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## THE BRIDGHAM FAMILY

HENRY BRIDGHAM

b.

1646, Aug. 4. Vol. 32, p 25 Boston Ser, Aspinwall Notarial Papers: The original of this paper is given below under Henry Bridgham's son Henry of Boston, who gave on this date in Boston a letter of attorney for the collection, from his brother

m.

b.

d. bef. Aug. 4, 1646

d.

Robert Bridgham of England, of his share of the estate left by "his ffather Henry Bridgham, late of feltam, Suffolk County, England". This is as much as we know at present about the mother country ancestry of this notable family. The letter referred to was given at about the time in 1646 when John Eliot, the Indian Apostle, preached a long sermon in the native dialect to the Indians at Nonantum (Newton), 8 miles from Boston centre. This led to the formation of a Corporation in England (1649), "for the promoting and propagating the Gospel among the Indians of New England:"

"A voice crying in the wilderness  
A purpose unspotted by love of ease or fame."

### CHILDREN

(all born in England, presumably at Flotam, Suffolk Co.)

1. ANN or HANNAH b. 1611; m. Thomas Buttall; she d. a Oct., 1680, æ 69      he d. a May, 1667, æ 64      4 ch  
They came over together in the *Abigail* in May, 1635, he 32, she 24. He was a leather dresser and glover of Boston. She was adm. to Church Sept. 28, 1639. Thos. Buttall of Boston made will dated 25 (3) 1667, probated June 18, 1667, mentioning brother Henry Bridgham. Elizabeth Harding Bridgham, will dated Aug. 2, probated Nov. 5, 1672, mentions sister Hannah Buttall.
2. HENRY b. a 1617; m. 1644, Elizabeth Harding (see below)
3. ROBERT b. —  
He stayed in England and was charged by his brother Henry in 1646 with making "pretended will" of his father's.

DEA. & } CAPT. }	HENRY BRIDGHAM	b. a 1617
	ELIZABETH HARDING	m. 1644
	b. 1623	d. Mch. 12, 1670/1
	d. Aug. 1672, æ 49	æ a 54

1623. Elizabeth Harding was born presumably at Boreham, Essex County, England, where her parents were living in 1645. This date is proved by the next entry. Elizabeth is sister to Abraham Harding who is direct ancestor of President Warren G. Harding (1920-1923).

1635, May. P 73 Hotten: Elizabeth Harding, age 12, arrives in Boston in the ship *Abigail*. On the same passage were Thomas and Ann Buttall, Elizabeth being their future sister-in-law.

1617. Henry Bridgham was born in England presumably at Flotam, Suffolk County, where his parents were about 1646. We have estimated his birth year to be six years younger than that of Anne his sister who came over in 1635, some six years before he appears.

1641, Apl. 16. P 5 Dorchester C R (1891): Henry Bridgham joins the Church in Dorchester, Mass., there being eight in the party. This is our earliest Colonial Record and indicates that he arrived in America about this time when the first coding of the Laws of the Colonies was taking place, the Long Parliament being in session. Up to this time the Magistrates were rulers in fact, and, moreover, they feared to publish a code of laws lest their enemies in England should bring

1643/4, Feb'y 17. P 212 P of M: Elizabeth Harding was admitted to the Church in Boston as maid servant of Capt. Edward Gibbons of Boston.

1645, Nov. 29. Vol. 32, p 11 Boston Ser: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Bridgham, gave letter of attorney to Francis Lyle of Boston to collect 51 *li* due her from Estate of her father John Harding of Boreham, Essex, Eng.

1670, Oct. 8. "My will is," says her husband, "that my wife and son Jonathan doe carry on the Tanyard as now it is and see to and take care of the education and instruction in the Trade of Joseph, Benjamin, Samuell & James untill every one of you attain unto the age of one and twenty year;" also "I give to my loving wife my two houses, i e, the house I now live and Dye in . . . and also the new house being made habitable, during her widdowhood; but if she marry againe then to have the choice of the houses"; also £100 out of the stock; also to share equally with the children in the residue. "I appoint my son John Executor with his mother for her help & assistance in the managing of the Executorship."

1671, April 13. Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgham made oath that the inventory of her husband's estate as presented is true.

1671/2, Jan'y 24. Vol. VII, p 306 SCD: John Walley and Sara his wife give deed to Peter Lidget, merchant of Boston, for £280, for land "fronting South upon the highway that borders upon the Widdow Bridgham's tanyard".

1672, Aug. 2. Vol. 7, p 266 P Ct; Abstract of Will: "In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Bridgham of Boston, widow, being sicke of body but perfect of memory blessed bee god do make this my last will . . . .

"1st To my eldest son John out of the £100 left by my husband to buy books with £50 & the other £50 I give £40 to my son Joseph & the other £10 to my other four sonnes equally. To John further a new pair of curtains & vallance that hath not been used.

"Item To son Jonathan the best paire of green curtains & Vallance; my best green Rugg; the best feather bed & boulster with the best bedsteade; & the rest of my household goods I give to all my six sons equally.

about the Colony's downfall. But the Long Parliament's grip with Royalty removed all fear and democracy jumped forward.

1643, May 10. Vol. II, p 293 M B C, Ptd Henry Bridgham and our Nicholas White of Dorchester are made freemen of Massachusetts Bay Colony today.

1644, Mch. 31. P 68 P of M: Henry Bridgham was admitted to the Church in Boston, "a single man," says the record. This approximates the date of his removal from Dorchester and it is apparent that he fell in love almost at once with Elizabeth Harding who had joined the same church during the preceding year. At any rate they were married within the year, he at 27 and she at 21, and they made a splendid team in building up a large and prosperous tannery in the heart of Boston; this business of tanning being one of the most lucrative trades of the early Colonies. Their dwelling was located on the site of the present post office, which is encircled by Devonshire, Water, Congress and Milk streets.

