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Name variations in records include: Barrey, Barry, Berrey, Berry, Berrye.

First Generation

1. William² BERRY was born in 1619^[2] and died before 1654^[14]. Parsons & Savage say that William was in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH as early as 1631, as one of those sent to settle the area by John Mason. However, more proof of this is necessary, as William Berry is neither listed in Coldham^[16], nor Anderson^[17].

In 1635, he moved to Newbury, Essex co., MA and was made Freeman there on 18 May 1642^[15]. By 1648 or so, he had moved back to the Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH area; when it was "...Granted that Wm Berry shall have a lot upon the neck of land upon the South side of the Little River at Sandy Beach..." at a Strawberry Banke town meeting in 1648 or 1649^[14]. This land grant and residence at the time of his death was in Sandy Beach (now Rye), Rockingham co., NH^[43] and was squabbled over by his descendants for 60 years^[43]. I have identified James Berry and Joshua Foss and noted their part in this resolution in their own entries below. I cannot ascertain the parentage of John Berry as being the son of William and so have refrained from mentioning participation in his entry. The official resolution of this reads as follows:

"Wee James Berry son of William Berry of sandy Beach : Deceased : & John Berry & Joshua ffoss Grand children of the said Wm Berry Deceasd have Mutually agreed on the Divission of the Neck of Land Granted the said Wm Berry : about Sixty years since, and in our possessn Ever Since sd Wm Berry Deceas'd : & for our Quiet and that Each Brother & Brothes child may Know his own proper part, have agreed on the six Divisions as above Made, and in testimony of our agreement have hereunto set our hands this thirteenth Day of June in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen

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James X Berry

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John X Berry

Joshua ffoss"^[44]

before 1636/7, he married **Jane [surname not known]**, in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH or Newbury, Essex co., MA^[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13]. Before 1657 when Jane was 38, she second married **Nathaniel DRAKE**^[2,14].

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Elizabeth |
| 3 | ii. | John (ca1637-<1717) |
| 4 | iii. | Joseph (ca1639-<1717) |
| 5 | iv. | Mary |
| 6 | v. | Rachel |
| 7 | vi. | James |
| 8 | vii. | William |

Generation: G9 Grandparents (twice)

Person Number: 2198/2199(Mary) & 2384/2385(John)

Second Generation

Family of Jane [surname not known] (1) & William BERRY

2. Elizabeth BERRY (*William¹*) married **Captain John LOCKE**, in Hampton or Rye, Rockingham co., NH circa 1652^[2,18,19,20]. John was born circa 1626^[2] and died in 1696; he was 70^[2].

3. John² BERRY (*William¹*) was born circa 1637 and died before 1717 (not mentioned in the resolution of his father's estate during that year); he was 80. John "...is said to have been the first settler in Rye or Sandy

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Beach..."^[14] He received land grants in 1673, 1683, 1693 & 1689 and was living at Sandy Beach by 1703. John's education level is indicated by the fact that he signed a petition on 20 February 1689 by mark only.

Before 1658/9 when John was 21, he married **Susannah [surname not known]**^[14], in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[2,21,22,23].

They had the following children:

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|-----------|------|------------------|
| 9 | i. | John |
| 10 | ii. | William |
| 11 | iii. | Hannah |
| 12 | iv. | James |
| 13 | v. | [possibly Sarah] |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Number: 1092/1093

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4. **Joseph BERRY** (*William*¹) was born circa 1639 and died before 1717; he was 78. Joseph was of Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH. Circa 1671/1683 when Joseph was 32, he married **Rachel [GUTCH?]**^[2], in Kittery, York co., ME^[2,24,25,22,26].

5. **Mary**² **BERRY**. (*William*¹) Upon arrival in Rye, John was supposedly taken in by the family of John Berry and married his daughter, Mary^[6]. However, with further research, we now know that Mary and John were siblings (although it is possible that Mary was living in her brother's house) and both were children of William & Jane Berry. This is unmistakably proven by the fact that John & Mary Foss witnessed her sister Rachel Berry Marsden's will on 12 February 1706/7. Stackpole's assertion that she is the daughter of William Chadbourne of Kittery, York co., ME is based upon her mention in Humphrey Chadbourne's will. However, I believe that he confused the fact that her second husband was William's son William Chadbourne and thus she was mentioned in her bother-in-law Humphrey's will.

