

DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN GILLET, OF DORCHESTER, MASS., AND WINDSOR, CONN

1. JONATHAN¹ GILLET, the progenitor of this branch of the family, belonged, with his brother Nathan, to the company of about one hundred and forty Puritans, which was formed in the counties of Devonshire, Dorsetshire and Somersetshire, England; sailed, with Rev's John Warham and John Maverick as pastors, in the Mary and John, March 20, 1630, and arrived off Nantasket, May 30th following, settlement being made at Dorchester. He was made a freeman there May 6, 1635. There was "graunted to Jonathan Gillet; to fence in halfe an acre of ground about his house leaving a sufficient highway." Further "...the foresayd p'tyes do p'mise to fetch all the Cowes from Jonathan Gillets house to Mr. Woolcotts"; "graunted also to Jonathan Gillets 4 acres" ("over against fox poynt"); "the bounds being from Jonathan Gillets pale &c."; and "one [lot] the other side, which was once Jonathan Gillstes."

With the Dorchester Church and Rev. Mr. Warham, he and Nathan removed about 1636 to Windsor, Conn., where he "had a lot granted to him seventeen rods wide" near Mr. Warhams, and across the Poquonnoc road from Alexander Alvord of the same company, whose decendant, Henry of Bolton in the sixth generation, married Mary W. of Colchester in the sixth generation from Jonathan. He and his wife Mary are included in Matthew Grant's church list, made thirty-seven years after the settlement, of twenty-one "members, who were so in Dorchester and came up with Mr. Warham and are still of us." They were also privileged, having paid six shillings, to sit in the long seats in church. He gave 4s. 6d. to the fund in aid of sufferers by the Indian war at Simsbury and Springfield, and was one of the committee of distribution. He died Aug. 23, 1677, and his wife Jan. 5, 1685. Their children were:

- i. CORNELIUS,² born, as were Jonathan and Mary, before the family removal to Windsor; m. Priscilla Kelsey; d. June 26, 17—, leaving a large family.
 - ii. JONATHAN, m. 1st, April 23, 1661, Mary Kelsey, who d. April 18, 1676; m. 2d, Dec. 14, 1676, Miriam Dibble, who d. April 18, 1687; had eight children. His decendants include Thomas,³ Abel,⁴ Dea. Abel,⁵ Rev. Ashbel,⁶ Hon. Francois,⁷ U. S. Senator from Connecticut, and William Hooker,⁸ the author and actor.
 - iii. MARY, m. Peter Brown.
 - iv. ANNA, d. Dec. 29 1639; m. Oct. 29, 1663, Samuel Filley.
 - v. JOSEPH, bapt. July 25, 1641; m. 1664, Elizabeth Hawks.
 - vi. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 23, 1642.
 - vii. JOHN, b. Oct. 5, 1644; m. July 8, 1669, Mary Barker.
 - viii. ABIGAIL, bapt. June 28, 1646; d. 1648.
 - ix. JEREMIAH, c. Feb. 12, 1647; m. Oct. 15, 1685, Deborah Bartlett.
2. x. JOSIAH, bapt. July 14, 1650.

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