1644. Vol. I, p 136 A & H A C of B: Henry Bridgham was one of 42 to join the famous Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Boston this year and of which later he was elected Captain.

1645, Nov. 29. Vol. 32, p 11 Boston Ser, Aspinwall: "A tre of Attorney from Henry Bridgham & Elizabeth his wife the daughter of John Harding of Boreham in Essex yeoman deceased to Francis Lyle of Boston in New England Chirurgion for fifty six pounds part of a Legacie given the said Elizabeth by the said John Hardinge deceased. Witness: ROBERT HARDING, THOMAS BUTTOLPH."

1645, Dec. 10. P 13 Do: "A tre of Attorney frō Henry Bridgham of Boston and Elizabeth his wife (the daughter of John Harding of Boreham in Essex yeoman deceased) to Mr. Wm Brenton of Aquednick in the Narrowganset for £15-10s part of a Legacie or gift of the said John Harding with power generall." This was turned over to "Mr. Alexander Pollington, Haberdasher of hatts in Lombard street neere the white horse Taverne", as attorney in England.

1645, Dec. 13. P 14 Do: "A tre Attorney by virtue of a former tre Attorney made to him by Henry Bridgham dat 29 (9) from Francis Loyvell to Joseph Rudson in St Mary axe for £56 part of

"Item In case any son shall take any indirect course the overseers shall have power to cut short & lessen above bequests & give same to those better deserving the same.

"Item To sister Hannah Butall, my best cloth gowne; best black cloake; best wearing linnen & the rest of my apparrell I give to such poor persons as overseers think fit.

"Item I appoint Sonne Jonathan Executor of this my last will . . . . and Mr. Anthony Stoddard, Deacon Robert Sanderson & Deacon Henry Allen, Deacons of the first church of Boston, overseers . . . .

ELIZABETH BRIDGHAM & a seale"

Witness: CHRISTOPHER READ

DAVID HOBART

1672, Aug. Within ten days after making her will Elizabeth Harding Bridgham, at 49 years of age, dies at her home, probably the new mansion house, in Boston. She lived to enjoy her husband's riches less than 17 months after he had passed on.

1672, Aug. 12. P 267 Do: Inventory of the Goods & Chattles of Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgham, dec'd: Sundry tables, forms, carpets, chairs, beds, cushions, cobirons, ruggs, blankets, pillions, chests, cupboards, cases, tongs, andirons, shawels, warming pan, sheets, cloths, towells, dishes, mortar & pestle, trunks, pewter, earthenware, kettles, pots, stillyards, &c &c . . . £113-12-00  
Given to dispose of besides these things 100-00-00

Total . . . . . £213-12-00

1672, Nov. 5. P 267 Do: Jonathan Bridgham made oath to the accuracy of this Inventory of his mother Elizabeth Bridgham's estate, and the witnesses made oath that they saw the testator sign the will.

1648/9, Jan'y 13. P 69 Do: "Henry Bridgham granted unto John Spooore of Boston his dwelling house in Boston and his lott as it is now marked out."

1649, Dec. 25. Vol. 29, p 268 Boston Ser, Aspinwall: "Henry Bridgham constituted Wm Houtchin of Rickin gale in Count Suffolk, Tanner," his attorney to recover from the Executors of his father's will.

1652/3, Mch. 14. Vol. I, p 103 T V: "Att a generale Towne meeting on publike warning. Thear is chosen Constabls; for this towne, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Rocke, Henry Bridgham, Bartholmew Chevars, William Wenborne."

1655. Vol. II, p 101 Boston Ser: Henry Bridgham buys the John Spooore place on the Creek where in 1643 the leather dressers were given a place to water their leather. Near here the Bridghams had their tan pits.

a Legacie given by John Harding of Boreham in Essex yeoman to Elizabeth his daughter."

1646, Aug. 4. P 25 Do: "Henry Bridgham of Boston in N:E: tanner did Constitute Tho: Chapleine & Jasper Shephard of St. Edw Bury in Suffo linen Drapers to call in question & by all wayes & means in lawe pvided to disprove disanull & overthrowe the pretended will of Henry Bridgham his ffather late of ffeltam in Suff: deceased, & to call to Account his brother Robert Bridgham who by virtue of that pretend will hath entred uppon & possessed the lands & other estate of his said ffather: wth power to pursue implead &c: & power of substitution." At same time Henry Bridgham gave power of attorney to the above to "recover and receive of Robert Bridgham of ffeltam £20 sterling."

1646. Vol. I, p 156 T V, Boston: "At a meeting of the selectmen 30 : 2 : 1660, it was voted: Whereas in the year ('46) or there aboutts the selectmen gave liberty to Henry Bridgam to sett part of his barke house upon part of the townes land, and builded a part of his dwelling house upon the said land, Itt is hereby declared that for and in consideration of fourty pounds to bee paid by him towards the erecting of an Almshouse in this Towne, the said land as itt is now built upon and fenced in (except the fence before his gate and pitts which is to bee straight), is hereby confirmed to the said Henry Bridgham, his heyres, executors and assignes for ever." The tan pits, says the H A A Co. of B, were located on the South side of Water street near the water.

1648/9, Jan'y 12. Vol. II, p 65 Boston Ser: "Henry Bridgham granted unto Richard Tapping of Boston the dwelling house wherein the said Richard now dwells and halfe the lott as now it is marked out."

1656/7, Jan'y 23. Vol. III, p 130 b, S C D: Henry Bridgham, tanner; Thomas Clark, merchant; Alexander Adams, ship carpenter; John Parker, Cordwayner; and Edward Gooding, lighterman; all of Boston, joint administrators of the estate of Jarvis Gold, Cordwayner, receive deed from Thomas Clarke to land in Boston, on the highway from the new meeting house to the water side.

