

## **Lineage of Robert Cushman to Sarah Cushman Hewes**

The following pages are taken from the book *Historical and Biographical Genealogy of the Cushmans: The Descendants of Robert Cushman*, by Henry Wyles Cushman, Little-Brown and Company, Boston, 1885. They give the background to outline the lineage from Robert Cushman to Sarah Cushman Hewes.

The Biography of Robert Cushman in another section describes his involvement with the Puritans to arrange the *Mayflower* trip to America in 1620, and how he arrived at Plymouth Colony with his son Thomas on the ship *Fortune* in 1621. Robert Cushman returned to England, but Thomas remained in Plymouth under the care of the family of William Brewster.

Page 84 (SECOND GENERATION) notes that son Thomas was familiarly known as Elder Thomas Cushman and that he was born in England in 1608. We also know that he arrived in Plymouth Colony in 1621 aboard the ship *Fortune*. It is noted on Page 97 that Elder Thomas Cushman married Mary Allerton, who was a passenger on the *Mayflower* in 1620. She was the last surviving member of the *Mayflower* passengers, since she was a child travelling with her parents. A list of the children of Thomas and Mary Allerton Cushman includes the name of Thomas, Jr. on Page 100 (THIRD GENERATION).

Thomas Cushman, Jr. is listed on Page 100 as having been born September 16, 1637. He married Ruth Howland, the daughter of John Howland who was another passenger on the *Mayflower* on November 17, 1664. Ruth Howland Cushman died sometime before 1679 and Thomas Cushman Jr. married Abigail Fuller on October 16, 1679. Thomas and Abigail Fuller Cushman had a son Samuel.

Page 125 (FOURTH GENERATION) states that Samuel Cushman was born on July 16, 1687 and that he married Fear Corser on December 8, 1709 and the couple moved to Attleborough in 1727. Page 132 notes that Samuel and Fear Corser Cushman had a son Jacob.

Page 132 stated that Jacob Cushman was born March 20, 1719-1720 and that he died in May of 1796. He married Elizabeth Read of Attleborough in 1743 and then married Widow Hannah Cobb of Pembroke on May 30, 1764.

The children of Jacob Cushman are discussed on Pages 158 – 161 of the book. “Sarah (or Sally)” is listed as the eighth child, with no date of birth on Page 161. Given that children five, six and seven in the list were triplets born in June 21, 1755; it is very safe to conclude that Sarah was the daughter of Elizabeth Read, since Jacob did not marry Hannah Cobb until 1764. It is important to note that Sarah is listed as having married Daniel Hughes (or Hewes) of Attleborough, and that they moved to Springfield, N. Y. at some time.

The relevant Cushman lineage in the book stops at that point, and it was only pursued since Peter Smith and Gene Smith advised me that Abigail Maxham, wife of Silas Maxham, was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Cushman Hewes. Daniel Hewes was a Soldier of the Revolution, and based on the lineage from this book, Sarah Cushman Hewes was a descendant of Mayflower passenger Mary Allerton.

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From the year 1617 to 1855.

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*In Memoriam Majorum.*

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BY HENRY WYLES CUSHMAN.

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## SECOND GENERATION.

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2. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, (8) familiarly known by the name of Elder Thomas Cushman, was b. in England in February, 1608.<sup>1</sup> He was probably in the *Mayflower* when his father with the other Pilgrims sailed for America, in August, 1620; for "Robert Cushman and his family" were among that famous band of Puritan brethren,—and with his father went back to London in the *Speedwell*.

In July, 1621, the ship *Fortune* sailed for New England, having on board thirty-five passengers, among whom were Robert Cushman and his family,—consisting of an only son, Thomas, then fourteen years of age.

Thomas arrived at Plymouth, in good health, in Nov., 1621. In a few days his father returned to England, leaving his only son in the family of his particular friend, Gov. Bradford. And in a subsequent letter, he entreats the Governor "to have a care of my son, as your own, and I shall be bound unto you." If it is true, that,

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined,"

then we have the very best evidence that Gov. Bradford was faithful to the trust imposed in him by his absent friend. In a letter from Gov. B. to Robert Cushman, dated June, 1625, he says, "Your son is in good health (blessed be God). He received the things you sent him. I hope God will make him a *good man*." And such proved to be the case as his history will show.

<sup>1</sup> See page 88.

