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ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700

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SANDIN, Arthur (-1666) & Margaret ?; MarbleheadSANDIN, John (-1654) & Mary ?; ca 1648?; Marblehead*Torrey's New England Marriages*

MERRITT, Nicholas (?1613-1686) & [Mary SANDIN]; ca 1636?; Salem {Salem 1:307, 2:100; Merritt 42; EIHC 40:215, 47:154; Putnam's Mag. 5:140}

Court Records

SALEM QUARTERLY COURT RECORDS AND FILES.

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Court, 31 : 1 : 1640.

Present: Col. Endecott, Jn^o Humphreys, esq., Mr. Ema^l Downinge, Mr. Will: Hathorne and Mr. Edward Hollock.

Arthur Sandin appointed to keep an ordinary at Marblehead until ye general court.

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Court, 29 : 4 : 1652.

Arthur Sandin chosen and sworn constable of Marblehead.

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The remainder of Mr. Humphreys farm, about four hundred and fifty acres, was owned by him at the time of his decease. By her attorney, William Hathorne of Salem, Mrs. Lydia Bankes, late of Salem, for one hundred and thirty-three pounds, conveyed to Moses Maverick, David Corwithen, Arthur Sandin, William Charles, John Peach, the elder, and "others the inhabitants of Marblehead, all that farm called y^o Playnes farmling in Salem, being 400 acres, with all y^o housing, &c., excepting 50 acres & 2 ponds, formerly granted to Mr. Downing," 24: 7 : 1645.† The list of grantees, and the amount each one paid toward the purchase is only partially known. The tract of land was subsequently divided among the purchasers in proportion to the amount each one paid.

1 : 10 mo : 1658.

Arthur Sandin's license to sell beer and provisions renewed.

Deeds

Arthur Sandin Marblehead land

Eldest son of Nicholas & Mary Sandin
Merritt & Grandson of Arthur and
Margaret Sandin

John Merritt and Heirs of William Brown House.

These two lots constituted the homestead of Arthur Sandy (or Sanden, Sandin), one of the earliest inhabitants of Marblehead. He was granted land there, by Salem, in 1638; and in May, 1640, was licensed to keep an ordinary at Marblehead, and this house was the first tavern in Marblehead. He died in 1667, his dwelling house, garden, orchard and outhouses being appraised at eighty-five pounds. His administrator conveyed the eastern part of the house and land to John Merritt of Marblehead, fisherman, June 21, 1669.* Some years later he made an addition to his part of the house, and the whole was standing at the time of his decease, in 1706. How much longer the old part of the house stood is not clear.

Mr. Sandy's administrator conveyed the western part of the house and land to William Brown of Marblehead, fisherman, June 21, 1669.† Mr. Brown died about 1684; and in 1686-7 this was described in a deed of adjoining land as being the property of Richard Gross, who was connected, probably, with the Brown family. The heirs of William Brown were in the possession of his part of the old house in 1700; and June 22, 1705, William Brown of Marblehead, cordwainer, for thirty pounds and sixteen shillings, mortgaged his interest in the house and land to Elizur Keysor of Salem, tanner.‡

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 97, leaf 28.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 68.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 17, leaf 80.

Brewer: First Licensed "Ordinary" in

Marblehead

From: "They Came Here to Fish: Early Massachusetts Fishermen in a Puritan Society" by Serena L. Newman
 Aside from small farmers and husbandmen, some more traditional tradesmen and craftsmen also showed up in Marblehead: coopers, carpenters, masons, locksmiths, shoemakers, and merchants, as well as "ordinary" keepers – of which Arthur Sandin was the first licensed in 1640. (Merchant-outfitter Moses Maverick had previously been authorized to sell not more than a "tun of wine" in 1638 – an allowance limited at that time to only his and Isaac Allerton's fishermen.)