1658, Oct. 12. Vol. IX, p 66 B M D, Ptd: "deceased the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1658 Joseph Dawson, Servant to Henry Bridgham."

1660, Apl. 30. Vol. I, p 156 T V: This is the date of the Selectmen's vote showing Mr. Bridgham's gift of £40 towards a new almshouse.

1668/9, Feb'y 12. Vol. I, p 49 Old South Church Hist (1890): As a result of dissention over the installation of Rev. John Davenport of New Haven in the Third Church, which is the Old South, the three deacons were voted out of office and three new ones elected "in their room". The record proceeds: "Mr. Bridgham was the first new deacon nominated and chosen, and being called to shew his acceptance, said he had rather indeed they had chosen some other, but seing the holy ghost had elected him, he did give up himself to the work."

1670. Vol. II, p 525 M H of B (1881): Here is shown a picture of the Mansion which Deacon Bridgham had in process of construction this year on the present site of the Post Office in Boston, which was near to his tan pits. He did not live, however, to finish or occupy it. Neither did the widow live to enjoy it to any extent. She lived only 18 months after her husband's death. The Mansion fell to son Doctor John. From him its descent is shown in Vol. 2, part 2, Boston Ser., Ptd: It finally became the famous Julien House which Shurtleff's Boston, 659, describes at length. Henry Bridgham's autograph is to be seen in the above Memorial History of Boston. The Julien House was made famous by Jean Baptiste Gilbert Paylot de Julien, the most famous restaurateur of his generation. Even after the nineteenth century came in the famous Julien restaurant was continued by the founder's widow and today, in every great metropolis of the world, "Julien soup" perpetuates his name.

1670, Nov. 8. Vol. 7, p 115 P Ct; abstract of will: "The last will of Henry Bridgham of Boston weake in body but p'fect in Memory. First - my just debts and funeral expenses discharged, the remainder I dispose & bequeath as follows: Viz<sup>r</sup> the new house that I have raised & proceed in the building of itt my will is that it be finished and made habitable at the discretion of my wife and overseers.

"It. My will is that my wife and Son Jonathan doe carry on the Tan Yard as now it is & see to and take care of the education and instruction in the Trade of Joseph, Benjamin, Sammuell & James untill every one of you attaine unto the age of one & twenty years; also my will is that the whole Yard be equally divided into 5 parts for the setling of every one of them in a way of livelyhood provided if any of them shall not like to dwell on it or not like to folow that calling they shall not alienate the Land to any stranger but it shall remain unto some of ye Brothers upon valuable considerations, judged by my overseers as also the division of the land is left to them together with such division of the Pitts of both Kynds to such as first come to age . . . .

"It. I give to my loving wife my two houses, i. e., the house I now live & Dye in & wital the Estate therein of one Kind or other & also the new house being made habitable . . . . to be & remain to her during her life in a state of Widdowhood but if shée See good to marry againe then to have the choice of the houses and the other to be improved for the use of the two youngest sons.

"It. I give to my wife one hundred pounds to be received out of the Stock besides what is given her before.

"It. To Jonathan, Joseph & Benjamin I give each of them £100 in hydes and barke.

"It. To Samuel & James I give £100 apiece.

"It. My son John whome I have been at charge to bring up to learning which I might recon as a portion to him yet I bequeath to him £100 and appoynt him Executor with his mother for her help & assistance in the managing of the Executorshipp . . . .

"It. My will Irrevokeable is that if any of my sons should prove disobedient & behave themselves to

the grief of their mother it shall be in her power to abridge & cut short them in their porcons as by advice she shall see cause & by it encourage the faithful & obedient.

"It. My will is that if my wife die in a state of Widdowhood to mee she shall have power to bequeathe & dispose of any Estate she Dyes possessed housing & Lands . . . .

"Lastly Balance to be equally Divided among my wife & children . . . . and I beg my friends and brethren Robert Sanders and Henry Allen to be overseers.

"Codicil: This 21-12, 70 I desire John Gornall of Dorchester may be interested to joyne with my overseers and give him the Like power with them.

Witnesses: MORGAN JONES  
JOHN BUTTOLPH

HENRY BRIDGHAM & a Seale"

1670/1, Mch. 12. Vol. II, p 101 Boston Ser: Four months after making will Deacon and Captain Henry Bridgham dies at home in Boston, at age of only 54.

1671, Mch. 31. Vol. 7, p 116 P Ct: "Inventory was filed of the Leather Hides & Barke, as follows:

In tand Sides there are 1330 @ 16s a piece	£1,464-00-00
There is tan'd hides 614 at 20s a piece	614-00-00
Theire is green leather 625 hides @ 16s a peece	500-00-00
More tan'd leather	40-06-00
More tan'd sides 36 @ 20s apeace	36-00-00
Goodman Holbrook of Roxbury hath 120 hides tand	120-00-00
more 30 skins at his house	4-10-00
floure stacks of Barke and apeece	200-00-00
Nyne sides of tand leather at nyne shillings a piece	4-01-00
flore a parcell of hides green prized at	41-00-00
There is in Dry hides ox and Cowe 736 at 15s a piece	552-15-00
more in hides 61	32-07-00
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	£3,608-19-00"

1671, Mch. 31. P 117 Do: "Inventory of Goods & Chattles of Mr. Henry Bridgham, Dec'd:

