

Our Washburn Heritage

including allied lines

Carpenter
Craft
Dickinson
Noble
Rogers

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lovingly dedicated to
Grandma, Grandpa, Dad,
Aunt Bernice, Uncle Tim,
Aunt Myrtle.

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Washburn

Washburn. Ar. on a fess betw. 6 martlets gu. three cinquefoils of the field.
Crest—A coil of flax ar. surmounted with a wreath ar. and gu. thereon flames
of fire ppr. *Burke's General Armory.*

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FOREWORD

"Our Washburn Heritage" is an attempt to put my research and theories about this line of Washburns and related families into a logical and comprehensible order that it might be preserved and made available for those interested now and in the future. The fourth generation needs further research; also the families of Craft, Dickinson, Gillespie, Salisbury, and Sholes need further study. The task is not complete, I realize, but printed at this time so that others may be interested in future research and not have to do again that already accomplished. I plan to continue study of these early generations and welcome any additional information and suggestions.

Already, many have assisted in this research and appreciation is extended. Harry Macy, Jr. of NY, NY read the rough draft and made suggestions. John Washburne, dec. of Wolcott, CT worked on this line for many years and theories were exchanged. Paula Porter Griffin of New London OH did much primary research in Ohio records. Isabelle Haight helped on North Castle maps. Kermit Washburn of Paw Paw, MI and Dorothy Washburn of Lincoln, NE, as well as other relatives have helped on recent records.

In this book I have given information on the family in each generation of our direct Washburn ancestry including information on the wife's ancestry. Starting with William Washburn, our immigrant ancestor, this account continues in a direct line to Edward Rush Washburn of the tenth generation, and from there it covers all descendants from him progressing to four members of the fourteenth generation. An asteric indicates the person through whom the line will continue in the next generation. The twelfth generation continues from the oldest to youngest and the thirteenth from the children of the oldest of the previous generation to the children of the youngest.

Common abbreviations are used to conserve space.

b. born	bur. buried	ca. an approx-
d. died	bapt. baptized	imate or
m. married	res. residence	calculated
		date

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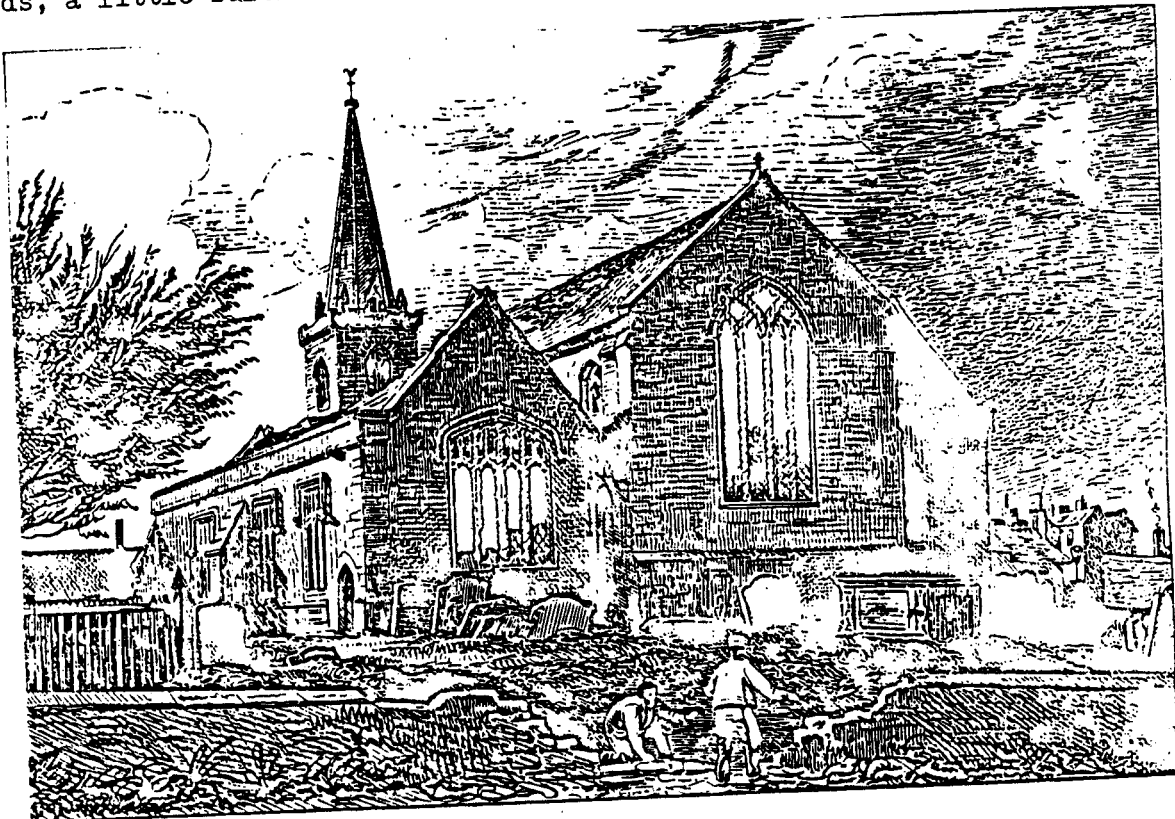
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WILLIAM¹ WASHBURN

