



"Emery" is English and French: from a Germanic personal name, Emaurri, composed of the elements *amja* ('busy', 'industrious') + *ric* ('power'). The name was introduced into England from France by the Normans. The surname was first found in Essex where they were seated from very ancient times, some say well before the Norman Conquest and the arrival of Duke William at Hastings in 1066 A.D. The Coat of Arms is silver with three red bars nebully, and three red torteaux at the top. The Crest is a horse emerging from a crown. The family motto is "Fidis et salvus."

The Emery family is a colorful one, fitting the area of England that they came to America from. We can trace our ancestry back to JOHN EMERY, who was living in the parish of Romsey, Hampshire, England, in the last years of the sixteenth and the early part of the seventeenth centuries. Romsey is where the legend of St. George and the Dragon originated. Stonehenge isn't far away. (St. Andrew's Church and its cemetery are shown in the above photo. The church has paintings inside dating back before the Norman Invasion in the eleventh century.)

The existing parish register of Romsey begins in 1569/70, and, as there are no 'Emery' entries until 1591, it's probable that John came to Romsey from some other parish, but no one knows where.

The name Emery is not common in Hampshire, but scattered individuals are named in the Subsidy Rolls of 1620 and 1628, in the villages of North Badesley, Bisterne, Upham, Middleton and Forton. As John was not listed in a subsidy during this period, it is evident that he owned no land in Romsey and had small personal wealth. He was probably a carpenter, going by the occupation of his sons, who would have apprenticed with him. (Maybe they even did work at St. Andrews.)

The Hampshire probate records at Winchester contain fifteen Emery wills made between 1502 and 1652, the testators living in the parishes of Fareham, Longparish, Tichfield, Middleton, Waltham, Winchester, Eversleigh and Southampton, and an examination of those of the Romsey neighborhood gives no hint as to the origin of John Emery.

We do know that John Emery was buried at Romsey June 25, 1627. Margery Emery, who was buried September 14, 1610, and Anne Emery, who was buried November 1, 1626, may one or both have been his wives. On the other hand, it is quite possible that Anne was his granddaughter, a child of his son JOHN (our ancestor), and that Margery was his own daughter.

There are three other entries in the register which can be connected with him: (1) John Emery, buried June 16, 1591, may have been his son or his father. (2) Thomas Emery who married



Thomasine Carter October 21, 1597, may have been his brother or a more distant relative. There are no children of this couple recorded. (3) Ellen Emery, baptized September 7, 1601, her parents not named, was not his child unless she was a twin of his son Anthony who had been baptized nine days previously.

His children were:

CHILDREN OF JOHN EMERY

- **JOHN EMERY II, bapt. Mar. 29, 1599 in Romsey, Hampshire, England.**
- ANTHONY EMERY, bapt. Aug. 29, 1601 in Romsey, Hampshire, England.
- HUGH EMERY, bapt. Oct. 6, 1604 in Romsey, Hampshire, England.

JOHN EMERY II was born in Romsey, Hampshire, England. The name of John's first wife, married in England, is not known. An interesting possibility is the marriage of "John Emorye" and ALICE GRANTAM on June 26, 1620, at Whiteparish, Wiltshire, about eight miles from Romsey. Alice was the daughter of WALTER GRANTHAM of West Dean, Wiltshire, England (in his will, proved on 5 February 1622/3, Walter Grantham bequeathed to "Alice Emerye my grandchild six shillings eight pence and if she die to be paid unto her mother at the death of her grandmother."

On the 5th of April, 1635, "John Emery and Anthony Emery of Romsey, carpenters," were enrolled at Southampton for passage to New England on the James of London [Drake's Founders 56]. They and their families sailed from Southampton for New England on the ship "James," and landed at Boston on June 3rd. The Emerys and others of his parishioners migrated under the influence of Rev. Joseph Avery, the vicar of Romsey, who came to New England in 1634 and who was drowned on a voyage from Newbury to Marblehead in 1635. In the inventory of Avery's estate is an item "Due to him from John Emery, carpenter, 07: 00: 00." The record continues "John Emery denies his debt; but Richard Knight, Nicholas Holte, & John Knight, all three of Newbury [and all three from Romsey] can & will testify & prove it to be due." [Probate Records of Essex County, I:8] Possibly Emery borrowed the £7 from Parson Avery to help pay the ocean passage money of himself and his family.

