

Mr. Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary says Capt. John Sherman died January 25, 1691, aged 76, which makes 1615 the year of his birth.

In looking through these wills to find the father of Capt. John, two facts which have been brought to light in the preceding pages are of great assistance, to wit : that Capt. John's father died before 1625, and that his mother's christian name was Grace. So that none of the grandsons of Henry<sup>1</sup> the elder of Colchester, who are known to have been living after 1625, and none of those who died before 1625 leaving a widow surviving whose christian name was other than Grace, could have been the father of our Capt. John.

Applying these tests to the grandsons of Henry<sup>2</sup> who are mentioned in these wills, the evidence is now submitted which leads to the conclusion that Capt. John Sherman's ancestry is John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>.

In the will of Henry<sup>1</sup> the elder of Colchester (281) are the names of his sons living in 1589, to wit :

Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>2</sup> and Robert<sup>2</sup>.

Robert<sup>2</sup>, "Doctor in Phissick," lived in London. He had two sons Robert and Richard, neither of them mentioned in the will of their grandfather in 1589. We hear no more of them after their father's will in 1602 (284). It does not seem probable that either of them would have been old enough if living in 1615, the year of Capt. John's birth, to have been his father. He left surviving a widow Bridget.

Edmund<sup>2</sup> had by his first wife Anne Pelatte three sons, viz : Edmund<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup> and Bezaleel<sup>3</sup>, and by his second wife Anne Cleare three sons : Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>3</sup> and Benjamin<sup>3</sup>. (See his will (283) and his wife's will 284). All these six sons were living after 1625, except Bezaleel.

Edmund<sup>3</sup> is the Edmund Sherman who died in New Haven in 1641.

Richard<sup>3</sup> died in Boston in 1660.

Bezaleel<sup>3</sup> died in 1618 (288) leaving a daughter Ursula and a son John. The legacy to the son John in Ann Anger's will (408) shows he is not our Capt. John, to whom also she gives a legacy calling him one of the two children of the wife of Thomas Rogers. He left a widow surviving - Priscilla.

Samuel<sup>3</sup>. His will was made in 1643 (391) and in it he mentions as living then his brothers John<sup>3</sup> and Benjamin<sup>3</sup>

Take now the sons of Henry<sup>2</sup> :

In his will (285) he names six sons living in 1610, to wit :