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The Boardman/Boreman family of Connecticut and Boardman family of the Boston area are in no way related^[15]. Surname variations include: Boardman, Boarman, Bordman, Boman, Boreman, Boadman and Bourdman. By and large, the family surname was spelled "Bordman" in the 17th and early 18th centuries, then switched to "Boardman".

G. Andrews Moriarty, Jr. in his article on the family published in the 1923 issue of the *New England Historic Genealogical Register* [77:306-312] stated that "...[t]he Bordman or Boardman family which forms the subject of this article apparently did not settle in the English Cambridge until the later years of the 16th century. The family was probably of Lancashire origin, the surname is frequently found in the parish registers of Bolton, near Manchester, which, unfortunately, do not begin until 1592, and in this family the Christian names of Andrew and Giles are often used...^[1]"

First Generation

1. **[not known]¹ BOARDMAN**. We know nothing of this couple, save their children. His name might have been "Richard", given that his son Andrew named his first son "Richard" and saved his own name for the next two boys. However, this is sheer speculation on my part.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Andrew |
| 3 | ii. | Giles |
| 4 | iii. | Helline |

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 7568/7569

Second Generation

Family of [not known] BOARDMAN (1) & [not known]

2. **Andrew² BOARDMAN** (*not known¹*) was buried on 18 February 1616/7 in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England^[2,3]. Andrew lived his life in St. Clement Parish, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England^[5].

"The Will of ANDREWE BORDMAN of Cambridge, co. Cambridge, baker, dated 10 February 1616 [1616/1617]. To my eldest son Richard Bourdman and to my sons Andrewe Bordman, Thomas Bordman, and William Bordman, to each £40 at the age of one and twenty years. If any of my aforesaid four children, viz., Richard, Andrewe, Thomas, and William Bordman, depart this life before they or any of them shall attain to their several ages of one and twenty years, then he or they surviving shall be the others' heir. To my wife Rebecca Bordman my house in fee simple, which I purchased of Thomas Reade of Cambridge, carpenter, to have the same during her life; and after her decease the foresaid tenement or house is to be equally divided amongst my foresaid four sons or so many of them as shall be then living. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto my said wife, Rebecca Bordman, whom I ordain sole executrix. Proved 19 April 1617. (P.C.C., Weldon, 31.)"

[Adapted from the abstract of the will of Andrewe Bordman published in NEHGR 49:497-8 and reprinted in Waters' Genealogical Gleanings in England 2:1077]^[4]

On 24 August 1605 Andrew married **Rebecca WRIGHT**, daughter of **Mr. Richard WRIGHT** (who died in June of 1605) in St. Edward, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England^[6,7,8,9,10]. Rebecca was born in 1588 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England and died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 17 October 1658; she was 70^[5]. Rebecca was baptized in St. Edward, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 2 October 1588^[2,9].

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With her second husband **Stephen DAY**, son William Boardman and sons Stephen and Matthew Day, Rebecca emigrated to New England in 1638, sailing aboard the *John*^{5,11}.

They had the following children:

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| 5 | i. | Richard |
| 6 | ii. | Andrewe1 |
| 7 | iii. | Andrewe2 |
| 8 | iv. | Thomas |
| 9 | v. | William |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3784/3785

3. Giles BOARDMAN. (*not known*¹) On 28 September, 40 Elizabeth (1598), Giles Bordman was on the Lay Subsidy Roll of Cambridge Town, the Market Ward. His record reads: "Giles Bordman in goods [valuation] £3 [tax] 8d."¹⁰ He was also of the parish of All Saints, Cambridgeshire, England¹¹. Giles married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**.

"The Will of Giles Boadman of Cambridge in the diocese of Ely, dated 28 September 1604. To Be buried in the Church of All Hallows, Cambridge. To my wife Elizabeth, £100, the lease of the house I now dwell in, with all the household stuff, etc., and my tenement, messuage, burgage, or cottage, with the croft adjoining, in Ickleton, in Green Street there, in the county of Cambridge. All the rest of my goods to Robert Browne and Andrew Boadman, my brothers, whome I make executors. Proved 17 October 1604, by Robert Browne, one of the executors, with power reserved to grant a commission to Andrew Boadman, the other executor, etc. (P.C.C., Harte, 81)

[Adapted from the abstract of the will of Giles Boadman published in NEHGR 49:496-7 and reprinted in Waters' Genealogical Gleanings in England 2:1076]¹²

4. Helline BOARDMAN (*not known*¹) died before 22 January 1617. Her first name is also spelled Helline, Hellliner and Eleanor in various records. She was of the parish of St. Benedict, Cambridgeshire, England¹¹.