The English ancestry of the Washburns is found in SOME NOTES ON THE EVESHAM BRANCH OF THE WASHBOURNE FAMILY by E. A. B. Barnard & WASHBURN FAMILY FOUNDATIONS by Mabel Thacher Rosemary Washburn. This English information is taken from these works.

At the time of the Domesday Survey of the lands of England, made in 1087, for King William I, William the Conqueror, the land of Washbourne was called and spelled "Waseburne." Washbourne is in the southern part of Worcestershire, close to the northern border of Gloucestershire. Eventually, perhaps from the beginning, this place included two tiny villages, known as Little Washbourne (in Worcestershire), and Great Washbourne (in Gloucestershire). As time went on, and the family became known for its many Knights, their manor grew to be called Knights' Washbourne. All this home-country of our ancestors is the heart of the fruitland of England, kept fresh and delicate green by its clear streams. The name, Washbourne, means "water-brook," and may be from the Carrant Brook flowing between Overbury and Teddington.

The latest home in England of our Washburn ancestors was Bengeworth which lies on the south side of the River Avon opposite Evesham in Worcestershire about 18 miles from Wichenford. The Parish of Bengeworth Saint Peter is included in the Borough of Evesham. In the east window of the chancel of the old St Peter's Church was the Washburn Coat of Arms. This old St Peter's Church was demolished in 1872 and a new one built. One part, the tower porch, was preserved. About seven miles south of Evesham where the road to Cheltenham passes the railroad station to Beckford are "The Washbournes" -- Great Washburn with the low lying Washbourne Hills facing the little village while just across the fields, a little further along the road is the tiny hamlet of Little Washbourne.



BENGEWORTH CHURCH IN 1844
(DEMOLISHED 1871-2 AND REPLACED BY NEW CHURCH)

William Washburn, the younger s/o John Washburn of Bengeworth, Worcester-shire, England and his wife, Martha Timbrell, was baptised 9 Nov 1601 in the Parish Church of Saint Peter at Bengeworth. He lived in Bengeworth, evidently, at least until 18 Dec 1637 when his daughter, Martha, was baptised at St Peters. William's brother, John, was in the Plymouth colony by January 1633, but the first record we have of William in America is 1646.

In New York Historical Manuscripts Vol. 4, Council minutes 1638-1649, we find this record. Tonis Nyssen, plaintiff, vs Mr Stickley, defendant, in a case of appeal. Plaintiff demands his sow and the increase thereof. Parties having been heard in court, the plaintiff refuses to swear that the sow belonged to him and the defendant swears that the sow which Tonis claims belongs to him and that he bought her from Willem Washbandt. Willem Wasbandt likewise declares that he sold the sow to Mr Stickli and that she was raised by him. Where upon the plaintiff's demand is denied and he is ordered to pay the cost of the trial. Thus done in Ft Amsterdam in New Netherland the 18 of Oct 1646. This record would seem to indicate that William had been in America for some time.

There is some question as to the surname of Jane, William's wife. The most possible name is Nichols for both son, John, and grandson, John, make reference in a will and legal records to their Uncle Isaac Nichols of Stratford, CT. As there seems to be some litigation over William Washburn's will, it is possible that son John was the son of a previous wife to Jane. The other name commonly proposed for Jane is Whitehead but I have seen no proof of that. Several of these old documents mentioning our Washburn ancestors are copied on the following pages, records over 300 years old.

