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PERKINS FAMILY OF CONNECTICUT.

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This article is of course very imperfect. It does not attempt to proceed further than the fourth generation, except in a few cases; and doubtless contains errors among the few facts actually given. Such is peculiarly the peril of genealogical labors. It is nothing but a beginning; and will accomplish quite as much as it deserves, if it assists the writer in gathering information as to all descendants, *whether of the name or blood*, and indeed of any of the kin or ancestry, of John Perkins, senior, of Ipswich, grandfather of Joseph and Jabez, the first settlers of the name in Connecticut. Any such information will be thankfully received by the writer.

This article does not include the lineage of the Ashford family, whose first Connecticut ancestor seems to have descended from a later emigrant; nor of Thomas, the first of the name in Enfield, who came thither about 1683, from Topsfield, Mass.

1. Dea. JOSEPH¹ PERKINS, b. at Ipswich, Mass., 21 (or 22) June, 1674; d. at Norwich, Conn., 4 (or 6) Sept. 1726. He and his brothers, Jabez (No. 2, below) and Matthew, coming from Ipswich, Mass., bought of John Fitch, (deed dated 28 Sept. 1695), 1200 acres of land, (another account says 800 acres, for £70), lying in the forks of the Quinebaug and Shetucket rivers, in the town of Norwich. This was in that part of Norwich afterwards the town of Lisbon, in the southern portion of it, known as Newent Society, (supposed named from Newent, Gloucestershire, England, from the neighborhood of which their grandfather, John, senior, apparently came), and in the locality afterwards known as "Perkins's Crotch," from its situation and owners. This property remained in the family until the period from 1804. to 1820, during which it was alienated. Matthew Perkins soon returned to Ipswich, and remained there. Joseph and Jabez were for a long time influential men and leading church members in that portion of the town.

Joseph¹ Perkins, m. 22 May, 1700, Martha Morgan of Preston, Conn.; b. 1680, d. 30 (or 23) Oct. 1754. Their children were: (3) Elizabeth,² b. 5 Nov. 1701;—(4) Joseph,²[+] b. 25 Oct. 1704, d. 7 July, 1794;—(5) Martha,²[+] b. 21 Aug. 1705; m. 1st, Thomas Todd; 2d, Solomon Lathrop; 3d, Matthew Loomis;—(6) John,²[+] b. 5 Oct. 1709, d. 16 April, 1761;—(7) Jerusha,²[+] b. 1 Sept. 1711, d. 8 Feb. 1742; m. Rev. Jedediah Hyde;—(8) Matthew,²[+] b. 31 Aug. 1713, d. 3 May, 1773;—(9) Deborah,²[+] and (10) Ann,² twins, b. 20 July, 1715; Ann d. 29 June, 1731; Deborah m. Benajah Carey;—(11) Hannah,²[+] b. 1717; m. Lemuel Bingham;—(12) Simon,² b. 1720;—(13) William,²[+] b. 1722.

2. JABEZ² PERKINS was accepted an inhabitant of Norwich, 1701; he died 15 Jan. 1741-2. He m., 1st, 30 June, 1698, Hannah Lathrop of Norwich, who d. 1721. Their children were: (13a) Jabez,²[+] b. 3 June, 1699, d. 27 April, 1739;—(14) Hannah,²[+] b. 1701, d. 1745, m. Joshua Huntington;—(15) Elizabeth,² b. 1703;—(16) Mary,²;—(17) Jacob,²[+] b. 1705;—(18) Lucy,² (Miss Caulkins—says "Luke"), b. 1709;—(19) Judith,² b. 1714. He m. 2d, 1722, Charity Leonard.