

The parentage of Capt. John Sherman, Watertown, freeman May 17, 1637, is not so easily traced. Some of his descendants may be interested in the reasons which may be given for thinking that he was the son of John^s Sherman (Henry², Henry¹) and of Grace Makin, daughter of Tobias Makin of Fingrinhoe, County Essex, England, whose will (286) is dated May 14, 1610.

These Sherman wills show that Anne Sherman (Edmund², Henry¹) married John Anger. In her will dated 1625 (498) is this bequest:

"I give to the two children of *the wife* of Thomas Rogers, John Sherman and Richard Sherman, *my kinsmen*, ten shillings a piece at their ages of one and twenty."

This bequest tells us that Thomas Rogers married a widow whose former husband was named Sherman, by whom she had these two children, John Sherman and Richard Sherman.

It also follows that the father of these two children was dead in 1625, for that is the date of Ann Anger's will.

It will be shown that this John Sherman was our Capt. John, and that this Thomas Rogers was the Thomas Rogers who came to Watertown, Bond says probably in 1630, and was made freeman May 17, 1637, and who died November 12, 1638, aged 50, whose house lot in Watertown Capt. John Sherman bought.

Thomas Rogers had one child* by this widow Sherman, a daughter Elizabeth, who married Daniel Smith.

After the death of Thomas Rogers, his widow Grace Sherman Rogers married for her third husband William Palmer, widower.

Palmer's daughter Martha, by a former wife, had married Capt. John Sherman. They were married before Thomas Rogers died, for their first child John Sherman was born November 2, 1638.

William Palmer died after 1650, for in that year he agreed to release to his son-in-law John Sherman, land in Great Ormsby, Co. Norfolk, England. It is supposed he came from that place. His widow Grace Sherman Rogers Palmer married for her fourth husband Roger Porter, widower, who died April 3, 1654, aged 71.**

In Mass. Colony Records Vol. 4 page 232 we read:

1655, May 29: "In answer to the petition of Grace Porter craving the favor of this Court for liberty to sell the house and lands, she stands possessed of mentioned in her petition: The Court grants her request, so as Daniel Smith of Watertown, husband of the

***) For Palmer, Porter, Rogers, Sherman, Smith see Bond's Hist., Watertown, pp. 384, 407, 413, 430, 439, 865, 913, 934, 935, 1017, 1023, 1014, 1028, 1039 and Mass. Colony Records Vol. 4 pp. 248 and 264.