In the hall A long table a Round table & 2 faunes	£ 2-00-00
In ye parlr A feather bed 3 blankets a rugge, curtains & Bedstead, two Boulsters & two pillows	9-00-00
a trundle bed Bedstead a feather bed boulster 2 blankets and a ring	4-03-00
The Booke of Martins in 3 vols a great Bible and 5 other bookes	6-00-00
Nyne pairs of Coarse sheets 3 table clothes & 12 towells	4-00-00
A feather bed 2 Boulsters 3 Blanquets 3 pillows &c	11-00-00
A Rug a Blanket pr new Serge Curtains, 2 Carpets &c	10-00-00
His wearing apparell	20-00-00
12 bu of Indian Corn & 6 of rye	2-10-00
2 Muskets 4 swords a Belt & 1 pr Bondileers	3-00-00
A Cappett 2 Brass Kettles 4 Iron pots &c	12-00-00
The Dwelling house, the new house with boards plankes toward it furnishing with all the outhousing and the Land appleying to them with ye Pitts &c	1,500-00-00
Fifteen other lines	75-12-00
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	£1,659-05-00"

1671, Apl. 13. P 116 Do: Mr. Morgan Jones & John Buttolph appeared and made Oath that they were present when Deacon Henry Bridgham signed, sealed & published this Instrument: . . . .

1671, Apl. 13. P 116 Do: "Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgham made oath before Richard Bellingham Esq. Governor & Major Generall John Lederal that this is a true Inventory of the estate of her Late husband Henry Bridgham."

1671/2, Mch. 13. Vol. VI, p 294 S C D: William Cotton and wife Anne sell to Henry Bridgham, tanner, 1,000 acres of land at Quinebauge, upland and meadows, which was a part of that 4,000 acres which was

Mr. Joshua Foote's. This was recorded May 22, 1672, the whole transaction apparently being concluded after Mr. Bridgham's death.

1677, June 1. Vol. V, p 140 M B C: "In ansr to the peticon of John Bridgham, Jnothan Bridgham & Joseph Bridgham, Henry Allin, Robert Sanderson, overseers to the two younger brothers, . . . the Court Judgeth it meet to referr the consideration thereof to the County Court for Suffolke" to make the division equall. . . .

1680, July 29. Vol. XI, p 361 S C D: Agreement is reached by John, Jonathan and Joseph Bridgham in regard to the distribution of the land left by their father to his six sons, Benjamin, Samuel & James having died meanwhile, however. Two hundred seventy rods are distributed per printed plot. John gets 40½ rods; Jonathan, 135 rods in two parcels; and Joseph, 94½ rods.

1834. Vol. I, p 250 Savage: "Four of the Bridgham name had been graduated by 1834 at Harvard and one at Brown University."

### CHILDREN

(all born at Boston, Mass; note that all ten are boys)

1. DR. JOHN b. Sept., 1645; m. Sarah —; he d. May 2, 1721, æ 76 she d.  
He graduated from Harvard College in 1669. Was doctor at Ipswich, Mass. He inherited his father's new mansion in Boston.
2. JOSEPH bp. Dec. 14, 1645; he d. young  
The First Church report reads: "1645, 14 day, 10 mo. about 8 days."
3. LT. JONATHAN b. a 1648; m. a 1672, Elizabeth — (see below)
4. DEA. & LT. JOSEPH b. Jan'y 17, 1651/2; m. a 1675, Sarah —; he d. Jan'y 5, 1708/9, æ 57 she d. July 11, 1696 1 ch  
He was a prosperous tanner of Boston, like his father and brother Jonathan. He was a Lieut. and an Elder. Was in Artillery Co. in 1674. Representative in 1697. He m. (2) Apl. 17, 1700 Mercy Wensley, æ 33, and bore 5 ch  
5 children. She m. (2) Dec. 8, 1712 Hon. Thomas Cushing and died Oct. 3, 1740, æ 73.
5. BENJAMIN b. May 3, 1654; m. Sarah —; he d. Nov. 1676, æ 22 she d.  
He was in Artillery Co. in 1674.
6. HOPESTILL b. July 29, 1658; he d. young
7. NATHANIEL b. Dec. 8, 1659; he d. June 1, 1660, æ 6 mos.
8. SAMUEL b. Jan'y 17, 1660/1; he d. Mch., 1673, æ 12  
Administration was granted Jan'y 29, 1677 to brothers John and Jonathan. Inventory was £540-16-07.
9. NATHANIEL b. Apl. 2, 1662; he d. young
10. JAMES b. May 12, 1664; he d. 1679, æ 15  
Adms. granted to brothers John, Jonathan & Joseph. Inventory of £734-06-00, distributed to 3 brothers living.

LT. JONATHAN BRIDGHAM b. a 1648  
ELIZABETH — m. a 1672  
b. a 1650 ✓ d. a Feb'y 1689/90 ✓  
d. Jan'y 2, 1690/1, æ a 41 æ a 42

1650. Like her husband we are obliged to estimate the date of Elizabeth's birth. It is the more difficult because we know not her surname and therefore no brothers or sisters to help place her. Nevertheless other circumstances point to the conclusion that she was born very close to this middle of the seventeenth century, and that she was a daughter of a Boston family of standing.

1648. This is the approximate date of Jonathan Bridgham's birth. From the town or the church vital records we would not know that he was ever born. He is the only child who is not mentioned in one or both of above records. Seven tenths of them are in both. The birth records in Boston from 1647 to 1650 are imperfect, says the record, and this explains the shortage.

1671/2, Mch. 12. Jonathan is 24 years old on the death of his father, who made this provision for him in his will: "My will is that my wife and son Jonathan doe carry on the Tanyard as now it

1688/9, Mch. 13. Elizabeth's husband says in his will: "I give to my Loveing and beloved wife Elizabeth Bridgham the use, profits and improvements of one third part of my whole estate; also £50; also my negro woman named Pellifoot; if she marry again she can have in lieu of above £200. I do nominate, make, appoint and ordeine my said Loveing wife Elizabeth and my son Henry Bridgham the Executors of this my last Will."