John settled in Newbury where he combined his trade as a carpenter with innkeeping. He had an early town grant of half an acre for a house lot, added to it by his own initiative in 1637 (the addition was regularly granted to him in 1638), and was given twenty two acres in the "great field beyond the new town" as a "divident" in 1644. He was admitted to Newbury church prior to the 2nd of June, 1641 (as implied by freemanship).

CHILDREN OF JOHN EMERY AND ALICE GRANTHAM (?)

- ALICE EMERY b: ABT 1622.
- **ELEANOR EMERY b: ABT 7 Nov 1624 in Romsey, Hampshire, England. (Family listed below.)**
- JOHN EMERY b: ABT 3 Feb 1628/29 in Romsey, Hampshire, England.
- ANNE EMERY b: ABT 18 Mar 1632/33 in Romsey, Hampshire, England.

At some point after 1633, John's first wife died. Being a widower must have been tough on John, because on the 29th of September, 1646, "John Emery, for his miscarriage with the wife of Henry Travers, fined £3 or to be whipped, and pay witness fee to Christopher Bartlet. Bound to good behavior and not to frequent the company of the wife of Henry Travers."

If we give John the benefit of the doubt, we can say that his first wife died before September, 1646, when he was fined for his attentions to Bridget, wife of Henry Travers, and bound not to frequent her company. [Records and Files. etc., I:110] His second wife was widow Mary (Shatswell) Webster and the probable date of their marriage 1617, a year after her first husband's death and when his bond in the Travers case was discharged.

John's second marriage, on the 29th of October, 1647, in Newbury, was to MARY SHATSWELL, the widow of JOHN WEBSTER {1634, Ipswich} [NEHGS 150:180-89]. She was the sister of JOHN

SHATSWELL (b. 1633, Ipswich), THEOPHILUS SHATSWELL (b. 1639, Ipswich), and of Margaret (Shatswell) Curwen, wife of MATTHIAS CURWEN (b. 1634, Ipswich). They had at least two children.

Anne Emery, the last of the children by his Romsey wife, was born in 1632, and there is no record or evidence of any kind that John Emery had later children until we come to the girl with the strange name of Ebenezer, born in Newbury in 1648, nearly sixteen years after the birth of Anne Emery. We know that Emery and the widow Webster were married before the birth of the last child, Jonathan, in 1652, and, if she was not also the mother of Ebenezer (and her will would seem to indicate that she was), we must provide an intermediate and short lived wife to be her mother. Emery was very active in caring for the property of John Webster, his last wife's first husband, and as guardian of the younger Webster children. It seems probable, from his will, that he made provision for his children by his first marriage before or at the time of his marriage to the widow Webster.

CHILDREN OF JOHN EMERY AND MARY SHATSWELL

- EBENEZER EMERY b: 14 Sep 1648 in Newbury, Essex, MA.
- JONATHAN EMERY b: 13 May 1652 in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts.

John served Newbury in numerous capacities, being one of a committee of three to value town lands in 1644 and serving on the county trial jury (1648, 1659, 1660, 1672, 1673, 1675, 1678), the grand jury (1651, 1662, 1667), as constable (1655), clerk of the market (1656), and selectman (1661). He took the oath of allegiance in 1677. In various depositions and records his age was set down as seventy in 1670, seventythree in 1671, eightyone in 1679 and eighty two in 1681. Too old for active service, he supplied a new saddle and bridle, a sword and belt, powder and bullets for use in King Philip's war, and in addition received 2s. 6d. for "Cureing a soldier."

Emery was a courageous man who did not hesitate to back his opinions with action. When Lieut. Robert Pike was in difficulty with the colonial government in 1654, John Emery and his son John signed a petition in Pike's favor which so irritated the authorities that they appointed a commission to examine (and seemingly to intimidate) the signers "John Emery demanded (to see) their commission and a sight of the petition before he would answer. He then said that the commissioners had no power to demand who brought the petition to him." (Records and Files. etc., I: 366.)