"The Will of Helline [afterwards written Helliner] Browne of Cambridge, co., Cambridge, widow, dated 11 November 1616. To Robert Browne by son, besides the house which his father gave to him by will, £200, to be paid to Mr. Oliver Grenough of Nanby in Lincolnshire within three years after my decease, to the use of my said son Robert. To my son Andrew Browne £200, over and above the £100 given him by his father to be paid [as above] within two years after my decease. To my son Samuel [a similar bequest]. The said Oliver Grenough is to be "gardenier" unto my said three children. To my sons John and William Browne, to each £200, to be paid within six years after my decease. To my brother Andrewe Bordeman £5. To Thomas Jury £5. To Alice Foote, wife of ____ Foote one of my best gowns. To the poor at Bennett paris [the parish of St. Benedict] in Cambridge 20s., at the day of my burial. To him that shall preach for me at my funeral 10s. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto Mr. John Jackesonne and Mr. Robert Birder, my sons-in-law, whom I make executors. Witnesses: Andrew Boardman and Thomas Jewrie. Proved 22 January 1616/7, the executors named in the will renouncing and commission being issued to John Atkinson and Thomas Jewrie. (P.C.C., Weldon 3)

[Adapted from the abstract of the will of Helline Browne published in NEHGR 49:497 and reprinted in Waters' Genealogical Gleanings in England 2:1076-7]¹⁴

Before 28 September 1604 Helline married **Robert BROWNE**¹¹, who died before 11 November 1616.

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

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| 10 | i. | Robert BROWNE |
| 11 | ii. | Andrew BROWNE |
| 12 | iii. | Samuel BROWNE |

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- 13 iv. John BROWNE
- 14 v. William BROWNE
- 15 vi. [not known daughter] BROWNE married **John JACKESONNE.**
- 16 vii. [not known daughter] BROWNE married **Robert BIRDER.**

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Third Generation

Family of Andrew BOARDMAN (2) & Rebecca WRIGHT

5. Richard BOARDMAN (*Andrew², not known¹*) was born in 1607 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England and was baptized as "Richard Bordman" in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 14 September 1607^[2,3].

6. Andrew¹ BOARDMAN (*Andrew², not known¹*) was born in 1609 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England and was baptized as "Andrew Bordman" in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 24 November 1609^[2,3]. He was buried on 26 November 1609 in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England as "Andrew Buriman"^[2,3].

7. Andrew² BOARDMAN (*Andrew², not known¹*) was born in 1610/11 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England and was baptized in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 13 January 1610/11 as "Andrew Bordman the younger son"^[2,3]. Andrew was a Skinner^[5] and married **Grace [surname not known]**.

The will of Andrew Boardman of Norwich, [co. Norfolk], skinner, dated 28 September 1654. To my wife Grace, whome I make executrix. Lands [mentioned] in the parish of St. George Tombland, Norwich. To my daughter Rebecca Boardman. To Lidia Farther, daughter of Thomas Farther. To my brother William Boardman. To my cousin Thomas Brooke and his wife. Supervisors: My kinsman Mr. Thomas Lovering and Mr. William Crabb. Proved in London 9 May 1665. (P.C.C. and Archdeaconry of Norwich)^[13]

They had the following children:

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| 17 | i. | Rebecca |
| 18 | ii. | Ann |

8. Thomas BOARDMAN (*Andrew², not known¹*) was born in 1612/3 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England and was baptized in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 29 February 1612/3^[2,3].

9. Major William³ BOARDMAN (*Andrew², not known¹*) was born in January 1615/6 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England^[6] and was baptized in St. Clement's, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 6 January 1615/6^[2,3]. William died in Cambridge, Suffolk co., MA on 25 March 1685; he was 70^[6,14].