1689/90, Feb'y 26. Elizabeth Bridgham, executrix, presents inventory of her husband's estate to the Court.

1690/1, Jan'y 19. Vol. IX, p 192 B M D, Ptd: "Eliza. Bridgham Widdo dyed," at Boston. Living less than a year after her husband's demise it is probable that she was somewhere around 41 at her death. She left no probate record at Boston apparently.

1675, Mch. 1. Vol. IX, p 340 S C D: Elizabeth Jackson, widow, gives a mortgage for £40 on her tenement in Condit St. in Boston to Jonathan Bridgham, tanner, acknowledging that "her husband Edmund Jackson in his lifetime was well and truly paide this sum by Henry Bridgham ffather of the said Jonathan Bridgham". This mortgage ran for 4½ years and was discharged by Jonathan Bridgham on Sept. 29, 1679.

1673. Vol. I, p 223 A & H A C of B: Jonathan Bridgham is here listed as having joined the Ancient Artillery Company of Boston this year. It says also that he was the 3d sergeant of the Artillery Company in 1681, the very year in which he joined the Foot Company.

1675, May 12. Vol. V, p 25 M B C, Ptd: This was Jnothn Bridgham's first "free" day, having been made a freeman of Massachusetts Bay Colony at Boston. He waited long for it, too, for now he has reached the age of twenty seven. Thirty seven freemen were made today.

1676. Vol. I, p 250 Savage: This great authority merely mentions him, "only knowing he was living in 1676." Indeed he was very much alive to be in line for both constable and lieutenant; and no doubt he had his say as to the coming of Edward Randolph to Boston in 1676 with a letter from King Charles II vigorously complaining of the action of Massachusetts as to the navigation laws. Randolph's duty also was to spy out any irregularities in the government so that ground might be found for annulling the Massachusetts Charter. Indeed the Crown wanted to combine all the Colonial governments for easier direct control. This never matured; but Massachusetts, after long legal contest, did lose her Charter (1684).

1676. Vol. I, p 61 Boston Ser: "Tax List-1676." Here Jonathan Bridgham appears as being taxed: "0 Acres, £50 in Houses & wharfes, 1 Horse, 2 Cowes & Estates £70."

1676, Sept. 13. Vol. I, p 70 C of A, Ptd: Johnathan Bridgham sits on the first jury of the Court to sit on "tryalls of life, limbe &c". Thomas Davis was tried for "not having the feare of God before his eyes" and so with Elizabeth Broune. Both were to be "severely whipt wth not to exceed 30 stripes".

1676/7, Feb'y 9. Vol. 13, p 272 S C D: Jonathan Bridgham, tanner, of Boston, buys of Joshua Rice, cordwinder, for £50, a piece of land in Boston near the Third Meeting House on street towards the sea N, widow Pell E and S, Joshua Rice N; plot 22 ft x 49 ft.

1678, Nov. 11. Vol. 29, p 164 Boston Ser: Jonath. Bridgham is among the 800 citizens of Boston who today "tooke the Oath of Allegiance administered by the Honorable John Leverett, Governor".

is & see to and take care of the education and instruction in the Trade of Joseph, Benjamin, Sammuell & James" . . . . This was a heavy responsibility and he apparently carried out his part well. During this year 1672, we figure, he married Elizabeth. No marriage records exist at Boston during the years 1663-1679, so that we may never know Elizabeth's surname. For the same reason the surnames of all the first wives of his brothers are missing. Jonathan bore his share of the public business, as juryman, soldier, constable, inspector, &c., as will appear.

1673, Mch. 31. Vol. VII, p 74 T V, Ptd: "Let to Jonathan Bridgham the tan pitts his Father formerly rented of the towne from the first day of Aprill next for the terme of 8 yeares next ensueinge, he payenge to the treasurer of the towne for the time beinge anually on or before the said 1st day of Aprill 30 s in mony."

1677/8, Mch. 10. Vol. 7, p 116 T V, Ptd: Jonathan Bridgham is elected a "constable for Bostone", one among eight.

1679, Sept. 18. Lib. XI, p 265 S C D: "And in the one and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second over England," etc., Jonathan Bridgham, Tanner, and Elizabeth his wife, for £40, sell to Asaph Elliot land in Boston near the South end lane from Jacob Elliot's to the sea or cove, South, and street to Roxbury, East.

1679, Nov. 3. Vol. 7, p 135 T V, Ptd: "Libertie is Granted to Mr. Jonathan Bridgham to set up a post in ye streete neere the corner of John Wings warehouse."

1679, Nov. 3. Vol. 10, p 64 Do: "I Jonathan Bridgham, of Boston, doe binde myselfe to Mr. Thomas Bratell treas. of the said Town, in the sum of £40, that James Barchr shall not be Chargeable to the towne.  
(signed) JONATHAN BRIDGHAM."

1680, Oct. 7. Vol. I, p 161 C of A, Ptd: Jonathan Bridgham sits on second jury of the Court of Assistants for "trialls of Appeale".

1681. Vol. I, p 73 Boston Ser: Jonathan Bridgham is a member of Capt. Jno. Wallye's Company. This is the "foote company" of which four years later he was chosen lieutenant.

1681, Nov. 23. Lib. XII, p 129 S C D: Jonathan Bridgham, tanner, and Elizabeth his wife, sell for £40 to Thomas Wheeler land in Boston near the Third meeting House, John Bridgham East 30 ft.; Richard, George & Thomas Wheeler South 75 ft. 3 in.; John Joyliffe West 30 ft.; and Jonathan Bridgham North 72 ft.

1683, Nov. 12. Vol. I, p 242 C of A, Ptd: Jonathan Bridgham is named one of fourteen "Returned to serve on ye Grand Jury".