On the 19th of October, 1658, the "Court, having heard the case relating to the military company petition of Newbury, preferred by John Emory, Senior, who, with his sons, John Emery, Junior, & John Webster & Solomon Keyes, have been so busy & forward to disturb the peace of the place by their actings in several respect, & occasioned much trouble to this Court in reference thereto, judge it meet to order that the said John Emery, Senior, John Emery, Junior, John Webster, & Solomon Keyes be severally admonished to beware of the like sinful practices for time to come, which this Court will not bear; and that they pay the several charges of their neighbors the last Court & this, in coming for relief from such under courses"

Then on the 5th of May, 1663, John was accused of entertaining Quakers and, according to Henry Jaques, constable of Newbury, saying, "if they came to his house they should be welcome and he would not forbid them." Jaques came to court in May 1663 and presented John Emery, "for as much as John Emerie Sr. is one of our grand jury men this last year for our town of Newbury and he himself having broken the law as I do understand in entertaining of travellers and quakers into his house and one Mr. Greenland in all which disorder he have boldly insisted whereby reproach and scandal is come upon our town to the dishonor of God and damage and hurt to some of our neighbors." Both John and his wife said that they would not put Quakers out of their house and used argument for the lawfulness of it. For this offense he was fined £4, costs and fees, and although the selectmen and fifty of his fellow citizens joined in his petition to the General Court that the fine be remitted, it met with denial. [Records and Files, etc., 111: 67] Also in 1663 he was fined for entertaining Dr. Henry Greenland at his house for four months. Greenland seems to have been a traveling doctor with a keen eye for women. In Newbury he became involved with Mary, wife of John Rolfe, and they were charged with adultery. Elizabeth Webster, stepdaughter of John Emery, was living with Mary Rolfe during Rolfe's absence, and the Emery household contributed much testimony on both sides of the case. [Records and Files. etc., 111: 48 51]

As early as 1669, and continuing into the events of 1671, John Emery was active in his opposition to Rev. Mr. Parker. He appears in a 1671 list of members of Newbury church, in one of the documents presented in the course of this controversy.

He took the oath of allegiance at Newbury, November 1678 (as "John Emery Sr., 80") And in a 1678 dispute over the Newbury militia accounts, the following items are entered for "John Emery Sr.": "a new saddle & bridle," 28s.; "sword & belt," 12s.; "2 pounds powder & bullets," 4s.; "curing a soldier," 2s. 6d.; "2 pecks of wheat & a bridle lost," 7s.; "powder & bullets," 2s.; and "saddle & cloth," 23s.

On 19 May 1655, "John Emery of Newbury ..., carpenter," with "Mary my wife," sold to "William Boynton of Rowley one freehold or liberty of commonage that was John Webster's of Ipswich." On 28 February 1672/3, "John Emery Senior of Newbury" exchanged land with Nathaniel Merrill, Emery receiving "a parcel of land containing by estimation three acres ... as it lyeth in the salt marshes in Newbury," and Merrill receiving a parcel of salt marsh.

On 10 July 1675, "John Emry Senior of Newbury ..., carpenter," deeded to "my son Jonathan Emry ... the one half of my living or land in Nubury unto me belonging together with one half of my housing and all other privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging"; acknowledged 19 March 1678/9 by "John Emry Senior & Mary his wife."

In a Newbury tax list of 7 October 1676, John Emery was assessed at £6 18s. 6d.

In his will, dated 1 May 1680 and proved 27 November 1683, "John Emry, Sr., of Newbery, ... in this eighty-third year of my age," bequeathed to "my daughter Ebenezer Hoag one acre and half of upland at the west end of my home lot joining to that parcel of land which I formerly gave her"; to "my son Jonathan Emry ... all my lands in Newbery both upland and meadow together with my freehold and rights of common ... the one half whereof I have formerly given him ... upon condition and in consideration that the said Jonathan shall manage & manure that one-half of the said [land] both upland and meadow for the use and proper behoof of me the said Emry and my wife his mother ... and also the said Jonathan is to pay fifty pounds" to the estate; "Mary my wife shall have £10 to dispose of at her decease to whom she pleases"; to "my grandchild Mary Emerson," £10; residue of estate to be "equally divided between my six children and said Mary Emerson"; "my sons John Emry and Abram Merrell" overseers, or if one of them dies, "Joseph Bayle in his room." (The published transcript of this will has a number of errors as compared to the record book version of the same document.)