The Husband and Children of Daughter , Mary Sandin

New England, The Great Migration and The Great Migration Begins, 1620-1635 for Arthur Sandin

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On 21 June 1669, "Nicholas Meritt & Margrett Sandy of Marblehead, administrators of the estate of Arther Sandy, late deceased," sold to "William Browne of the same town of Marblehead, fisherman, part of a dwelling house which was the dwelling house of the late said Arther Sandy, to say two-thirds parts westward of the said dwelling house, containing two lower & two upper rooms, the other third part containing one room being lately sold to Jno. Merritt, also an outhouse with about a quarter of an acre of land adjoining to the said outhouse & west end of the said dwelling house" [ELR 3:68].

Nicholas Merritt

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MARRIAGE: By about 1643 Mary Sandin, daughter of ARTHUR SANDIN {1638, Marblehead} (on 27 November 1666, administration on the estate of "Arthur Sandy, late deceased, was granted to "Margerett, the widow, and Nicholas Merritt" [EPR 2:73]; on 25 June 1667, the court distributed "£20 to Mary, the wife of said Nicholas, who is the daughter of said Sandin" [EPR 2:73]; in her will of 20 August 1667, "Margeret Sanden, widow & late wife of Arther Sanden, late deceased," included a bequest to "the children of Nicholas Meret by Mary my daughter, being in number eight sons & daughter[s], now surviving ..., to be equally divided among those that survive of them to the age the sons at 21 years & daughters at 18 years or married" [EPR 3:13]).

CHILDREN:

- i JOHN MERRITT, b. about 1643 (deposed on 26 November 1672 "aged about twenty-nine years" [EQC 5:110]; deposed 16 March 1678[9?]) "aged about thirty-five years" [EQC 7:331]; m. (1) by 1670 Mary _____ (eldest known child b. Marblehead 25 April 1670); m. (2) Marblehead 26 November 1702 Christian _____ Furnace, widow of William Furnace (on 26 November 1689, Salem court "grant[ed] administration to Christian the widow of W[illia]m Furnace of Marblehead deceased" [EPR 302:190]). (The five Merritt children baptized at Salem in September 1683 were children of John and his wife Mary [SChR 35].)
- ii JAMES MERRITT, b. about 1647 (d. Marblehead 11 June 1713, aged 66); m. by 1685 Sarah _____ (eldest known child bp. Marblehead 12 July 1685; on 2 July 1713, administration on the estate of "James Merrett late of Marblehead deceased intestate was granted unto his widow Sarah Merrett" [EPR 311:6, 159]).
- iii SAMUEL MERRITT, b. say 1649; m. by 1684 Abigail _____ (eldest known child bp. Marblehead 6 September 1684; on 22 June 1695, "Abigail Merrit hath signified under her hand and seal ... of her renouncing administration on the estate of her husband Samuel Merrit late of Marblehead, fisherman, deceased" [EPR 305:75, 300-1]).
- iv MARY MERRITT, b. say 1651; named in father's will of 17 July 1685, apparently incompetent.
- v MARTHA MERRITT, b. say 1653; m. by 1673 [Thomas?] Owen (eldest known child bp. Salem in August 1673 [SChR 30]).
- 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]).
- vii NICHOLAS MERRITT, b. say 1657, bp. Salem 21 July 1667 [SChR 28]; m. by 1690 Elizabeth _____ (eldest known child bp. Marblehead 30 March 1690).
- viii ELIZABETH MERRITT, b. say 1659, bp. Salem 21 July 1667 [SChR 28]; m. (1) by about 1679 Thomas Dixey (sons Nicholas, Samuel and Thomas bp. Salem in October 1683 [SChR 35-36]), son of THOMAS DIXEY {1637, Salem} [Sarah Stone Anc 28]; m. (2) Marblehead 28 October 1695 John Harwood. (On 30 July 1691, "[a]t the request of Elizabeth Dixy relict of Thomas Dixy deceased," an inventory was taken of the estate of Thomas [EPR 303:38]. On 30 December 1700, "Elizabeth Dixey *alias* Harwood, wife of John Harwood of Marblehead, fisherman," was granted guardianship of "Remember Dixey, daughter of Thomas Dixey late of Marblehead aforesaid deceased, being a minor of eleven years of age or thereabouts" [EPR 307:244-45].)
- ix HANNAH MERRITT, b. say 1661, bp. Salem 21 July 1667 [SChR 28]; d. by 20 August 1667 (when her grandmother bequeathed to the eight surviving sons and daughters of her daughter Mary [EPR 3:13]).