1683/4, Feb'y 13. Vol. V, p 439 M B C: "This Court have chosen & doe appoint James Hill captaine, Jonathan Bridgham leftennt, & Joseph Bridgham Ensigne, of the ffoote Company late under the command of Capt<sup>a</sup> John Walley."

1684, June 24. Vol. 13, p 274 S C D: Jonathan Bridgham buys of Joshua Rice for £37 land in Boston, bounded by widow Pell E, land in tenure of Elder Wiswall and Elisha Crooke S, Hannah Sharpe W, Hannah Sharpe & Joshua Rice N. Plot 287 ft. x 33 ft., being on the street leading from the third meeting house to the Dock.

1684, Sept. 2. Vol. I, p 256 C of A, Ptd: Jonathan Bridgham is one of the 12 who, on the "2d Jury for Appeale wer Returned & Sworne".

1685, Sept. 1. P 275 Do: Jonathan Bridgham served on "2d Jury for tryalls of Appeales, life, limbe, &c.", substituting for Mr. Clark.

1685/6, Mch. 9. Vol. 7, p 184 T V, Ptd: Jonathan Bridgham "at a publique meetinge," is elected "To inspect the transportation of Hydes".

1687, June 6. Vol. I, p 119 Boston Ser: On the "Boston Town Rate" list, Jonathan Bridgham appears as having "1 head, 20 A, 1 horse, 1 cow, 30 tan. Tax value £50, 6s tax".

1688, Aug. 27. P 142 Do: "Jonathan Bridgham & man" appear in the list of "male Persons in Boston from 16 yeares old & upwards". The list shows "1499 heads".

1688/9, Mch. 13. Vol. XI, p 128 P Ct: "In the Name of God Amen The thirteenth day of March Anno Dom̄ one Thousand six hundred eighty eight 1688/9 I Jonathan Bridgham of Boston within the County of Suffolke in New England Tanner being sick and weake in body but through Mercy of Sound disposing minde desireing quietly to Submit to the good pleasure of God concerning me whether for life or death, do hereby revoak and make null & voyd all other Will and Wills by me formerly made and do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in maner and form following:

"First and principally I comit my Spirit into the hands of my most gracious & mercyfull God and ffather in Christ Jesus, in and Through whose merrits and Satisfaction only I believe, to receive forgiveness of all my Sins, and to inherit Everlasting Life my body I comit to the dust to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named. And for my Worldly goods and Estate I will that the same be imployed and bestowed in maner as is herein after expressed.

"Imp<sup>es</sup> I will that all my Just debts and funerall expenses be well and truely paid and ordeined to be paid by my Executrix with what convenient speed may be after my decease.

"Item I give and bequeath unto my Loveing and beloved wife Elizabeth Bridgham the use proffits and improvement of one third part of my whole Estate both reall and personall for and dureing the Term of her natureall Life, And at her decease the same to be Equally distributed and divided to and amongst my six Children hereunder named. Further I give unto my said wife the Sum of fifty pounds out of my estate and my negro woman named Pellifoot as a perticuler Legacy to her own free dispose forever And if my said wife shall see cause to marry againe and see not cause to take up with what I have before herein willed to her, She renouneing that, I give unto her the Sum or Value of Two hundred pounds out of my Stock to be at her own free dispose forever in full of her Thirds and Right in my Estate.

"Item I give devise & bequeath unto my son Henry Bridgham his heirs and assignes forever all that my parcell of Land Situate in Boston now Improved for a Tan Yard Abutting on the Street Northerly on my brother Joseph Bridgham his land Easterly and on the land of Thomas Wheeler Southerly, Together with all the Pits houseing and buildings whatsoever thereupon. And one sixth part of all my stock of Leather & Barke.

"Item I give & bequeath my Little negro boy named Codando unto my daughter Mercy Bridgham, My Negro man named Toby unto my son James Bridgham.

"All the Residue and Remainder of my Estate as well houseing and Land Moveables Stock and personall estate of whatsoever nature Kinde or Quallity the same be not herein before disposed of I give devise and bequeath unto these my five Children Vizt Mercy, James, Samuell, Elizabeth and Mary Bridgham to be Equally Shared distributed and divided among them part and part alike to each one his & her heires and assignes forever their severall and respective shares thereof. And if any of my six children hapen to dye before full age or marriage Leaveing no Lawful Issue of his or her body, my will is that the part share or portion of my Estate belonging to such Child or Children so dyeing shall be equally distributed and divided between all the Survivors.

"Item I do nominate make appoint and ordeine my said Loveing wife Elizabeth and my Son Henry Bridgham the Executors of this my last will and Testamt In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Bridgham have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and year first above written.

Witness: JOSEPH BRIDGHAM

JONATHAN BRIDGHAM & Seal"

JOHN CLOUGH, JAMES MIRECK

1689/90, Feb'y. No deaths are recorded in Boston during the years 1665 to 1688 or for 23 years. Following these years the record is quite deficient. Thus we have no record of the death of Jonathan Bridgham. It was in or close to this month of February at the early age of 42.

1689/90, Feb'y 26. Do: "At the County Court sitting in Boston 26 Febry, 1689: Joseph Bridgham and John Clough two of the witnesses to this will personally appeareing made oath that they did see Jonathan Bridgham the Testator Sign & Seale and heard him publish the same as his Last Will and Testamt. And that he was then of disposeing minde to their understanding, The Said will being presented for probate by Elizabeth Bridgham the Executrix therein named and the probate thereof allowed."