Circa 1660 Mary first married **John FOSS**, in Rye Beach, Rockingham co., New Hampshire^[2,27,28,29].

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

14	i.	Jane
15	ii.	John
16	iii.	Elizabeth
17	iv.	Samuel
18	v.	Martha
19	vi.	Thomas
20	vii.	William
21	viii.	Joshua
22	ix.	Zachariah
23	x.	Hannah

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Number: 1090/1091

By 1644 Mary second married **William CHADBOURNE**^[2], in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[2,34,35,36]. William was born in 1610^[2] and died before 1660; he was 50.

6. **Rachel BERRY** (*William*¹) married **John MARDEN**, in Rye, Rockingham co., NH circa 1666^[2,37].

7. **James BERRY** (*William*¹) married **Eleanor WALLIS**, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH before 1674^[2,38,39]. James was mentioned by name and witnessed the 1717 resolution of his father's estate. He signed by mark only.

8. **William BERRY** (*William*¹) married **Sabina LOCKE**, daughter of **Nathaniel LOCKE & Judith/Sabina HERMINS/HEMINS**, in Dover, Strafford co., NH on 19 December 1689^[2,40,41].

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Third Generation

Family of John BERRY (3) & Susannah [surname not known]

9. **John BERRY** (*John², William¹*) was born on 14 January 1659^[1]. Circa 1685/1693 when John was 25, he married Mary SOUTHER, in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[2,42]. Mary was born in 1668^[2].

10. **William³ BERRY** (*John², William¹*) is listed as being of New Castle, Rockingham co., NH by Torrey^[2].

On 8 July 1678 William married **Judith LOCKE**, daughter of **Nathaniel LOCKE & Judith/Sabina HERMINS/HEMINS**, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[2,3,5,8,14,21].

They had the following children:

24	i.	Elizabeth1
25	ii.	Nehemiah
26	iii.	Elizabeth2
27	iv.	Nathaniel
28	v.	Stephen
29	vi.	William
30	vii.	Jeremiah
31	viii.	Frederica
32	ix.	Abigail
33	x.	Jane

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Number: 546/547

11. **Hannah BERRY** (*John², William¹*) married **Daniel ALLEN**, in Greenland, Rockingham co., NH in 1699^[2,45].

12. **James BERRY**. (*John², William¹*) Nothing more is known of him.

13. **[possibly Sarah] BERRY**. (*John², William¹*) Nothing more is known of her.

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Family of Mary BERRY (5) & John FOSS

14. Jane FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) first married **Samuel NEAL**, son of **Captain Walter NEAL & Mary HAINES**, in Greenland, Rockingham co., NH by 1697^[2,46,47].

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Number: 544/545

They had one child (*surnamed NEAL*):

34 i. **Richard**. Richard married **Abigail BERRY**, see (32) below.

Jane second married **Robert COATES**, a Cordwainer^[49]. Robert died before 1 September 1724 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[48].

This is Robert Coates of Lynn, Essex co., MA (1714-1724) who bought land in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1723. He is specifically mentioned in the New Castle town records as being from Lynn. This (along with Sarah Coates) is a link with my mother's Coates' side of the family. Finding how Robert fits into the family tree has been...difficult. By all current accounts, this Robert (in fact nearly all Robert Coates) should have been in Stonington, CT and NOT New Castle, NH. However, his marriage record and administration of estate indicate otherwise.

A branch of the Thomas Coates line of the family (Thomas' son Thomas) removed from Lynn, Essex co., MA to Newbury, Essex co., MA ca. 1695. Later, it is postulated that they removed further to Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH by 1700-1709 (when Thomas and his son were fined there for selling without a license). This Thomas' mother and father suffered persecution while at Lynn for their Quaker Faith, so a move to more tolerant climes might have been a relief^[50]. Research to sort this out is ongoing.

