

## Batchelder Register Report

### First Generation

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**1. Alexander BATCHELDER**<sup>[1,2,3]</sup> was probably born ca. 1610 or earlier, most likely in England (based upon the fact that he was married before 1630), and died before 26 June 1660 (the date administration of his estate was granted to his widow) in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[4]</sup>. He was a Merchant in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH; and was also listed as a Ferryman in 1652 (probably between Portsmouth & the island town of New Castle)<sup>[3]</sup>.

We currently know nothing of Alexander and Ann's emigration to New England. We do know, however, that Alexander lived in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[5]</sup> where he served on the Grand Jury in 1657 & 1659<sup>[3]</sup>. The only information on his will is that administration on his estate was granted to his widow Ann on 16 June 1660<sup>[5,29]</sup>.

Before 1630, Alexander married **Ann [surname not known]**<sup>[1,2,6]</sup>, in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[7,8,9,10]</sup>. Ann also was probably born ca. 1610 or before and probably in England. She died before 26 June 1661 in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[4]</sup>.

Ann's will was dated 5 November 1660 and was proved on 26 June 1661. It names her son John; James Leech, his wife and four children; Jane Fursen; Widow Mary Walford and her four children; and servants Richard Pierce & Thomas Paine<sup>[5]</sup>. I believe that Jane Fursen is another daughter in the family. Ann refers to her by name, as she does with her other children, and Jane's bequest is a very personal one that mirrors the one given to Mary. Unfortunately, there is no mention of a "Fursen/Furzen" marriage of any kind in Torrey, so further proof will require some digging.

Note too the incredible largesse in her bequest to her servant Richard Pierce, who not only gets his freedom, but money, clothes and the tools with which to set about in whatever business he chooses. Her other servant, Thomas Paine, is treated very differently. No freedom & only a small monetary bequest. Makes you wonder...

James Leech is the person I would like to identify. He is clearly not a widower, as the will mentions his wife & four children. I don't believe he is a son-in-law (modern meaning), either, since Ann's language with her own daughter(s) is on a full name basis & involves the bestowing of items which a mother would give to a daughter at the time. Is he a brother? Cousin? Foster child to Ann & Alexander? With luck, he is a blood relative and could provide additional clues to Ann's parentage.

That said, here is her will, *verbatim*:

*"The last Will & Testament of Anne Batchelor widdow of Portsmouth in Pascataq River made y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1660.*

*I Ann Bachelor being weake of Body, but in p<sup>r</sup>fect memory doe ordaine this as my last Will & Testament, heereby revokeing all former Wills, Legacyes & bequests w<sup>h</sup>ever.*

*Imp<sup>f</sup> My debts & funerall charges being paid out of my whole estate I give & bequeath unto my Sonn Jn<sup>o</sup> Bachelor y<sup>e</sup> true sum<sup>e</sup> of thirtye pounds, my son being alive at my death, if hee bee not alive at my Death then I will ye said Sum<sup>e</sup> unto his widdow & theyr joynt Children equally to bee divided among them.*

*I give unto James Leech twenty shillings, unto his wife twenty shillings, & unto theyr foure children ten shillings a peice*

*I give unto Jane ffurzen my best hatt & blue pettycoate*

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*I give unto Mary Walford Widdow my best pettycoate & twenty shillings & unto her foure Cheldren ten shillings a peice*

*If in Case I dye before my Servant Richard Peirce his time bee out w<sup>t</sup> time remaines I give him, w<sup>th</sup> an Axe, handsaw, Adze, Augre a calking Iron or two together w<sup>th</sup> two suits of Apparell & three shirts*

*I give more unto my said servant Rich : Peirce forty shillings.*

*I give unto Tho : Paine w<sup>o</sup> his time is expired forty shillings & Executours for y<sup>e</sup> better performance of this my will I make Joshua Moodey & M<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman & desire M<sup>r</sup> James Pendleton to bee my overseer.*

*In wittnes w<sup>o</sup> of I have heere unto set my hand in y<sup>e</sup> day and yeare above written*

Witnesse  
The Marke of  
Mary<sup>X</sup> Walford  
The marke of  
Ann<sup>X</sup> Hart.  
[Proved June 26, 1661.]