1689/90, Feb'y 26. Vol. IX, p 375 P Ct: "Elizabeth Bridgham Executrix presents Inventory of her husband Mr. Jonathan Bridgham's Estate, as follows:

*In the hall*

One dozen chairs Turke work two tables and two carpets	£ 8-10-00
2 pairs of Cobirons a pair of Tongs & a fine shovell	1-15-00

*In the chamber over the hall*

6 Turkey works, chairs, stools, tables, chests of drawers, cabinets, trunks, andirons,  
looking glass, bed, rugg, curtains & Italians Bedstead, carpet, counterpan, 14 pr sheets,  
12 Pillowbeers, 3½ doz. napkins, 10 Tableclothes, 12 towells . . . . . £ 45-01-00

*Porch Chamber*

1 Bed, bedstead, Rugg, curtains, Valiands, Pillows . . . . . 8-00-00

*The Parlour Chamber*

3 Beds, bedsteads, Curtains, Valiands, Ruggs and Blankets . . . . . 20-00-00  
A table 2 chairs a carpet 2 trunks . . . . . 1-08-00  
Plate and money . . . . . 56-02-00

*Linton Chamber*

To beds for men and some lumber . . . . . 5-00-00  
To wheat & rye and a Hallbird with other Lumber . . . . . 3-15-00

*In the Lower Roome*

8 chairs 2 tables a cupboard a looking glass . . . . . 3-00-00  
To pewter and brass . . . . . 14-05-00  
To mortar, pessell, Dripping Pan, a chest . . . . . 15-00-00  
To Iron Ware and Lumber . . . . . 6-04-00  
To 4 Guns, 4 swords, a table and a case of bottles . . . . . 5-10-00  
To Bookes £5, wearing apparel £20 a horse and saddle and a cow £6 . . . . . 31-00-00  
A Negro man and woman . . . . . 44-00-00  
Working knives and shaves . . . . . 1-00-00

To the Millhouse sheds Barke Barn Beamhouse, the land and pils . . . . . 200-00-00

To bark in the barn 53s, Cord at 12s, Cord £31-16s, to haire and horns £2 . . . . . 33-16-00

To green sides in water, pils and Tan pils; first and second Laors four hundred and five at 6s  
a peice . . . . . 121-10-00

To land sides third and fourth laors one hundred and ten at 10s apeice . . . . . 55-00-00

To hides Green one hundred fifty three at 9s apeice . . . . . 68-17-00

To hides tand third and fourth laors sixty three . . . . . 34-13-00

Calf skines 2 doz ½ at 20s doz; to five dozen green ½ at 12s dozn . . . . . 5-16-00

To dwelling house and land about it; Two barns . . . . . 600-00-00

A peice of Land a this side Mrs. Sharps . . . . . 100-00-00

£1,474-15-00

Bezown Allen, Peter Fowle, Edmund Browne

Debts due to the Estate . . . . . 153-04-00

£1,627-19-04

For ffuneral Charges £ 50-00-00

To Sundry Persons 107-12-06

157-12-06

Clear Estate £1,470-06-10"

1709, July 5. Vol. 29, p 193 T V, Ptd: "Granted to Henry Bridgham, Tanner, to erect a Timber Dwelling house 32 x 16 & 14 stud on his Land butting on Milk st, being 20 foot Distant from a Certain Tenemt belonging to the Estate of Mr. Jonathan Bridgham dec'd which is the nearest building now there standing."

## CHILDREN

(as per Boston First Church Records)

1. HENRY b. Mch. 15, 1674; he d. young
2. MERCY b. Sept. 12, 1675; m. Nov. 18, 1708, Rev. David Deming (see below)
3. HENRY b. Nov. 2, 1677; m. Feb'y 6, 1700, Abigail Walker; he bur. Apl. 14, 1720, æ 43 she d. —  
In 1690 he inherited the tan yard from his father. In 1703 he joined the Old South Church. He was Boston assessor in 1714. His inventory totalled £3,687-6-2.
4. JAMES b. Jan'y 12, 1679/80; m. Aug. 20, 1705, Mercy Stoddard  
His father willed him a negro man named Toby.
5. ELIZABETH b. Jan'y 22, 1681/82.

6. DEA. SAMUEL b. —; m. Apl. 25, 1706, Mary Gamidge

On May 25, 1735, Samuel Bridgham subscribed £10 towards the construction of a £3,500 workhouse "wherein to employ the Idle and indigent". He was a "Shopkeeper".

7. MARY b. Dec. 16, 1687; m. July 30, 1713, William Tilley

Can find no other record of them in Boston.

## LINE OF DESCENT

Rev. David Deming b. 1681 m. Mercy Bridgham b. 1675

David Deming b. 1709 m. Mehitable Champion b. 1720

Ira Buell b. 1745 m. Prudence Deming b. 1741

Nathan Bassett b. 1769 m. Mehitable Buell b. 1774

Ozias Buell Bassette b. 1807 m. Emeline Eno b. 1805

Frederick Henry Bassette b. 1839 m. Margaret Anderson b. 1844

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BRIDGES.

BRISCOE.

BRIDGES, †ROBERT, Lynn, freeman 1641, representative 1644; speaker of the House 1646; assistant 1647 to 1656. His house was burnt down in April, 1648. He d. in 1656. Savage, ii. Winthrop, 53, 237. EDMUND, Lynn, 1637, was admitted freeman 1639, d. 1686. His sons were John and Josiah. Lewis. BRIDGHAM, †HENRY, Dorchester 1641, freeman 1643; Boston; member of the ar. co. 1644; captain; constable 1653. Hist. Boston, 137. His sons were John, b. 1645; Joseph, b. 1651; Benja. b. 1654; Hopesill, 1653; Samuel, b. in 1660; Nathaniel, b. 1662; James, b. 1664. \*JOSEPH, representative in 1690 of Northampton, was probably son of the preceding. \*SEBASTIAN, Cambridge, 1636; removed to Rowley, where he was captain of the military band 1644; and representative 1646 and 1647. John, his son, grad. at H. C. 1669. Johnson, Hist. N. E., 193. Coffin, MS letter.

