

## My Hubbard Ancestors

Associates Donnel J. Hubbard, Christopher L. Hubbard and Youth Associate Liam J. Hubbard are all descended from the following men.

**FOUNDER - George Hubbard**, with his wife Mary, emigrated from England to Watertown, MA in 1633. Nothing is definitely known of his family in England. The oldest son John was baptized in East Bergholt, northeast of Coldchester, in 1630. Therefore we know they lived within a day's walk of East Bergholt.

George was born about 1594. He married in England and had at least two children born there. His wife was Mary Bishop.

George and his family visited with his old friends, the Merriams, in Concord, MA, with whom he left his three-year-old son, John. He then took up residence in Watertown, MA. They were unable to find suitable land there and in October, 1635, along with sixty other settlers, George, his wife and daughter, trekked west to the Connecticut River and settled what is now Wethersfield, CT. Their first winter there was a trying experience, as their supplies, which had been shipped by boat, were locked in the frozen Connecticut River and they had to survive on acorns and whatever they could barter from the Indians.

George was a surveyor and the records show that he was appointed to survey the lines of Windsor and Wethersfield and was a prominent surveyor in Connecticut for many years.

While living in Wethersfield, George was granted a "license" to trade with the Indians. Eventually he lost his "license" and was fined five pounds for selling a firearm to an Indian.

After living in Wethersfield for a time, he moved to the town of Milford, where he took up Milford Island in Long Island Sound as his grant. Later he sold Milford Island to Richard Byran and settled in Guilford, CT, where he bought the property of Joseph Shaeffe. He was a prominent citizen there. He was a deputy magistrate and in 1666-1667 was a member of the Assembly at Hartford. He was admitted to church membership in Guilford in October 1650.

Mary (-----) Hubbard died in September 14, 1675, in Guilford. George died there in January, 1683. His will is on record in New Haven, CT.

George was buried in the church cemetery in Guilford. In the early 1800's, the town created a cemetery outside of town. All headstones were moved and if the family paid, the remains were reinterred. Neither George or Mary are listed as reinterred. The cemetery was filled in, and is now part of the town common.

Oldest son **John** (second child) also qualifies as a Founder. John Hubbard came over with his parents in 1633 and stayed for some time with the Merriams in Concord, MA. Some accounts

say that he married Mary Merriam, others that he married Mary Shaeffe. So he definitely married Mary (-----).

He resided for some time at Wethersfield, CT, as his first four children were born there. He was one of a company that on April 18, 1659, organized the town of Norwottuck - later called Hadley, MA. After 1672, he went to Hatfield, MA, and died there at the home of his son Isaac, in 1702. It is not known when or where his wife, Mary, died, but her name is on his gravestone.

Intervening generations between Founder George Hubbard and Patriot Peter Hubbard are:

- John, born about 1630 in England, married Mary (-----) and died August 1702.
- Jonathan, born Wethersfield January 3, 1659; Married Hannah Rice January 15, 1681. He died July 17, 1728 at Concord, MA.
- Joseph, born February 8, 1689; married November 10, 1713 at Concord, Rebecca Bulkeley. He died April 10, 1768 at Concord.
- Joseph, born January 11, 1715; married May 3, 1744 Phebe Brigham. He died July 14, 1799.

**Patriot - Peter Hubbard**, who married his cousin, Phebe Brigham, lived in Holden, MA. like his forefather before him, he was a farmer, and a respected man in his community. He was a Revolutionary patriot, having marched at the first call to Lexington. Records show that he served a total of twelve and one half days. Peter died at Holden, August 12, 1826. His wife Phebe, died there February 18, 1810. Peter's grave is directly across the street from the Holden Town Hall. The D.A.R. has marked the grave.