

THE SETTLERS OF THE BEEKMAN PATENT

Chapter 9

THE CALKINS FAMILY

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 This family was first taxed in the South Precinct of DC about 1740 but two brothers were in Beekman as early as 1739. A John Calkins was in Pawling for the 1790 census. The emigrant was HUGH CALKINS who was born ca. 1600 and was of Norwich, CT by 1640. He m. Ann _____ and died 1690. We have decided to follow two lines because we are unsure of the exact identity of the man in the 1790 census.

Children:

1. i. John, b. 1634; m. Sarah Royce.
- ii. Sarah; m. William Hough.
- iii. Mary; m. Hugh Roberts.
- iv. Deborah, b. 18 March 1643/4; m. (1) Jonathan Royce, (2) _____ Woodward.
- v. Rebecca; dy.
- vi. David, b. 163?; m. Mary Bliss.

1. JOHN² CALKINS, (Hugh¹) was born in Norwich 1634 and m. Sarah, born 1634, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Sims) Royce. He died 8 January 1703.

Children:

1. i. Hugh, b. June 1659; m. Sarah Sluman. [See RECORD 1918:17 for desc. of his son Stephen]
2. ii. John, b. 1661; m. Abigail Burchard.
3. iii. Samuel, b. Oct. 1663; m. Hannah Gifford.
- iv. Daniel, b. March 1668.

2. JOHN³ CALKINS, (John², Hugh¹) was born 1661 and m. Abigail, dau. of John and Christian (Andrews) Burchard and was one of the first settlers of Lebanon, CT. He was of Philips Patent by 1740 when he was taxed in the South Precinct. He probably died soon after 1745 when he sold land to his sons.

Children:

- i. Abigail, b. 8 Sept. 1691; m. (1) David Spencer 9 July 1712, (2) 27 Jan. 1713/14 John, son of Thomas and Mary (____) Frost of

- Butts, Samuel (1673-1747) Mass.; m. Sarah Maxfield.
Deputy to court.
- Bye, Thomas (cl640-1726) Pa.; m. Margaret Davis.
Landowner.
- Byram, James (1649-) Va.; m. Jane Wright. Landowner.
- Byram, Nicholas (-1688) Mass.; m. Susanna Shaw.
Military service; Councillor.
- Byrd, Abraham (1639-99) Md.; m. Margaret Huling.
Landowner.
- Byrd, John (1668-1716) N.C.; m. Rebecca Bayard.
Justice; Landowner.
- Byrd, William (cl610-c72) Va.; m. Hannah (Grandin)
Jennings. Landowner.
- Byrd, William (1652-1704) Va.; m. Mary Horsmanden.
Burgess.

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- Cabaniss, Henri (-1725) Va.; m. Marie ---; Mag-
dalene ---. Landowner.
- Cabell, William (1695-1774) Va.; m. Elizabeth Burks.
Burgess.
- Cade, Robert (1626-cl685) Va.; m. ---. Landowner.
- Cadwallader, John (1676-1742) Pa.; m. Mary Cassell.
Minister.
- Caldwell, John (1624-92) Mass.; m. Sarah Dillingham.
Surveyor.
- Calkins, Hugh (cl600-1690) Mass.-Conn.; m. Ann (Robert)
Eaton. Freeman; Selectman.
- Callaway, Francis (1675-1774) Va.; m. ---. Landowner.
- Callaway, Joseph (cl700-cl730) Va.; m. Elizabeth
Tilley. Landowner.
- Callaway, Thomas (cl648-) Va.; m. ---. Landowner.
- Calthorne, Christopher (-1667) Va.; m. Anne ---.
Commissioner; Burgess.
- Calthrope, James (-1689) Va.; m. Elizabeth ---;
Mary ---. Justice.
- Calvert, Cecilius (1605-75) Md.; m. Anne Arundel.
Ark and Dove.
- Calvert, Charles (1637-1715) Md.; m. Mary (Thorpe)
Banks. Lord Proprietor.

HUGH CALKIN.

