

EDMUND¹ OF WOBURN
Second Generation

No. 7575

NAME: Mary² Chamberlain

Father: Edmund¹ Chamberlain (No. 5903)

Mother: Hannah Witter

Born: Bp. 22 Sep 1678, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA

Died:

Buried:

Married: 21 Nov 1699, Woodstock, Windham Co., CT

Other Marriages:

No. 14197

SPOUSE: James Leavens

Father: John Leavens Jr.

Mother: Elizabeth Preston

Born: 4 Oct 1679, Stratford, Fairfield Co., CT

Died: After 1744, probably Killingly, Windham Co., CT

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

- F i Hannah Leavens, bp. 18 Nov 1700, Woodstock, Windham Co., CT. Married Eleazer Brooks, 16 Jan 1725.
- M ii John Leavens. Married Mary Winter, 6 Nov 1730, Killingly, Windham Co., CT. They had seven sons and one daughter recorded at Killingly.
- F iii Jerusha Leavens, bp. 21 Nov 1714, Woodstock, Windham Co., CT.
- F iv Elizabeth Leavens. She joined the church at Killingly on 30 Oct 1737.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Seth believed that this Mary was the one baptized on 22 Sep 1678, at Roxbury, MA., and that she married James Leavens, 21 Nov 1699, Woodstock, CT, for the following reasons: The Mary baptized in 1678 would have been marriageable in 1699. Edmund¹ could have been her father as he was living at Roxbury at the time. Of course Edmund already had a daughter Mary born in 1648 by his first wife but she might have died young; at any rate she would have been too old to bear children to James Leavens as his wife Mary did. The older sons of Edmund¹, John² and Jacob² each had daughters named Mary; one born in 1680 and other other 1687, each manifestly too young to marry in 1699. The family of Edmund is the only one known to be in Woodstock at this early date. Then the fact that Edmund² Jr.'s marriage on the same date is also very significant. The marriage of two Chamberlain's at the this early date in this frontier town was not mere coincidence. They were very closely related, in fact, brother and sister and they celebrated a so-called double wedding. Another point, negligible in itself, but having its weight when taken with the other evidence, was the fact that Mary named her first child Hannah (for her mother).

James Leavens was an enterprising youth collecting turpentine from Killingly (CT) forests for Woodstock tradesmen and this was what enabled him to purchase many land grants which he sold to his advantage. He ran a flourishing sawmill and was much involved in land transactions in Killingly. He was a constituent member of the church in Killingly which was organized in 1715, bringing a letter from the Woodstock church.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

This record was prepared by the late David C. Chamberlin Sr., using data obtained from various sources as listed. Comments and additional information are welcome and should be sent to the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society. < www.chamberlain-society.org >
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