When will men learn that the fullest toleration is essentially consistent with the soundest faith, the purest walk, the highest devotion, the nearest approach to God and to Heaven?

That Elder Cushman partook of the characteristics of the age and of his brethren in the Lord, we cannot doubt. Still we have no evidence that he ever violated that highest of moral principles, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you," in his government of the Plymouth Church and in his treatment of heretics and heresy. The uniform meekness and humility of his life would lead us to an opposite conclusion.

He continued in his office till death; he died with his armor on; and so deeply was he lamented that the church records say, somewhat figuratively, we may suppose, that "much of God's presence went away from the Church when that blessed Pillar was removed."

Mary Allerton, wife of Elder Cushman, came over in the Mayflower in 1620. She was then about eleven years of age. With her husband she was a member of the Church at Plymouth, and as we may well suppose, she was a worthy companion of her excellent, pious and useful husband, during his long ministry as Ruling Elder of the Church. She survived him seven or eight years, and died at the advanced age of ninety. Her name has become quite famous from the fact that she was the last survivor of the one hundred persons who came over in the Mayflower. She was probably buried by the side of her husband, in the Burying Hill Cemetery at Plymouth, though no monument has ever been erected to her memory.<sup>1</sup>

In contemplating the long life of Elder Thomas Cushman, which extended through a period of more than four score years, two circumstances are most observable,

1st, The peculiarly interesting period during which he lived;—for a large part of the seventeenth century, which was crowded with great events,—he was on the stage of active life. When he landed at Plymouth, the entire Colony consisted of only fifty persons; and seventy years afterwards, the time of his decease,

<sup>1</sup> We trust her numerous descendants will not allow this to continue so much longer. Let the marble or granite perpetuate her memory and commemorate her virtues.

### THIRD GENERATION.

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THOMAS, Elder, [2] of Plymouth, had chil.

3. I. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> (11) b. 16 Sept. 1637, m. 1st Ruth Howland, dau. of John Howland, "one of the old cowers," 17 Nov. 1664. She was living when her father's Will was made, 29 May 1672, and as he was married the second time in 1679, his first wife must have d. between those dates. He m. 2d Abigail Fuller of Rehoboth, 16 Oct. 1679. He and his 2d wife were members of the Church at Plympton. He lived on the west side of the highway that leads from Plympton meeting house to the north part of the town, and "Colchester Brook" ran through his farm, which contained a large quantity of land.

The Plymouth Colony Records, Court Orders, vol. 4, p. 90, under date March 7, 1664-5, contain a curious circumstance respecting him. In his early days, "before marriage, but after contract," as the record says, he made a *mistake*, that was not uncommon in the early history of this country; for which he was "sentenced to pay a fine of five pounds according to law." The rule of perfect chastity was oftener violated by our fathers in the 17th and 18th centuries than at later periods. The common practice in vogue then of "courting" by young men and maidens, and the uniform fashion "of keeping company till the small hours of the night," was one that did not tend to promote a high degree of virtuous intercourse. In that particular the civilization of this day is in advance of our ancestors. But the subject of this article did not suffer materially in his reputation by an error which he soon remedied by marriage; and was, during a long life, a worthy member of the Congregational Church at Plympton, of which his brother was the Pastor. He died 28

## FOURTH GENERATION.

THOMAS, [3] of Plympton, had chil. by 1st wf.

- 11 I ROBERT,<sup>4</sup> (85) b. 4 Oct. 1664. He m. 1st Persia ——. She d. at Kingston, 14 Jan. 1743-4. At the age of about 80 he m. 2d Prudence Sherman of Marshfield, "a maiden turned of 60" Feb. 1744-5. He d. at Kingston, 7 Sept. 1757, ac. 92 years 11 months and 3 days. By his 2d wf. he had chil.
- 12 II JON,<sup>4</sup> (42) b. probably about 1680. m. Lydia Arnold. His estate was settled by his widow Lydia and her brother Edward Arnold, who were Administrators, May 21, 1740. The Inventory amounted to £322 3s. 10d. Widow Lydia Cushman's will was proved 27 Sept. 1746. Her brother Edward Arnold and dau. Lydia were Executors. She gave "to my eldest dau. Maria Barker my book called Concordance, and my smallest looking glass."
- 13 III BARTHOLOMEW,<sup>4</sup> b. 1684, baptized 13 Mch. 1684. d. at Plympton, 21 Dec. 1721, ac. 38. Had no chil. Was a member of the chh. at Plympton.
- 14 IV SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> (45) b. 16 July 1687, baptized same year. m. Fear Corser<sup>1</sup>, 8 Dec. 1709. He and his wife were members of the chh. at Plympton. Moved to Attleboro', 1727.
- 15 V BENJAMIN,<sup>4</sup> (51) b. 1691, baptized 1st March 1691. m. 1st Sarah Eaton, 8 Jan. 1712; she d. at Plympton, and he m. 2d Wid. Sarah Bell, 14 Mch. 1738-9. He d. at Plympton, 17 Oct. 1770, ac. 77. He and both of his wives were members of the chh. at Plympton. He lived on a part of his