William Washburn s/o John and Martha (Timbrell) Washburn, was baptised 9 Nov 1601 in the Parish Church of Saint Peter at Bengeworth, England, died May 1659 Hempstead, LI; m Jane.

Issue:

- I daughter d bef 1657, m Robert Jackson, had dau, Sara and another dau.
- II Sarah bpt 26 Mar 1626 Bengeworth, Eng, d 1693-5 Jericho, LI; m Robert Williams b ca 1617, d ca 1680; issue Phoebe m John Townsend, John m Leah Townsend, Hope, Sarah m John Champion, Patience m Barnes, Mary m Jessup, Hester m Thomas Cock.
- *III John b ca 1627 Bengeworth, Eng, d 30 Aug 1658 Hempstead LI; m 7 Jun 1655 Stratford CT, Mary Butler, d/o Richard Butler.
- IV Mary b ca 1629 Bengeworth, Eng, d 17 of 11 mo 1713, Jericho LI, became a prominent Quaker, being "Widow Willets" for almost 50 yrs; m Richard Willets d 1664/5 Hempstead; issue: Thomas m Dinah Townsend, Hope m Mercy Langdon, John, Richard m 1st Abigail Bowne, 2nd Abigail Powell, Mary m John Fry.
- V Hope b ca 1636, d 1696 Derby CT, m ca 1660 Mary Stiles, d/o Francis Stiles, issue: Sarah b 16 Dec 1661 Stratford CT m 1713 Samuel Riggs, John b 1666, d prob 1692, William b 1668 m Hannah Wooster, Samuel m Mrs Susannah Wooster, Ephraim b 1673 d 1696, Mary b 1675 d bef 1696 m John Johnson, Jane.
- VI Martha d Feb 1636 Bengeworth, England
- VII Martha 2nd b Dec 1637, d 17 of 8 mo 1727, Quaker, m Edmund Titus b ca 1630 d 17 Apr 1727, res Westbury, Hempstead LI, issue: Samuel m 1st Elizabeth Powell, d/o Thomas, 2nd Elizabeth (Bowne) Prior, Phoebe m 1st Sam Scudder, 2nd Robert Field, Martha m Benjamin Seamon, Mary m William Willis, Hannah m Benjamin Smith, Jane m James Denton, John m 1 Sarah Willis, 2nd Mary, widow of John Smith, Peter m Martha Jackson, Silas m Sarah Haight, Patience m Nicholas Haight, Temperance b 1681, d 1704.
- VIII Phoebe d 1665, m John Ashman and had a dau, Phoebe.
- IX Patience
- X Hester

William Washburn and his son, John, along with others purchased land at Oyster Bay, Long Island from the Indians in 1653, as follows:

Anno Dni one thousand six hundred & fifty three This writing witnesseth yt Asiapum alias Mohenes haue sold vnto Peter Wright, Samuell Maio, William Leuerich, Their heyces Executors administrators & assignes all his Land... Scituate vpon Oyster Bay & is bounded by Oyster Riuer to ye east side, & Papaquatunk riuer to ye west side... with All ye Islands Lying to ye Sea ward excepting one Island commonly called Hog Island & bounded neere Southward by a point of trees called Cantening. In consideration of wch bargaine & sale he is to receaue as full satisfaction six Indian Coats, sixe fathom of Wampum, sixe Hoes, sixe Hatchetts, three P of stocking (a) thirty Auln-blades or Muxes (heads of eel speers), twenty kniues, three shirts, & as much peague (black wampum) as will amount to ffoure pounds sterling In witnes wherof he hath set to his marke in ye presence or

William Washborne	Asiapum or
Anthony Wright	Mohenes X his mark
Robert Williams	

On the back of this record is the following: We within named Saml Maio, Peter Wright, & William Leuerick, doe accept of as ioynt purchasers with or selves ye psons under specified to the like right pvilleidge as we haue or selves in ye Lands purchased of Asiapum & Pticularly mentioned in ye writeing made & subscribed by himselfe & other Indians respectively interested & in the name of such as were absent acted by him & yem all. witnes or hands

William Leuerich
Samuell Mayo

joynt purchasers wth vs
Mr Washbourne
Thos Armitage
Dan whitehead
Anth wright
Rob williams
Joh washbourne
Ric Holbrooke
Recorded in the office at New Yorke this 27th day of March 1667 by Mathias Nicolls Secr.