Our earliest American ancestor was born in Chepstow, Monmouthshire, Wales, in A. D. 1600, and was descended from an ancient and long line of that name—one of whom, William Colkin, lived in the time of King John, A. D. 1200. This one was a man of wealth, evidently, as he founded a hospital which was named after him. He was unquestionably one of those who—sword in hand—extorted the Great Magna Charta from reluctant King John at Runingmede, June 15, A. D. 1215. There was a Coat-of-Arms, very ancient, for which we have no use in this Republic. In the past in a monarchical country, it meant something. I have heard from some who claim that they can trace the name back to the Norman Conquest, A. D. 1066. Hugh was a radical in religion, a non-conformist, and, living in the troublous times of Charles the First, soon became satisfied that there were safer countries than England or Wales, for men who wished to worship God according to

We learn also from the Colonial Records that he was a Deputy Magistrate. In 1660, he again changed his residence to the place where the city of Norwich now stands, then a wilderness and owned by the Mohegan Indians. Just previously a treaty had been concluded by and between the celebrated Major Mason and others with the Mohegan Chieftains, by which a tract of land nine miles square around Norwich was ceded to the whites for what seems to us a ridiculously low price—£70, English Sterling. Hugh and his son John were of the thirty-five original proprietors. Hugh appears in the Colonial Records as a Deputy from Norwich to the General Court (Legislature) ten times. He was an active worker there in all measures for the public good; and also at home constantly identified with public interests; he was a deacon in the first church built in Norwich.

Hugh died at Norwich in 1690, at the great age of ninety years. Of his wife we know only that her name was Ann. There were six children, John and David, and four daughters. What a mighty progeny have sprung from this, our ancestor! Vast in numbers and worthy of their ancient house!

HUGH¹ CALKINS was one of the men who accompanied Rev. Richard Blinman to help found the town of Gloucester, Mass. He was a Welsh husbandman who came from his home town of Chepstow, in Monmouthshire, which lies on the border of Wales. He brought with him his wife Ann and several children, and settled with the others of Mr. Blinman's party at Green's Harbor (now Marshfield), Mass. He was then about forty years of age.

Before accompanying the party there, he attended the General Court in Plymouth, Mass., on March 2, 1641, to take the oath of allegiance, being "propounded to be made free at the next court." According to our reckoning, the new arrivals must have come earlier than any vessel could have arrived for that season, which makes it probable that they came over in 1640. They then went to found the settlement of Gloucester, a town on the eastern coast of Massachusetts, situated upon the peninsula of Cape Ann.

Under the authority with which they were invested by the General Court at Boston before the town was incorporated, the commissioners there appointed eight men to manage the affairs of the plantation. One of their first ordinances, made on the "11th (of the) 9 mo. (November), 1642," was that a highway was to be laid out through the lots of "Mr. Pryer, (Walter) Tybbot and (Hugh) Calkins." This road, and another one through the town, were used by the public many years before they were formally laid out as highways. Hugh's residence was "on the neck of (the) house-lots," and he had land in various other places.

It would seem that Hugh was one of the men of importance, for he was chosen a commissioner "for ending a small cause" in 1645, and was elected to serve the town as one of the selectmen in 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, and 1649; he was also a representative at the "General Court" at Boston, in 1650 and 1651. He remained attached to the town up to that last year when he joined with Richard Blinman, Obadiah Bruen and others in removal to New London, Conn. It seems that prior to his going there, land grants were made to him and others by the New London inhabitants on October 19, 1650. When Mr. Blinman made his appearance at the town meet-

SYNOPSIS OF THE LINE OF DESCENT

Hugh ¹ Calkins,	born	1600 ₁	died	1690 ₁	wife.	
Hugh ¹ Roberts,	"	"	"	1670 ₁	"	Mary ² Calkins.
Joseph ² Osborn,	"	1636 ₁	"	"	"	Priscilla ² Roberts.
John ² Cory,	"	1674 ₁	"	1722 ₁	"	Priscilla ² Osborn.
Elnathan ³ "	"	1702 ₁	"	1766 ₁	"	{ Sarah ² Simpson ² Sarah ² Sayre ²
James ³ "	"	1736 ₁	"	1807 ₁	"	Martha ³ Carter.
Simeon ³ "	"	1774 ₁	"	1847 ₁	"	Rhoda ³ Axell.
James ⁴ "	"	1801 ₁	"	1880 ₁	"	Susan ⁴ Mulford.

Most of them came from England, settled near Boston, and were of the first settlers of Connecticut, at Hartford and Windsor, before they moved to Saybrook.

In the year 1660, the Rev. James Fitch, the pastor of the church of Saybrook, with the greater part of his church, moved from Saybrook to Norwich. Said Mr. Fitch continued to be pastor of said church, at Norwich, until by reason of his age and infirmity he resigned his said office about the year 1696, and in 1702, removed to the town of Lebanon, and soon after died in a good old age.

The Rev. Mr. John Woodward succeeded Mr. Fitch as pastor of said church, and continued in his office, until some difficulty arising between him and said church, respecting church discipline, he was dismissed and removed to the town of New Haven, and died there.