BRIDGMAN, JAMES, Northampton 1654. JOHN, Salem d. a. 1655. BRIGDEN, THOMAS, Charlestown, was admitted freeman 1636, and d. 20 June, 1668. ZECHARIAH, who grad. at H. C. 1657, was a preacher at Stonington, Conn. and d. 1663. W. Winthrop, MS Catalogue. BRIGGS, CLEMENT, Plymouth 1623; Weymouth 1633; had sons, Thomas, Jona., David, Clement, born from 1632 to 1642. JOHN, Lynn; removed to Sandwich 1637. Lewis. WILLIAM, Boston 1642.

BRIGHAM, \*JOHN, Marlborough; representative 1689, son of Mr. Brigham, of Sudbury, who m. Mercy Hurd. Nine of the name, and some of them his descendants, had grad. in N. E. 1826. THOMAS, Cambridge 1636, freeman 1637, afterwards of Watertown and Sudbury. His son John, by Mercie his wife, was b. 9 March, 1644.

BRIGHT, FRANCIS, a puritan minister, who arrived in N. E. 1629; remained in Charlestown about a year, and returned to England. HENRY, Charlestown, 1632; Watertown 1637, had several children, and d. 14 Sept. 1673, æ. 109. Henry Bright, probably a descendant, grad. at H. C. 1770, and the family still remains at Watertown and its vicinity. HENRY, jr. Watertown, 1642. John, son of Henry Bright, was b. 14 May, 1641.

BRIMSMEAD, JOHN, Dorchester, freeman 1638, Charlestown 1640. His son John b. 1640. WILLIAM, the first minister of Marlborough, was member of the class at Harv. Coll. which grad. in 1648, but left college in 1647, without his degree. He first preached at Plymouth; went to Marlborough as early as 1660, but was not ordained until 3 Oct. 1666. He d. July 3, 1701, having never been married. Allen, Biog. Dict. 112.

BRINLEY, FRANCIS, Rhode-Island 1651, was b. in Oct. 1633, was an assistant in 1672 and living in 1709. I Coll. Ms. Hist. Soc. 252. BRISCOE, DANIEL, freeman 1642. There was a Briscoe, a tanner, who lived in Watertown 1644. Hutch. i. Hist. M<sup>s</sup>. 377. JOSEPH, Boston, was drowned 1 Jan. 1658. Son Joseph b. 1658.

BRISCOE.

Boston Records. NATHANIEL, Watertown, 1642, was perhaps the usher or tutor of Harvard College, while under Nathaniel Eaton Winthrop, i. Hist. N. E. 308. WILLIAM, freeman, 1641, was a member of the church in Boston.

BRISTOW, JOHN, Cambridge 1642. RICHARD, Guilford, Conn. 1650.

BRITTERIDGE, RICHARD, Plymouth, one of the first pilgrims, d. 21 Dec. 1620. BRITTON, JAMES, Woburn, d. 3 May, 1655.

BROCK, JOHN, minister of Reading, was born at Stradbrook, Eng. 1620; came to N. E. 1637; grad. at H. C. 1646; ord. 13 Nov. 1662; Allen says 1668; d. 18 June, 1688, æ. 68. He may be the John Brock who was admitted freeman in 1642. RICHARD, Watertown, d. 24 Oct. 1673. WILLIAM, Salem 1639. W. Gibbs.

BROCKLEBANK, SAMUEL, Rowley, a captain, was born in 1628, and was killed in battle with the Indians, 14 April, 1676, æ. 46, leaving children, Samuel, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Joseph.

BROCKHOLT, ANTHONY, one of Sir Edmund Andros' council, and entrusted by him with the command of the forts in the eastern country in 1688. Hutchinson, i. Hist. Mass. 331.

BROOKS, CALEB, Concord, son of Capt. Thomas Brooks, was admitted freeman in 1654, removed, to Medford 1672, and d. 29 July, 1696. He m. (1) Susanna Atkinson 1660, who died 1668, and had 4 daughters; (2) Ann, by whom he had Ebenezer, b. in 1670, the ancestor of Governor John Brooks, and Samuel, ancestor of Hon. Peter C. Brooks. Shattuck, MS Hist. Concord. GERSHOM, Concord, brother of the preceding, m. Hannah Eckels 1665, and had Joseph, Daniel, and 4 daughters. Ibid. GILBERT and WILLIAM, were of Scituate between 1633 and 1657. HENRY, Concord, was probably the freeman in 1638 under the name of Brook, unless the name of Mr. Brock is not mistaken for Mr. Brook, who is represented in Allen's Hist of Chelmsford as preaching at Wenham in 1654. Henry Brooks had a son Joseph, born in 1641.

HUGH, Woburn, d. 1683, leaving sons John, Timothy, and Isaac. There was a John Brooks of Woburn, who was admitted freeman in 1651, whose son John was b. in 1653. JOSHUA, Concord, son of Capt. Thomas Brooks, was admitted freeman in 1652, m. Hannah Mason of Watertown, and had Noah, b. 1655; Daniel, b. 1663, the great-grandfather of the Hon. Eleazar Brooks, of Lincoln; (See Allen's Biog. Dict.) Thomas, b. 1666; Joseph; Job; Hugh, and two daughters. Shattuck, MS Hist. Concord. RICHARD, Lynn, 1637, removed to East-Hampton, L. I. where he was one of the first settlers 1650. \*THOMAS, Concord, freeman 1636, was a captain, and representative 1642, seven years, and d. 22 May, 1667, leaving sons, Joshua, Caleb, and Gershom already noticed. Grace, his wife d. 12 May, 1664. Nineteen of the name had grad. at the N. E. colleges in 1828.

BROOME, GEORGE, Boston, d. in Feb. 1662.

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