

II. The Boardman Branch

The ancestors of Henry Boardman Taylor on the side of his mother, Lucinda Boardman, came from England about 1635. What is known in the family of their ancestry in England has been given in the following statement by Mrs. Ellen F. Boardman Catlin, of Winooski, Vt: "The family of Boardman takes its origin in England, from William, surnamed 'Le Bois de Main,' or 'Of the wooden hand,' a Norman, and follower of William the Conqueror. This William had a grant of two knight's fees of land in the County of Suffolk, as is mentioned in 'Dooms-day Book.'"

From this family descended Sir Andrew Boardman, who was a great favorite of King Henry the VIII, until that monarch's death. King Henry gave in marriage to Sir Andrew, his ward, the lady Katherine Howard, the daughter of the Earl of Berkshire and ultimately sole heir of her father. This Lady was first cousin to the Queen Katherine and niece to the Duke of Norfolk.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, two of the sons of Sir Andrew Boardman held command under the celebrated Earl of Leicester in his expedition to Ireland against the Desmond, and one of them, having a grant of forfeited lands in that country, settled there and was the progenitor of the family of that name in Ireland. The family settled in America about 1635, having come to this country with the younger Winthrop, who arrived with families from Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex. The English branch of the family now resides at Diss in Suffolk. The arms are Argent (white) a chevron vert (green) bordered gules (red)