The marke of  
Ann<sup>X</sup> Batchelour

*[Inventory, Nov. 27, 1660; amount, £96.1.0; signed by William Seavey, James Leach, and Samuel Haines.]<sup>[28]</sup>*

They had the following children:

2	i.	Mary
3	ii.	John

Generation: G11 Grandparents (*Walford*) and G9 Grandparents (*Amazeen*)  
Person Numbers: 4302/4303 and 2146/2147

## Second Generation

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### Family of Alexander BATCHELDER (1) & Ann [surname not known]

**2. Mary BATCHELDER**<sup>[1,2,11]</sup> (*Alexander*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1630 in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[4]</sup> and died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH before August 1700; she was 70<sup>[1,4,12]</sup>. This date is deduced by the fact that she is not mentioned in her husband John Amazeen's will written on 13 August 1700. One source says she died "abt 1665@New Castle"<sup>[1]</sup>.

An early issue of the *New England Historical & Genealogical Register* states that "she may be the daughter of Alexander Bachelder & Anne"<sup>[13]</sup>. However her parentage is proven in the 1660 will of Mrs. Ann Batchelder, where Mary & her children are mentioned as beneficiaries<sup>[14]</sup>.

The "widow Marie Walford" received a land grant on 13 January 1660/1 in the Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH area<sup>[15]</sup>.

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Before 1653 when Mary was 23, she first married Jeremiah WALFORD<sup>[4,16]</sup>, **Thomas WALFORD & Jane [surname not known]**, in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[7,13,9,16,17,18,19,20]</sup>. Torrey says they were married "by 1653?, by 1661, by 1656". Jeremiah died in 1660/1662 in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[4]</sup>. Jeremiah's will was dated 16 April 1660. In it he made bequests to his wife, Mary, his two sons and two daughters<sup>[20,22]</sup>. He also named his father Thomas and Henry Sherburne as trustees. This led to the lawsuit with John Amazeen, Mary's second husband when Thomas Walford and Henry Sherburne refused to pay Mary her legal "thirds" of Jeremiah's estate once she married John Amazeen<sup>[4,23]</sup>.

They had the following children (*surnamed WALFORD*):

- i. **Martha**<sup>[2,4,24]</sup>
- ii. Mary
- iii. Jeremiah<sup>[4,23]</sup>
- iv. Thomas<sup>[4,23]</sup>

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2150/2151

Probably before 1663 when Mary was 33, she second married **John AMAZEEN**<sup>[1,2]</sup>, in Portsmouth or New Castle, Rockingham co., NH<sup>[7,9,13,25,26]</sup>. While they both lived in New Castle, the actual wedding (if it was a church wedding) probably took place in Portsmouth, since there was no meetinghouse yet in New Castle. The actual year of their marriage is an issue of debate: "...most likely between 1661 and 1665..." according to the Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire<sup>[3]</sup>. Torrey says "aft 5 Nov 1660, by 1666, by 1663, by 26 Jun 1666"<sup>[7]</sup>.

They had the following children (*surnamed AMAZEEN*):

- i. John<sup>[1,4,26]</sup>
- ii. Christopher<sup>[1,2,4,27]</sup>
- iii. [possible, not probable Ephraim]<sup>[4]</sup>

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1072/1073

**3. John BATCHELDER** (*Alexander*<sup>1</sup>) died after June 1661. Most of the information on John comes from his Mother's will dated 5 Nov 1660 and proved 26 June 1661. Names son John, James LEECH (his wife and 4 children--small sums and clothing), Jane FURSEN, Widow Mary WALFORD (and her 4 children), and servants Richard PIERCE and Thomas PAINE. John was married and had children by 1661<sup>[4]</sup>.

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