

GENEALOGY OF THE SHATSWELL OF IPSWICH, MASS

FIRST GENERATION---

John and Johnanna Shatswell came to Ipswich, Mass. in 1633. He was the first to erect a house for himself and family, and was appointed a surveyor of the lands upon which others built. His first homestead is still in the possession of his descendants, and has never been out of the family name.

John Shatswell's wife's name was Johnanna (last name unknown.) His only child's name was Richard, who married Rebecca Tuttle. He had a brother named Theophilus, who settled in a town called Haverhill; a sister Mary (Shatswell) Webster and a brother-in-law, Matthias Curwin.

After his death, his widow Johnanna (so says Savage) married John Green of Charlestown, and died April 17th 1673. His sister Mary, wife of John Webster, was left a widow and married John Emery, of Newbury, who came from Romsey, England, and his niece Mary Webster, married John Emery, Jr.

The lands granted to John Shatswell in 1633, are found recorded as follows, by the clerk in 1635, April 20th.

"April 20th 1635. There was granted to John Shatswell, about (6) six acres of ground upon parcell whereof the said John Shatswell hath built a house, lying between Mr. Wade's house lott on the east and Mr. Ffirman's on the west; Goodman Webster's land north, also northeast. Also a parcell of land part marsh, part upland, containing twenty-five acres in the whole, lying between Mr. Dudley's toward the south and Humphrey Bradstreet's on the north. Also a farm containing 2 hundred acres lying beyond the north (commonly called Egyptian River) adjoinging to the bounds of Newbury."

John Shatswell died February 1646. His will was proved the 30th of March and was recorded as follows;

"February 11, 1646. The last will and Testament of me, John Shatswell, of Ipswich, Mass., though weak in body, yet in perfect sense and memory, doe commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to ye dust from which it came, till the resurrection which I doe expect.

As for my Estate, I give to my sonne Richard Shatswell, all my houses and lands with their appertenances, except that part of the twenty-five acre lotte, from the upper end of the plowed land and soe down to the sea, and sixteen acres of pasture beyond Muddy River, (a part of the Ox Pasture toward Rowley,) which parcell of land I give to Johnan, my wife during her natural life and to her issue if she have any, and any, and for want of such issue, them to return to Richard, my sonne, his heirs and assigns.

Further, it is hereby provided, and my will is, that Johnan, my wife, shall have the use of my Houses, Barns, Cow-House, Orchards, half of my particular(?) during her natural life, or until she can conveniently provide for herself otherwise.

And my will is that if Richard shall not wed with Rebecca Tuttle, as is now intedded, then my wife shall have being in the house, as is before mentioned, during her life, unless she see good to dispose of herself otherwise. But in case my sonne Richard shall decease without issue lawfully begotten of his body, the my will is that all that