for four centuries.**

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**FOXWELL**. The names Richard, George, Nathaniel, Philip, recur in S. E. Devon and adj. Somersetshire, incl: Bovey-Tracy on the Teign River, where Edw. Colchard and Geo. Jewell also occur—all uninvest.

5 **\*RICHARD**, ag. 72 in July 1676, ordered Ind. trading goods in London in 1629. In Boston 19 Oct. 1630 he desired adm. as freeman and 18 May foll. was sw. A letter of Wm. Hilton to J. Winthrop jr. 18 Apr. 1633 says: 'There arrived a fishing ship at Piscataqua the 15th of this present month where in is one Richard Foxwell who hath formerly lived in this country.' In London 6 Jan. 1632[3 he signed a note for goods bot in 1629. Whether he had m. Capt. Bony- thon's dau. by this time is unasc. In June 1640 he stated that 'these four years or thereabouts' he had lived at Black Point in the right of his f.-in-law. For Ind. trade he estab. a house on the western side of St. George's River, which was lost to the French, altho he cont. to trade with the French. (Essex Qtly. Ct. ii. 23-26; 4 Mass. Hist. Coll. vi. 570). Altho unsucc. in business he main- tained an emin. char. during a long life. Courts were held at his house, which was a garrison in Philip's War. Suff. Ct. files 1526 contains a 2-page doc. in his hand stating Capt. Scottow's failure in defence, and add- ing 'Mr. Rishworth I pray faile me not to do your endeavour to put an issue to my busyness, for I have taken a hurt of late which I Doubt will shorten my days.' Adm. 6 Nov. 1677 to s. Philip. He served as chair- man of selectm., foreman of jury, clerk of the writs, Lygonia assemblyman, member of the Scarb.-Falm. court. Lists 101, 242, 231-233, 235, 236, 337e, 28. His wife Susannah (Bonython) is almost absent from the rec- ords. List 235. Ch: Richard, d. 4 June 1664, carpenter's tools ment. in his inv. List 233. Esther, m. in 1657 Tho. Rogers. John, b. ab. 1639. Lucretia, b. ab. 1644, m. James Rob- inson. Susannah, m. John Ashton. Philip, b. ab. 1651. Sarah, in 1673 a wit. in Kittery (Y. D. iv. 41), m. Sep. 1678 Joseph Curtis. Mary, m. George Norton.

The Family of John's Third Wife

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EDGECOMB Nicholas Edgecomb, de- scended from a junior branch of the ancient and distinguished family in Devonshire, England, came to Blue Point, Scarborough, Maine, as early as 1639 and opened a plantation on a tract of fifty acres, rented of Captain Richard Bonython. He took the oath of submission to Massachusetts, July 13, 1658. In 1660 he sold a house and land at Blue Point and removed to Biddeford, where he was a juror in 1661. He bought fifty acres of land at Saco, formerly part of Biddeford, March 20, 1662. His wife's name was Wilmot. Children, according to the "Saco Valley Settlements and Families:—" Robert, mentioned below; John, was selectman of Saco, 1686; Christopher, living at Scarborough, 1675; Michael, was at Blue Point, 1675; Miles, born 1651; Mary, married George Page, removed to Marblehead; Joanna, married ——— Pyncheon, Boston.

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EDGECOMB

2 **NICHOLAS**, employed at the Trelawny Plant., Richmond Isl., 1638-9, and liv. on small est. at Blue Pt. in 1640, altho em- ployed at Richm. Isl. at times during 1642-3 and marrying Wilmot Randall, a maid there. Selling his Scarb. land 3 Oct. 1660, he ob- tained a farm on the East bank of the Saco River, with 20 a. of meadow on Goosefare brook. In Philip's War he and his family resorted to Black Point garrison, until it was abandoned. His wife Wilmot was a wit. at Portsmd. in 1678. Lists 21, 222, 235, 244cef, 245. Nunc. will ordered recorded 6 Apr. 1681, s. Robert to have all to maintain his mother; 'rest of ch.' She dep. 1684 a. 64, liv. 8 June 1685. Ch: Christopher, b. ab. 1647, m. Lists 235, 237ab, 30. Mary, b. ab. 1647, m. 1st George Page, 2d John Ashton. Joanna, m. 1st Henry Elkins(6), 2d at Marbl. 1 May 1693 William Punchin of Boston. Michael, b. ab. 1651. Lists 237ab. M. (Ct. Sep. 1687) Joan Crocker(2f), both of Saco. John. Rob- ert. b. ab. 1656.



Colonel Norden House Where Daniel and Mary Ashton Libby Lived for 18 Years



Phillip Ashton House



The Ashton family house at 95 Elm Street. built c. 1715. Marblehead Museum Photo Archives.