Upon the dismissal of Mr. Woodward, the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Lord succeeded, and was ordained pastor of said church, (there being then but one church and congregation in said town.) The Rev. Henry Willes, from Windsor, was ordained pastor of the West Society, Oct. 8, 1718. The Rev. Daniel Kirtland, from Saybrook, was ordained at Newent, Dec. 10, 1723. The Rev. Jabez Wight, from Dedham, was ordained pastor over the church in the East Society, Oct. 27, 1726.

NAMES OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NORWICH, IN 1660.

Majr John Mason.
*Rev. James Fitch.
*Lt. Thos. Leffingwell.
Lt. Thos. Tracy.
*John Reynolds.
Thomas Bliss.
Stephen Backus.
John Ormstead.
*Thomas Adgate.
Christopher Huntington.
Samuel Hide.
*John Post.

John Birchard.
Robert Wade.
*Morgan Bowers.
John Gager.
*Thomas Post.
Thomas Howard.
Nehemiah Smith.
Richard Egerton.
Hugh Calkins.
John Calkins.
Francis Griswold.
*William Backus.

John Elderkin.
John Bradford.
*Simon Huntington.
Thomas Waterman.
Thomas Bingham.
William Hide.
Robert Allen.
Jon^a. Royce.
John Baldwin.
John Tracy.
John Pearce.

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PATENT

OF THE TOWN OF NORWICH, A. D. 1685.

Whereas the General Court of Connecticut have forever granted unto the proprietors and Inhabitants of the Towne of Norwich all those lands, both meadows and uplands within these abuttments (viz.) from the mouth of Tradeingcove Brooke the line to run as the Brooke to the head of the Brooke to a white oake marked N: and from thence west northwesterly to a great pond to a black oake marked N: which stands neere the mouth of the great Brooke that runs out of the pond to Norwich river, which is about seven miles from the said Tradeing Cove; and from thence the line runns North noreast nine miles to a Black oake standing by the river side on the south of it, a little above

* These individuals were surviving in January, 1700.

Families of Ancient New Haven

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ROYCE. Variant, RICE. Miss Helen Elizabeth Royce, 5 Pliny Court, Hartford, Conn., is compiling a genealogy of this family, and has contributed very largely to the following account of the early generations, for which the editor is very grateful.

FAM. 1. ROBERT, d 1676; res. St & New London; m Mary ———, who d 1696 (at W) *NHCt*. [Robert m 4 June 1634 *Martock, co. Somerset, Eng.*—Mary Sims of Long Sutton, Somerset.]

1 SARAH, b c. 1634, d 1 May 1711 *Norwich*, æ. 77 *NLPro*; m John Calkins.

2 NEHEMIAH, b c. 1636, d Nov 1706 æ. 72 *WV*, 1 Nov æ. 71 *NHPro*; m 20 Nov 1660 *NewLondon*—Hannah da. James & Margery (Hill) Morgan, b 18 July 1642 *Roxbury*, d 12 Dec 1706 *WV*.

i Joseph, b c. 1663, d 19 Mar 1707 æ. 43 *WV*; m 1 Oct 1684 *WV*—Mary Porter, who d 27 July 1739 *WV*; she m (2) 18 Oct 1714 Joseph Lancton. FAM. 2.

ii Joanna, d c. 1688; m Wouter Jansen [Walter Johnson].

iii Margery, d c. 12 Sep 1683 *WV*.

iv Mercy, d 4 Feb 1675 *WV*.

v Mary, b 12 Aug 1675 *WV*; m c. 1702 Samuel Lewis of Farm.

vi Esther, b 15 Oct 1677 *WV*; m 23 Nov 1698 *FarmV*—John Bull.

vii Lydia, b 28 May 1680 *WV*, d between 1747 & 1751; m 28 Jan 1703/4 *WV*—Daniel Messenger.

viii Nehemiah, b 18 Mar 1682/3 *WV*, d 30 Oct 1725 *WV*; m 9 Feb 1710 *WV*—Kezia [da. Samuel & Hannah (Walker)] Hall, who d 26 Mar 1726 *WV*. FAM. 3.

2 JONATHAN, d 1690; res. *Norwich*; m (1) c. 1656 Mary da. Humphrey Spinning, who d c. 1658; m (2) June 1660 *NorwichV*—Deborah da. Hugh & Ann Calkins, b 18 Mar 1645 *Gloucester, Mass.*; she m (2) ——— Woodward of Lebanon.

(By 1): i Mary, b c. 1658; m (1) Dec 1678 *WV* (surname of bride omitted)—John Beach; m (2) 27 Nov 1718 *WV*—John Atwater.

(By 2): ii Elizabeth, b Jan 1661 *NorwichV*, d 28 Mar 1687/8; m 3 Nov 1681 Wm. Backus.