<sup>1</sup> Her name on the Plympton Records was written Corser; but that name in Farmer's Genealogical Register is written Corser and Corser.—*Lewis Bradford.*

- 41 VII JONATHAN,<sup>s</sup> (175) b. 28 July 1712, m. Susannah, dau. John and Elizabeth Benson, in 1736. Lived in Kingston.

JOB, [12] of Plymouth (probably), had chil.

- 42 I MARIAH,<sup>s</sup> b. 1707, m. John Baker of Duxbury, 10 Dec. 1732.  
 43 II JOB,<sup>s</sup> b. 1710, d. 12 Nov. 1729, ae. 19. He was buried in the old burying ground at Plymouth, ten feet south of Elder Thomas' grave. The inscription on his grave stone is as follows:

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|---------|------|--------|
| HERE    | LIES | Ye     |
| BOD     | OF   | JOB    |
| CUSHMAN | WHO  | DECD   |
| NOVbr   | THE  | 12th   |
| 1       | 7    | 2 9 IN |
| YE      | 19th | YEAR   |
| OF      | HIS  | AGE.   |

- 44 III LYDIA,<sup>s</sup> b. 1718, m. Solomon Atwood (probably) in 1748.

SAMUEL, [14] of Attleboro, had chil.

- 45 I DORINE,<sup>s</sup> b. 18 Sept. 1710.  
 46 II MERCY,<sup>s</sup> b. 8 Feb. 1712-13.  
 47 III SAMUEL,<sup>s</sup> b. 10 July 1715.  
 48 V JOSEPH,<sup>s</sup> b. 7 Jan. 1717, d. at Plympton 10 May 1727.  
 49 VI JACOB,<sup>s</sup> (194) b. 20 Mch. 1719-20, d. May 1796, ae. 76. m. 1st Elizabeth Read of Attleboro' 1748, m. 2d Widow Hannah Cobb of Pembroke, 30 May 1764, by Rev. John Howland of Plympton.  
 50 VII JEMIMA,<sup>s</sup> b. 23 Oct. 1724, d. at Plympton 2 May 1727.

BENJAMIN, (15) of Plympton, had chil.

- 51 I JABEZ,<sup>s</sup> (205) b. 11 Aug. 1713, m. — Paddleford.  
 52 II CALER,<sup>s</sup> (213) b. 15 May 1715, m. 11 Nov. 1742 Sarah Barrows, by Rev. Othniel Campbell of Carver. He removed from Plymouth and settled in Carver. July 4, 1742, he was received to full communion of the chh. at Plympton.  
 53 III SOLOMON,<sup>s</sup> (220) b. 9 Sept. 1717, m. 1st Ruth —,