The inventory of the estate of "John Emery Senior of Newberry who deceased the third of November 1683," taken 13 November 1683, totalled £263 11s. (against which were debts of £33 3s. 9d.), of which £170 was real estate: "six acres of plowland with a small orchard," £48; "half a barn and housing," £15; "ten acres three quarters of pasture land," £43; and "eight acres of meadow," £64.

In her will, dated 1 August 1693 and proved 1 June 1696, "Mary Emery of Newbury ... widow & relict of John Emery late of Newbury deceased" bequeathed to "my son Jonathan Emrye," £10 of what was given her in her husband's last will and forgave him a 30s. debt; to "Isrele's four daughters," 20s.; to "John Webster's son Isrell," 10s.; to "my daughter Sem[o]ns," a gown; to "Mary Fulk[?]," an apron; to "Abigall M[e]rell," a white handkerchief; to "Johanna Myles," a hood; to "my daughter Ebneser the rest of my wearing clothes"; to "my son St[e]ven to pay to Haneh Emerson," 20s.; to "Ab[i]gall M[e]rell," 20s.; residue to "my son Stev[e]n Webster."

John's daughter ELEANOR EMERY (b. ABT 7 Nov 1624 in Romsey, Hampshire, England, to his first wife), married before November of 1641 to [JOHN BAYLEY](#). John came with his father on the [Angel Gabriel](#) in 1635. They settled in Salisbury. Then, around 1644, between the birth of their children John and Sarah, removed to Newbury. Their children:

CHILDREN OF ELEANOR EMERY AND JOHN BAYLEY

- REBECCA BAILEY b: 24 Nov 1641 in Salisbury, Essex, MA.
- JOHN BAILEY b: 18 May 1643 in Salisbury, Essex, MA.
- SARAH BAYLEY b: 17 Aug 1644 in Newbury, Essex, MA.
- JOSEPH BAYLEY b: 14 Apr 1648 in Newbury, Essex, MA.
- JAMES BAYLEY b: 12 Sep 1650 in Newbury, Essex, MA.

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| • JOSHUA BAILEY b: 17 Feb 1652/53 in Newbury, Essex, MA. |
| • ISAAC BAILEY b: 22 Jul 1654 in Newbury, Essex, MA. |
| • JOSHUA BAILEY b: 20 Apr 1657 in Newbury, Essex, MA. |
| • RACHEL BAILEY b: 19 Oct 1662 in Newbury, Essex, MA. |
| • JUDITH BAILEY b: 13 Aug 1665 in Newbury, Essex, MA. |
| • JONATHAN BAILEY (no further information). |

GENEALOGY

JOHN EMERY BEGAT...

JOHN EMERY II (b. 1599), who married ALICE GRANTHAM and begat...

ELEANOR EMERY (b. 1624), who married [JOHN BAYLEY](#) and begat...

SARAH BAILEY, who married [ISRAEL JOSLIN](#) (1693 - 1761) and begat...

SARAH JOSLIN (b. 1722), who married [JOSEPH MUNYAN](#) (1712 - 1797) and begat...

JOSEPH MUNYAN (d. 1831), who married [MARY MARSH](#) (1750 - 1820) and begat...

AMASA MUNYAN (b. 1800), who married [SUSANNA HENNING](#) (1802 - 1821) and begat...

MARY ANN MUNYAN (1823 - 1899) married [WILLIAM POTTER](#) (1819 - 1894) and begat...

LOUISA EDITH POTTER (1856 - 1891) who married [ABRAHAM CANE WINTERS](#) (1829 - 1893) and begat...

NELLE WINTERS (1885 - 1974) who married [WILLIAM PRITCHARD](#) (1880 - 1958) and begat...

DOROTHY PRITCHARD (b. 1918) who married [ERWIN WENK](#) (1910 - 1982) and begat...

[MARTHA WENK](#) (b. 1940) who married [CARLETON MARCHANT HAUSE, JR.](#) (b. 1939) and begat...

[JEFF](#) (who married [LORI ANN DOTSON](#)), [KATHY](#) (who married [HAL LARSEN](#)), [ERIC](#) (who married [MARY MOONSAMMY](#)), and [MICHELE](#) HAUSE (who married [JOHN SCOTT HOUSTON](#)).