Probate Summaries

Essex County, MA: Early Probate Records, 1635-1681

Name	Arthur SANDIE	ESTATE OF ARTHUR SANDIE OF MARBLEHEAD.
Probate Record	1666	Administration on the estate of Arthur Sandy, late deceased, granted 27: 9: 1666, to Margerett, the widow, and Nicholas Merritt, who were ordered to bring in an inventory to the next Salem court. <i>Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 4, page 172.</i>
Location	Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts, United States	
Original Text		
Record Type	Probate Record	Margerett Sandin and Nicholas Merrett, administrators of the estate of Arther Sandin, deceased, brought in an inventory amounting to 120li. 9s. 11d., clear estate. Court June 25, 1667, ordered 20li. to <u>Mary, the wife of said Nicholas, who is the daughter of said Sandin, and the rest of the estate to Margaret, the widow.</u> <i>Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 5, leaf 3.</i>
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Inventories taken Apr. 8, 1667, by Moses Mavericke, George Corwin and Samuel Ward: One dwelling house, garden and orchard, outhouses, with a garden plot at the east end of the dwelling house, 85li.; 1 acer of fresh meadow, 15li.; six pound first purchase in this farm, we value it at 12li.; 1 bed and furniter in the parlor, bedsted, 1 fether bed, bolster & 2 pillows, 1 matt and straw bed, 1 rugg, 2 blankets, 11li.; 1 Cows Comanedg and half, 3li.; 1 table, 3 joint stools, 16s.; 4 krtians, 8s.; 1 Carpett, 13s.; 4 pair of shetts, 5li.; 1 shett, 1li.; 1 table Cloth, 15s.; 6 pelobers, 1li. 15s.; 1 old shett, 7s. 6d.; 6 napkins, 9s.; 1 table Cloth and 1 towell, 7s.; 1 old Chest, 5s.; 1 old loking glas, 3s.; 1 Chest, 8s.; 1 eathen bason, 1 Earthen dish & 2 glasses, 4s.; 1 old flock bed and bolster in the midle rom and 1 matt, 1li. 2s.; 1 blankett and Coverled, 1li. 10s.; 2 fether pillows and pillowbers, 1li.; 1 table and 2 stols, 10s.; 2 Chaires, 7s. 6d.; 1 old boks, 8d.; 1 warming pan, 7s.; waring cloths, 8li. 12s.; in the midle rom, 5 Shetts and 1 table Cloth, 3li. 10s.; 2 Chests, 7s.; books, 1li.; Cask and other lumber in the seller, 1li.; in the keching, 1 silver wine Cupp, 14s.; 5 pewter dishes, 2li.; 5 salters, 5s.; 4 plats, 6s.; 2 basons, 7s.; 4 Candelsticks, 16s.; 2 poreng sillers, 2s. 6d.; 1 funill, 9d.; 5 pewter poots, 15s.; 2 pint potts, 5s.; 2 small pots & 6 Small Cups, 8s.; 1 bear bowl, 1 beaker, 1 pint pot, 4s. 6d.; 1 Chamber pott, 2s.; 1 pestle and mortar, 12s.; 2 Iron poots, 1 Iron Skellitt, 2li.; 2 haks, 2 pair poot-hoks, 1 fir shovel, 13s.; 1 bras poot, 1 bras skillett, 10s.; 3 bras ketls, 3li.; 1 pair bras skulls, 3s.; 2 dripping pans and 1 dish, 3s.; 1 tray, 2 gratters, 1s. 6d.; 1 pair bellows, 6d.; 1 old Chest, 2s. 6d.; 1 Cuberd, 10s.; old Iron, 6s.; 2 Chaires, 1 stoll, 2s.; in the leantoe Chamber, in lumber, 2s.; 2 Chaires, 1 ware, 4s.; 1 small keller and 2 bbls., 7s.; 1 Churn, 3s.; in the brew hous, 1 firnas, 5li.; tubs and sive, 14s.; 1 laser and grinston, 3s. 6d.; old Cask in the Cow house, 1li. 3s.; in the Chamber, 1 bedsted, 10s.; 1 flock bed and bolster, 1li. 10s.; 1 matt, 5s.; 2 old ruggs and 2 blankits, 1li. 2s.; 1 old straw bed and saks, 5s.; in old Cask and other lumber, 10s.; 2 sives, 4s.; 1 Cow, 4li. 10s.; 1 saw, 1li.; 1-2 a Skiff, 1li.; 1 sarvant boy for his time to Come, 5li.; 1 yearling, 1li.; more in depts, 51li. 1s. 11d.; total, 248li. 13s. 2d. Debts owing, 120li. 9s. 11d. *Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 12, leaf 113.*