- 191 XII ANIGAIL,<sup>o</sup> b. 22 Mch. 1757, d. young.
- 192 XIII MERRY,<sup>o</sup> b. 10 Feb. 1760, d. 24 Feb. 1760.
- 193 XIV JOAB,<sup>1</sup> (568) b. 27 Feb. 1761, at Lebanon, Conn., m. Hannah Swift 2 Oct. 1788; lived in Mansfield and in Willington, Conn., and d. at Tolland 4 Nov. 1824. He was a Captain in the militia, a clothier by occupation, and was "a likely man." His wf. Hannah was b. at Mansfield, Conn., 28 June 1770, and d. at Willington, Conn., 23 Jan. 1839. He had eight chil. — 4 sons and 4 dau. Two of the sons d. in infancy.
- JACOB, [49] of Attleboro, had chil. by 1st wf.
- 194 I CINTHIA,<sup>o</sup> b. —, m. Dea. Job Robbins of Middlefield, Mass. Her chil. were Jacob, Cinthia, Ebenezer, Betsey, David, Job, Samuel, Polly, Joseph and Sally. Son Job settled and lived at Middlefield.
- 195 II SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> (574) b. 8 Nov. 1744, d. 17 Oct. 1822. He m. Rebekah Richards of Dedham in 1771. She was b. 16 Sept. 1749, and d. 14 Feb. 1795. Had eight chil. He lived at Attleboro.
- 196 III BETSEY,<sup>2</sup> b. —, m. Jacob Cushing of Seekonk, Her chil. were Jemima, Jacob, Cinthia, Joseph, Hannah, Ezra and Josiah.
- 197 IV LOUIS,<sup>2</sup> b. —, m. — Thompson, and settled in Vermont.
- 198 V JOSEPH,<sup>o</sup> (582) b. 21 June 1755 (a triplet) m. Wid. Nancy Sheldon. He lived and died on the old Cushman farm in Attleboro, and his son Bartholomew (582) succeeded him. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; served ten months, but was in no battle. He was at Roxbury one and a half months, at West Point six months, and at other places several months; and subsequently was out a few weeks at the time of the "Shays Rebellion." For his services he obtained a Pension from the United States.
- 199 VI MOLLY or MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. 21 June 1755, (a triplet,) m. Dea. John Avery of Conway, Mass., 26 May 1784, at Attleboro. Dea. Avery was in the Revolutionary War; took part in the battle of Lexington, and was with the army when Maj. Andre was taken and executed at West Point. He received

- VII ——— A triplet and still-born.  
 200 VIII SARAH,<sup>4</sup> (or Sally,) b. —, m. Daniel Hughes or Hewes) of Attleboro, and lived at Springfield, N. Y.  
 201 LX REBEKAH,<sup>6</sup> b. —, m. Samuel Tingley of Attleboro, and had chil.: Matilda, Sylvanus, Samuel and Bowena.  
 202 X EUNICE,<sup>5</sup> b. —, m. Ichabod Ide of Attleboro, and had chil.: Nabby, Rebecca, Charlotte, Harvey and Louisa.  
 203 XI LUCE,<sup>6</sup> b. —, m. Dr. Nathaniel Robertson, or Robbins, and left several chil. who settled in Mansfield, Conn.

And by his 2d wife, Hannah Cobb, he had:  
 204 XII ROWLAND,<sup>6</sup> (588) b. in Attleboro, 10 Feb. 1767, m. Mary W. Cushing of Pembroke 23 July 1788. She was b. in Halifax 28 Sept. 1786; was the dau. of Theophilus Cushing, and d. at Pawlette, Vt. 31 Dec. 1828. He removed from Lansingburgh, N. Y., to Pawlette, in 1812, and d. there 12 Feb. 1846. Had five chil.

JABEZ, [51] of ——— had chil.

- 205 I ZEEBEE,<sup>6</sup> (598) b. at Middleboro 17 Feb. 1740, m. Sarah Paddleford of Taunton in 1768. He lived in Taunton, and d. there Feb. 1833. Had 7 chil.: 2 sons and 5 dau.  
 206 II HANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. —, m. ——— Rider.  
 207 III SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> (592) b. 6 Apl. 1742, m. Lydia Gano of Penn. Lived in Middleboro. She was b. 11 Aug. 1752. She m. 2d Edward Thomas 13 July 1794.  
 208 IV PHEBE,<sup>6</sup> b. —, m. Joseph Bassett, and d. 25 Feb. 1796, ac. 53. She had chil.: Caleb, Phebe, Nathan, Abigail, Joseph, b. 1769, Hannah, David and Cushman.  
 209 V SARAH,<sup>4</sup> b. —, m. John Bassett.  
 210 VI HULDAH,<sup>6</sup> b. —, d. unm.  
 211 VII MOLLY,<sup>6</sup>  
 212 VIII JABEZ, Capt.<sup>4</sup> (605) b. in Middleboro 9 July 1756, m. Ursula Bearce 14 July 1780; had a large posterity, and d. 8 June 1827. She d. 13 Apl. 1840. He lived in New Gloucester, Me., and was a Military Captain.

CALEB, [52] of Carver, had chil.

- 213 I SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 12 Nov. and baptised 13 Nov. 1743, m. 1st Zebedee Churchill; had Zebedee, d. young, and Asaph, grad.