EMERY RECORDS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ROMSEY, ENGLAND

John and Anthony Emery, both carpenters, from Romsey, co. Hants, England, embarked on the James at Southampton in 1635 for New England. The former settled at Newbury, Mass., and the latter at Kittery, Maine. In January 1935 Miss Marian K. Dale, a former assistant of Miss Lilian J. Redstone and now engaged in independent genealogical research, examined the parish registers of Romsey, with the object of obtaining all entries at the proper period under the name Emery and its variants. Miss Dale states that the vicar of Romsey said to her: "Almost everybody who has searched this register has been looking for Emerys." It seems a pity that this work should be constantly repeated, and therefore the results of Miss Dale's search are set forth below. The Romsey registers begin with the year 1569, and seem examined for all entries until 1635 and for burials until 1640.

1594, 16 June John Emery buried.

1597, 24 October Thomas Emery and Thomasine Carter married.

1599, 29 November John son of John Emery baptized.
 1601, 29 August Anthony son of John Emery baptized.
 1601, 7 September Ellin Emery baptized.
 1604, 6 October Hugh son of John Emery baptized.
 1610, 14 September Margery Emery buried.
 1624, 7 November Helena daughter of John Emmorie baptized.
 1626, 1 November Anne Emry buried.
 1627, 25 June John Emry buried.
 1628, 3 February John son of John Emry baptized [1628/9].
 1631, 18 September James son of Anthony Emry baptized.
 1632. 18 March Anne daughter of John Emry baptized [16321/33]

As the registers contain no Emery entries between 1569 and 1594, it seems certain that this family came to Romsey from some other parish at about the latter date. Miss Dale also examined Emery wills and administrations (1502~1652) in the various probate registries for Hampshire at Winchester and found nothing which related to this Emery family of Romsey. A copy of a Hampshire subsidy roll (1620 1628), in the office of Alfred Trego Butler, Windsor Herald, at the College of Arms, lists four Emerys in the parish, of North Baddesley, Bisterne, Updam, mid Middleflon and Forton but none in Romsey. Miss Dale also examined the Romsey portion of the Hampshire subsidies of 36 Elizabeth (174/418) and 40 Elizabeth (174/448), Rentals and Surveys. 33 Elizabeth (D. L. Misc., BR 1 6), and Court Rolls for Romsey 3, 31, 35, 40 Elizabeth (Portf, 201/41, 42, 43, 46), all in the Public Record Office. London, and the Account Rolls of the Manor of Romsey, 1538 1540 (Harleian Rolls 1, 13, W 22, and 1, 14), in the British Museum, and found no reference to Emery, From the entries in the registers it appears that the emigrants were the brothers John and Anthony Emery, baptized in 1599 and 1601 respectively, sons of John Emery. Their father was possibly the John Emery who was buried in 1627. Both brothers married before coming to New England James, son of Anthony Emery, baptized in 1631, was with his father at Kittery. Of the children of John Emery, the emigrant, Helena, baptized in 1624 was doubtless the daughter Eleanor who married John Bayley of Newbury about 1640 , John baptized in 1628/29 was with his father in Newbury, and Anne baptized in 1632/33 Married at Newbury, 25 Nov. 1648, James Ordway.
 [Walter Goodwin DAVIS, Notes, NEHGR, Vol. 89, Oct. 1935, pp 376-377]

SOURCES

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- In 1890 Rev. Rufus Emery published a genealogy of the brothers Anthony and John Emery [Genealogical Records of Descendants of John and Anthony Emery of Newbury, Mass. 1590-1890 (Salem 1890)].
- In 1935 Walter Goodwin Davis published the Emery entries from the Romsey parish register [NEHGR 89:376-77].
- In 1938 Mary Lovering Holman prepared a treatment of the family of John Emery [Pillsbury Anc 2:877].
- In 1939 and 1947 Walter Goodwin Davis published accounts of the family of John Emery; in both of these treatments Davis set forth the suggestion that the first wife of John Emery was Alice Grantham [Sarah Miller Anc 21-26; Phoebe Tilton Anc 184-89].
- In 1990 Frederick J. Nicholson published data which strongly supported the suggestion made by Davis as to the identity of the first wife of this immigrant [TAG 65:211-13].
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