William Washburn was one of the first proprietors of Hempstead in 1647. The Dutch government at New Amsterdam claimed much of Long Island, even those parts where most of the inhabitants were English, and many disputes arose. In 1653 a remonstrance was sent from the English villages to Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch Governor, regarding the curtailment of their liberties and expressing fear that the Dutch intended to establish an arbitrary rule over them. From the town of Hempstead the deputies were William Washburn, John Seaman, Robert Cooe, and John Hicks.

The will of William Washburn in 1953, as stated by Mabel Thacher Rosemary Washburn, was in the office of the Town clerk of North Hempstead, LI. It is here given as she transcribed it.

Whereas Mrs Jane Washborne relict of Mr William Washborn of Hemsteede lately deceased, hath pssented ye Last will & testament of her deceased husband, To haue ye probate thereof confirmed by this prsent court. 5 June 1659.

William Washburn's will, written 29 Sep 1657:
I William Washborne doe appoint my well beloved friends and faithfull(wife evidently is left out) to be my Ouerseeres of this my Will and testament J giue to my Sonn Hope my six oxen and fower coves and one horse one mare, and all my Land and deuisens with the meadows belonging thereto, and Barne and home-lott with all instruments of husbandry except one third part of a meadow yt my Son John please to haue, then he shall paying costs? for ye same: Allsoe I giue him two sowes, allsoe I giue to my daughter Patience three coves or steeres allsoe I giue to my daughter Hester three coves or steeres and one mare between them bothe. Allsoe I giue to my daughter Phebe three kowes or three steeres, these to be paid at their day of marriage yf they carry to ye likeing of these my ouerseeres (yt not to be at their disposeing). Allsoe I giue to my Sonn Robert Williams children ye like and to Edward Titus the like, Allsoe I giue to Sara the daughter of Robert Jackson one yearling heyfer J giue to my Sonn John Washborne one yearling and my morter & pestell at my death, or my wiues I giue to my beloved wife all ye rest or remainder of my Cattle, wth my house and household goods to be at her disposeing, wth this Condition that yf shee remaine unmarried, But yf shee marry, then this is my will that these things shall be at my ouerseeres disposeing then this is my will, that she shall haue fower Cowes, these Cowes to be wintered and summered free but not ye increase to remaine to her Jtem I doe giue her one mare & foale, and this howse or another built, Allsoe her firewood cut and brought home, fit for the fire free charge. I giue her ??? bushels of corne, fiteene of wheate, and fifteen of Indian and halfe an Accre of flax sowne and brought home, this to be donn yearly as long as she doth live, Allsoe she shall haue all the household goods at her disposing, this gift to my Sonn Hope as yf he carry well & to ye Likeing of my ouerseeres My ouerseeres that I appoint in this buesines of wright is Mr Leuerege, my Loveing wife, My sonn Robert Williams, Richard Willets my Sonnes-in law, I hope you will all of you accept of it, And be Careful yf God take mee Away by death: yf Hope accept of this gift from me he must be carefull (crossed out) be bound to Mannag the things for his mother. I giue to my son John twoe ox pasture in the pasture, with five gates in the neck: This is my will and is not to stand in force till they heare of my death, this I acknowledge to be my owne will & testament. Witnessed by Micheall Chadderton, Richard Willets, John Washborne.

There was some litigation concerning this will and leads one to think possibly some of the children were from a previous marriage. Before the will was permitted for probate, Robert Jackson protested because of a second child not mentioned, a daughter of his deceased wife not mentioned either Jackson received satisfaction but what is not stated.

John Washburn, s/o William, had died before William but William had not changed his will. In September 1658, after the death of John and after the writing of William's will, Richard Butler, the father of John's widow, went to Hempstead to talk to William Washburn.

Robert Williams testified 25 August 1659 that in Sept 1658 he had heard Butler asking William Washborne what he had done with the land in England that would be rightfully belonging to his son, John now that John was dead. Butler was inquiring for the right of his grandson, John, son of John Washburn. William replied that since his son, John was dead the land would go to his other son, Hope. This was not carried out in the will and the land appears to have passed to descendants of John as will be shown later.

