

GENEALOGY

OF THE

Greenleaf Family.

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JAMES EDWARD GREENLEAF.

*“By birth the name alone descends;
Your honor on yourself depends.”*

—Gay.

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was Representative of Newbury to the General Court, 1676-86. Was a member of Council of Safety, 1689. Mr. Greenleaf's will was dated Dec. 25, 1668; will was proved Feb. 12, 1691. (N. E. General Reg., Vol. X. p. 153.)

June 9, 1677, *Stephen Greenleaf*, in full communion with the church of Christ at Newbury, Mass.: "The 22, 3, '77. These may certify the much honored General Court sitting in Boston the 23d of the 3, '77, that the p'sons whose names are underwritten, being in full communion with the church of Christ in ———, and otherwise qualified according to Law, desire that they may be admitted to the freedom of this Commonwealth."

Stephen Greenleaf, appraiser to will of Benjamin Swett. His widow, Hester, administrator.

Stephen Greenleaf, married by Commissioner Dalton, March 31, 1678.—9? (Widow Swett 1678-9.)

12. Capt. Stephen^s Greenleaf, Jr. (Chart I.), b. August 15, 1652, son of Stephen,² Sr., and Elizabeth (Coffin). Was a prominent man in public affairs, and famed for his services in the Indian wars. He was known as the "great Indian fighter"; and while the public records of the Indian troubles of those days are meagre in their accounts, family tradition has handed down through the generations, and the records bear evidence of, some of that service, reference to which will be found in the section of this book relating to military service.

In the town records he was distinguished as Captain Stephen. Robert Pike thus writes in 1690: "Capt. Pierce, Capt. Noyes, *Capt. Greenleaf*, and Lieut. Moores, with the rest of the gentlemen of Newbury:—whose assistance, next under God, was the means of the preservation of our towns of Salisbury and Amesbury, in the day of our distress, by the assaults of the enemy." In 1675-76 he was one of the selectmen of Newbury. Aug. 25, 1675, he was wounded by the Indians. In 1689 he was appointed agent of the State to treat with the Indians at Penacook.

May 18, 1695.—He files a petition for relief, and presents the bill for professional services of Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet, which reads, "Bill for curing Capt. Stephen Greenleaf, who was wounded while moving a family who had been taken from Newbury by the Indians, £12-6-9."

March 1, 1696.—The town granted to Stephen Greenleaf four or five rods on the flats, from Watt's cellar spring to Ensign Greenleaf's and Mr. Davidson's grant, from high-water mark to low-water mark, to build a wharf and a place to build vessels upon on certain conditions; one was that it come not within ten or twelve feet of the spring. On the 5th of March, 1696, Captain Greenleaf addressed the following petition to the General Court: "The petition of Capt. Greenleaf, of Newbury, Humbly Showeth: That upon the Seventh of October last, about three o'clock in the afternoon, a party of Indians surprised a family at Turkey Hill in said town, captured nine persons, women and children, rifled the house, carrying away bedding and dry goods. Only one person escaped, and gave notice to the next family, and they the town; upon the alarm



Captain Stephen^s Greenleaf.

Born August 15, 1652. From portrait taken 1722.

your petitioner with a party of men pursued after the enemy, endeavoring to line the river Merrimac to prevent their passage, by which means the captives were recovered and brought back. The enemy lay in a gully hard by the roadway, and about nine at night made a shot at your petitioner, and shot him through the wrist, between the bones, and also made a large wound in his side, which would have been very painful and costly to your petitioner in the cure of them, and have in a great measure utterly taken away the use of his left hand, and wholly taken off from his employment this winter. Your petitioner therefore honorably prays this honorable court that they would make him such compensation as shall seem fit; which he shall thankfully acknowledge, and doubts not but will be an encouragement to others, and possibly to relieve their neighbors when assaulted by so barbarous an enemy. And your petitioner shall ever pray. (Signed) Stephen Greenleaf."

March 6.—Read and voted that there be paid out of the province treasury to the petitioner the sum of forty pounds.

The first grandchild of Tristram Coffin was Stephen Greenleaf, who was born Aug. 15, 1652. He well remembered his great-grandmother, and lived to see his great-grandchildren, and transmitted the following account of the increase of the family at two different periods, from August, 1652, to August, 1722, and from August, 1722, to May, 1728; a period of five years and nine months, reckoning only children by blood.

The first column shows the number who were born before August, 1722, the second the number then living; the third the number which had been added between August, 1722, and May, 1728; the fourth, the number living in May, 1728. The whole number of his descendants which were born between 1652 and 1728 was 1582, of which 1128 were living in May, 1728:—

	1722		1728	
Peter	118	83	50	102
Tristram	319	225	127	336
Elizabeth Greenleaf	251	206	89	259
James	187	162	106	241
Mary Starbuck	119	90	36	117
John	64	52	17	69
Stephen	19	53	19	64
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	1138	871	444	1128
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	1582			

3. **Elizabeth Greenleaf**, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Coffin), b. April 5, 1660, m. Col. Thomas Noyes. She was his second wife, the first being Martha, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Pierce.

Daniel Pierce, blacksmith, founder of the Pierce family of Newbury, Mass., and Portsmouth, N. H., came from Ipswich, England, 1634, in ship "Elizabeth." He was aged 25, and was made freeman May 2, 1638. He removed from Watertown to Newbury in the same year. Dan-