About the Spouse & Children of John’s Third Wife

Libby Family of Mary’s Husband

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**PAGE**, confined to south half of Eng., particularly eastern counties.  
3 **GEORGE**(7), too young to be bound out in 1645 but must have liv. with Mr. John Smith at Dunstan. He m. in Sept. or Oct. 1664 Mary Edgecomb(2) and dwelt near Saco River. In the next war the fam. went to Marbleh., where his wid. m. 2d John Ashton(1). Ch. appear: **George**, ag. 6 in 1673 or 1674 when Mr. John Smith named him his heir; granted adm. on the Smith est. 1694. At Marbleh. in 1720 he sold his double right to his fa.'s land adj. Edgecomb's; dead in 1727. Poss. ch: Jane, m. in Marbleh. 31 Jan. 1711-2 Timo. Cummings. Sarah, m. there 20 Jan. 1717-8 Ambrose Grant. **Susannah**, m. at Marbleh. 3 Nov. 1698 John Pri-deaux. **Mary m Joseph Ashton**(1). **Christopher. Marbleh. m. Mary Dutch, who m. 2d 25 Jan. 1713-4 Joseph Ashton**(1). 2 ch. rec. Marbleh: Mary, b. 1710 and Abigail, both bp. 1716.

**LIBBY**, Lebbe, peculiar to southeast Cornwall.  
2 **DANIEL**(5), ±62 in 1728. Gr. j. 1687. List 34. In 1690 he fled with his wife's relations to Marblehead, where he was a carter. He depos. that about 1693 he moved into Col. Nordon's ho. and liv. there about 18 yrs. In 1731 he and his w. (**Mary Ashton**, m. 23 Feb. 1687) and gr. child were warned from Beverly, and she (or her dau.) at times visited her Norton cousins in Manchester; but 13 Sept. 1735 both were back in Marblehead, she still liv. there in 1737. Ch: **Daniel**, m. in Marblehead 22 Jan. 1713-4 Abigail Martin. 3 or m. ch. **Sarah**, m. 28 Dec. 1721 Charles Dennis. **Joseph**, ag. 31, 19 July 1723, with 25 others, was hanged as a pirate in Newport. A Marblehead fishing vessel had been taken by pirates and some of her crew were among those hanged. Joseph protested that he was forced but some of the witnesses testified they saw him 'fre'. The narrative of his more fortunate cousin, Philip Ashton, printed many yrs. later, tells how Joseph helped him from drowning. **Hephzibah**, bp. 23 Jan. 1703, m. 20 Sept. 1725 Henry Wittingham. **Beulah**, bp. same day, m. 22 May 1727 John Williams. **Mary**, bp. 10 Nov. 1706.

Excerpt of Samuel Ashton’s Deed tp Capt. Stacey in Which He Names His Deceased Grandfather and Parents

Deed of Samuel Ashton  
York County, Maine  
25 Apr 1721

*York Deeds:* To All People unto whome this present Writting shall come **samuel Ashton** of Marblehead in ye County of Essex in ye Province of ye Massachusttes Bay in New England fisherman Eldest Son of **John & Susannah Ashton** late of Marblehead aforesd deceased c eldest Grandson of **Richard Foxwell** late of Blew point in ye County of York in ye Province aforesaid Husbandman deceased by his aforesaid Daughter **Susannah Ashton** sends Greeting Know Ye that I ye said **Sam Ashton** for c in consideration of ye Sum of fifty Six pounds to jne in hand well c truly paid before ye Ensealing c delivery of these presents by Capt John Stacey of Marblehead in ye County of Essex aforesaid Marriner the Receipt whereof to my full content c Satisfaction. I ye sd **Samuel Ashton** do acknowledge c thereof c of every part thereof do acquit exonerate c discharge ye sd Capt John Stacey his Heirs Executors c AdministTM every of them forever by these presents c for divers other good Causes c Considerations me hereunto moving I ye sd **Sam Ashton** have given granted barqained Sold aliend Enfeoffed Remised released Quitted clame c

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The House of the Father of Phillip Jr.’s Second Wife Sarah Hanover (Hannaford)

Marblehead in the Year 1700 by Sidney Perley

*Richard Hanover House.* This lot of land belonged to Moses Maverick early, and he conveyed it with the lot marked Samuel Clark to Matthew Clark of Marblehead, fisherman, Feb. 18, 1663-4. || Mr. Clark conveyed this part of the lot to Edmund Gale of Marblehead, fisherman, on the same day.\* Mr. Gale erected a dwelling house thereon ; and, for eighty pounds and seven shillings, conveyed the house and lot to Richard Thistle, of Marblehead, fisherman, June 28, 1669,† For eighty pounds, Mr. Thistle conveyed the same estate to Richard Hanover of Marblehead, mariner, Oct. 24, 1670‡ Mr. Hanover (or Hanaford) died in 1709, having devised this estate to his daughter Merriam Hanover. His daughter, Sarah Ashton was then living in the house. Merriam conveyed certain rooms in the house and one-half of the land to her only brother Ebenezer "Hannifer" of Marblehead, fisherman, Nov. 9, 1714.§ The leanto garret and lower room are mentioned in the deed. The other half of the estate also came to Ebenezer, and, before 1740, he apparently removed the old house.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 86.  
\*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 18.  
†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 73.  
‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 97.  
§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 79, leaf 102.

The Tombstones of Joseph Ashton and Jane Gallison Ashton (1st Wife of Philip. Jr.), Who Are Buried at Marblehead’s Old Burial Hill



Inscription:

Here Lyeth ye body of Joseph Ashton Who died Augst ye 22 1725 in ye 47 year of his Age also Abigail Ashton daur to Joseph & Mary Ashton who died August ye 27 1720 Aged 5 years



Inscription:

Here lyeth the body of Jane Ashton wife of Philip Ashton, who died Dec. 10th, 1727, in the 18th year of her age.