Hempstead records: 19 Feb 1660
Thomas Hicks, in behalf of his wife, Mary, late wife of John Washburn, deceased, demands certain legacies bequeathed by William Washburn to his son John: Imprimis, one-third of Mr. Washburn's meadow; item, two sows, one yearling, one pestle and mortar, two ox-pastures and five gates in the Neck. The Court ordered the above be delivered to plaintiff, for the use of John Washburn, Jr.

Will of John Washburn, s/o William, preserved in the office of Town clerk of North Hempstead, LI.

In the Name of God Amen J John Washborn of Hempsteede upon Long Jsland plantor, being sick in body, but of good and perfect memorie, Blessed by the name of the Lord, for his abundant mercies toward me, Doe by these presents, make my Last will and testament, Jn manner and forme as followeth,
Jmprimis J doe commend my soul to God my blessed Creator, and redeemer, Undoubtedly trusting by the merits of Jesus Christ my Sauviour to be *made p'taker of Everlasting Life.* Jtem as concerning my worldly Estate the wch my Loueing Father William Washborn, hath formerly bestowed upon me, and all that by the blessing of God J doe Jnioy, J doe glue and bequeathe the same (Excepting the Legacies following) That is to say all the estate that was giuen mee By my Father and Father in law, And all whatsoever J doe Enjoy; for the psent shall be giuen into the possession of my deare and Loue (torn) wife, Mary Washborn, wholly vnto ye vse of her selfe soe long as she doth continue in her widdhoede And in Case that she doth Enter into the State of Matrimo(torn) wth another Husband, that then my Sonn shall Enioy (torn) halfe part of my whole Estate, and same..(torn) Equallie diuided betweene my wife and childe..(torn) three dayes after the day of her marriage. (illegible) Jtem my will is : that yf my Sonn Joh (torn) this world in the time of his minoritie..(torn) yeares that the... (illegible) halfe part of my Estate now bequeathed vnto him wth the Jncrease thereof, shall be wholly giuen unto his issue..(illegible) that then my said Estate, according to the halfe proportion, with the Jncrease shall be Equallie diuided betweene by brother Hope Washborn and my sisters; Jtem J doe glue and bequeathe vnto my Loueing brother Hope washborn the first weanable mare - foale.. vnto my nephew John Williams the Sonne of Robert Williams, one Kow or heyfer couloured red..(illegible) Jtem J doe by these prsents appoint and ordaine My Loueing Father William Washborn, my Father in law Richard Butler, And my Loueing vncle Jsac Nicholls of Stratfoord, in

New England to be Querseers and Feoffeese in trust to see that..(illegible) duely p'formed, The wch J shall desire them...(illegible) Commending my Soul into the (illegible) mercifull hands of my Sauior &...(illegible) of August 1658 stilo nouo...
Teste William Washborn his
Robert Williams John (torn)
John James

The testator after he had Subscribed vnto this within written last will & testament, being demanded how he would dispose of John Nicholls orphan (his reply was) That in as much as in him was, he did bequeath the keeping of him unto his wife and his father in law Richard Butler.

The testator dyed in the Lord, vpon Satterday in the afternoone, aboute one hower before Sun-setting, being the 30th day of August Ao 1658 stilo nouo.

SPELLING OF WASHBURN

In the early days of our country the emphasis on correct spelling was not nearly as strong as it is today. We find that the early clerks spelled much as a name sounded to them and even spelled the same name differently in the same record. It is interesting how the spelling of Washburn has changed.

In England the name seems to have been quite consistently spelled WASHBOURNE. That is the way William¹, John², and John³ usually spelled it. Sometimes the E or U were left out but that may have been a clerk's error. John⁴ seems to have spelled it WASHBURN. This is interesting for the Westchester Co, NY Washburns then added an R and came up with WASHBURN or WASHBURN. Most of the Washburns in the NY City area spelled it WASH or WASH & I wonder if this was a Dutch pronunciation influence. All through the 18th century and half of the 19th, our line of Washburns spelled it WASHburn or WASHBURN. In Joseph's Bible I find the name spelled, WASHBURN, WASHBORNE, and then the last entry, for the death of Joseph, spelled Washburn. It is also Washburn on his tombstone.

It is interesting also that the Connecticut Washburns, descendants of William's son, Hope, spelled it Wasband in many records for many years.

Today, it is a matter of either WASHBURN or WASHBURN. Some descendants of William and some descendants of his brother, John, add the E on the end. It seems to have followed down in just certain lines.