Administration on the estate of Robert Coates of New Castle was granted to his widow Jane Coates on 1 September 1724. [Probate Record, vol. 10, p. 331^[48]

Details of the administration of his estate are as follows: "...*Bond, in blank, September 2, 1724, signed by Jane Coates, Richard Neal, and John Vennard...Inventory, September 1724, amount £85.15.0; signed by Sampson Sheafe, Jr. and Benjamin Parker...License September 11, 1725 to the administratrix to sell real estate...Guardianship of John Coats, minor, more than 14 years old, son of Robert Coates, cordwainer, granted to David Mitchell of New Castle, fisherman, November 16, 1737...*"^[48]

They had one child (*surnamed COATES*):

35 i. **Joseph**

15. John FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) was born circa 1660. John died on 5 April 1752; he was 92. Before 1700 when John was 40, he first married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Greenland, Rockingham co., NH^[2,51]. Before 1719 when John was 59, he second married **Susannah [surname not known]**.

16. Elizabeth FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) was born in 1666. Circa 1685 when Elizabeth was 19, she married **Nathaniel BATCHELDER**. Born on 24 December 1659. Nathaniel died in 1745; he was 85.

17. Samuel FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) married **Mary [HINKSON?]**.

18. Martha FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) married **Richard GOSS** before December 1693.

19. Thomas FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) Thomas married **Abigail COLE** on 5 February 1696.

20. William FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) died before 12 December 1718. On 29 November 1700 William married

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Sarah BUSHWELL, who was born on 29 November 1676.

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21. Joshua FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) inherited his father's homestead and married **Sarah WALLIS**. He was mentioned by name and a witness to the 1717 resolution of William Berry's estate. He also signed this deed, indicating some measure of education.

22. Zachariah FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) lived in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH and married **Joanna [surname not known]**.

23. Hannah FOSS (*Mary², William¹*) died before 25 November 1718. On 25 June 1702 Hannah married **John JENNESS**.

Fourth Generation

Family of William BERRY (10) & Judith LOCKE

24. Elizabeth1 BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 16 March 1680 in Rye, Rockingham co., NH and died before 15 October 1686 when Elizabeth2 was born^[14].

25. Nehemiah BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) married **Sarah [surname not known]**.

26. Elizabeth2 BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 15 October 1686 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14]. On 24 July 1705 when Elizabeth2 was 18, she married **Christopher PALMER**, son of **Samuel PALMER & Ann SANBORN**^[14]. Christopher was born on 12 Feb 1686/7.

27. Nathaniel BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 13 February 1689 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14] and married **Esther WALLIS**, daughter of **George WALLIS & Ann SHORTRIDGE**.

28. Stephen BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 18 January 1691 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14]. On 4 January 1716 when Stephen was 24, he married **Anna PHILBRICK**, daughter of **Thomas PHILBRICK**.

29. William BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 18 November 1693 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14] and died on 8 October 1786; he was 92. On 21 December 1721 when William was 28, he married **Sarah LANE**, daughter of **William LANE & Sarah WEBSTER**. Sarah was born on 6 November 1688.

30. Jeremiah BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 8 March 1695 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14]. He died on 8 May 1719; he was 24. He was killed in a fall from a tree.

31. Frederica BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 15 January 1699 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14]. On 13 February 1723/4 when Frederica was 24, she first married **Samuel HUGGINS**, son of **Nathaniel HUGGINS & Sarah HAINES**. On 11 November 1736 when Frederica was 37, she second married **Philip BABB**, son of **Peter BABB & [14]**.

32. Abigail⁴ BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 15 March 1699/1700 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14].

Abigail married **Richard NEAL (34)**, son of **Samuel NEAL & Jane FOSS (14)**.

They had one child (*surnamed NEAL*):

i. **John**

Generation: G6 Grandmother

Person Number: 272/273

33. Jane BERRY (*William³, John², William¹*) was born on 26 January 1701/2 in New Castle, Rockingham co.,

NH^[14].

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