Name	Margaret, Mrs. SANDEN	ESTATE OF MRS. MARGARET SANDEN OF MARBLEHEAD.
Probate Record	1675	"The last will & Testament of Margarett Sanden of Marblehead: made this twentieth day of August Ann Dom 1667: I <u>Margeret Sanden, widow & late wife of Arther Sanden</u> , late deceased, being Ancient & weake of body & my dayes seeming to draw neere their end, but through the Lords mercy of pfect memory do make this my last will & testament as foloweth Imp ^s I giue unto <u>Samuell & Ephraim Sandin the children of John Sanden, my son, late deceased:</u> twenty shillings each of them to be paid in 6 months after my decease It I giue vnto the children of nicholas meret by mary my daughter, being in number eight sons & daughter, now surviving all the rest of my estat when all debts & other charges are paid to be equally divided among those that survive of them to the age the sons at 21 years & daughters at 18 years or maryed: It I doe appoynt my son nicholas merrett & mary his wife my daughter to be sole executors of this my last will & testament, and in wites here of I haue set to my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written."
Location	Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts, United States	
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Margeret (her † mark) Sanden. (SEAL)

Name	John SANDIE	176 THE PROBATE RECORDS OF ESSEX COUNTY.
Probate Record	1654	ESTATE OF JOHN SANDIE OF MARBLEHEAD.
Location	Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts, United States	Administration on the estate of John Sandie of Marblehead, intestate, granted 27: 4: 1654, to his widow, Mary Sandy. Inventory, 80li.; <u>the eldest son</u> to have 10li. at twenty-one years of age and <u>the other two children</u> to have 5li. apiece. The widow was enjoined to bring up the children to read and write. <i>Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 3, leaf 71.</i>
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Summary of Probate for Nicholas Merritt

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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 condition and disability of myself to do anything for my own maintenance to subsist comfortably without breaking my estate and unwilling to pry away or alienate the same from my four sons Jno., James, Sam[ue]ll and Nicholas, they all declaring their readiness according to their several capacities to supply me with such necessaries as may be most suitable for me during my continuance in this world as also knowing well and considering the alike helpless condition of my daughter Mary and the necessity of effectual care to be taken by me for her comfortable maintenance after my decease during her natural life, I do upon these considerations give and bequeath the whole remainder of my estate, housing, lands and other estate to my aforesaid four sons Jno., James, Sam[ue]ll & Nicholas to be entered upon, held and enjoyed by them after my decease and distributed by the prudence and faithfulness of my overseers Capt. Ward and Lt. Legg”; “my four sons Jno., James and Sam[ue]ll and Nicholas” to be executors; “my trusty friends Mr. Sam[ue]ll Ward and Mr. Jno. Legg” to be overseers [SPR 11:50-51].

The inventory of the estate of “Nicholas Merritt Sr. of Marblehead lately deceased,” taken 26 November 1686, totalled £179 8s. 6d. (against which were debts of £22 6s. due from the estate), of which £147 10s. was real estate: “his dwelling house, barn and land adjoining with one cow’s commonage,” £80; “one acre of meadow,” £20; “his part in the farm,” £40; and “one & ½ cow lease on the common,” £7 10s. [SPR 9:329-30].