William emigrated on the *John* from London to America in 1638. He was admitted a Freeman in 1652 and, with his wife Frances, joined the church in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA sometime before 1643, when their daughter Rebecca was baptized in the Church at Cambridge.

Originally, he was a tailor^[11] in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA. Eventually, he became the fourth steward of Harvard University -- appointed in 1663 and resigned in December of 1667. After his resignation, he remained employed as college cook until his death. His title of Major probably came from his office of steward (e.g. "Major-Domo") and not from service in the militia^[11]. Several of his descendants held the office of steward of Harvard University and held high offices in the Colonial government^[15].

"As early as 1656, he owned and occupied the estate at the easterly corner of Harvard Square and Dunster Street. At the death of [Stephen] Day in 1668, he came into possession of the estate on the opposite corner, to which his son Aaron added the adjoining land, extending to Brighton Street. Both these estates remained in the Bordman family about a hundred and fifty years." (Paige, History of Cambridge, p. 490)^[11]. Today, those lots lay smack dab in the middle of Harvard Square.

In 1659, his stepfather paid to him a legacy of £50 left to him by his father and acknowledged that it should have been "paid to him twenty-three years agone"^[11]. Finally, William deposed on 26 August 1672, aged 57 y^[11].

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Before 1640 when William was 24, he married **Frances [surname not known]**, in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[6,7,16,17,18,19,20,21]. His name is listed in Torrey under "William Bordman" and in the vital records of Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA as "Bordman, William". Frances died sometime after 24 August 1688^[6,11], on which date she was mentioned as a passenger on a sloop in which Samuel Sewall returned from Salem, Essex co., MA to Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

They had the following children:

19	i.	Moses
20	ii.	Rebecca
21	iii.	Andrew
22	iv.	Aaron
23	v.	Frances
24	vi.	Martha
25	vii.	Mary
26	viii.	William
27	ix.	Elizabeth

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1892/1893

Fourth Generation

Family of Andrew² BOARDMAN (7) & Grace [surname not known]

17. Rebecca BOARDMAN. (*Andrew³⁻², not known¹*) Nothing more is known of her.

18. Ann BOARDMAN (*Andrew³⁻², not known¹*) was buried on 28 June 1636 in St. Clement, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England as "Ann Boureman"^[2,3].

Family of Major William BOARDMAN (9) & Frances [surname not known]

19. Moses BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born circa 1640 and died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 16 March 1661/2; he was 21^[22]. He married **Abigail [surname not known]**.

20. Rebecca BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born on 1 November 1643 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA as "Rebecca the daughter of William & Francis Bodman"^[23] and was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA circa 1643 as "Bordman, Rebeccah"^[24]. On 4 August 1664 when Rebecca was 20, she married **John PALFREY**, in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[25].

21. Andrew BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born circa 1645 and was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA in 16^[45] as "Bordman, Andrew"^[24]. He died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 15 July 1687; he was 42 as "Bordman, Andrew...in his 42nd year"^[22]. On 15 October 1669 when Andrew was 24, he married **Ruth BULL**, in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[26]. Ruth was born in 1650 and died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 17 December 1690; she was 40^[22].

22. Lieutenant Aaron BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born circa 1649 and was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA in 16^[49?] as "Bordman, Aaron"^[27]. He died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 15 January 1702/3; as "Bordman, Aaron, Lieut...in his 54th year."^[22]. Aaron was a locksmith^[28] and, as seen by his title, was elected a junior officer in the local militia. He married **Mary [surname not known]**.

23. Frances BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born circa 1650 and was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA circa 1650 as "Bordman, Frances"^[24]. She died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 16

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September 1718; as "Bordman, Frances, d. of W[illia]m and Fra[nces]...in her 69th y."^[29].

24. Martha BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born circa 1653 and was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA circa 1653 as "Bordman, Martha"^[24]. She died on 9 February 1692; she was 39. On 17 April 1672 when Martha was 19, she married **Daniel ESPEs**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[28].

25. Mary BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born on 9 March 1655/6 in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA as "Bordman, Mary"^[24] and died before 17 July 1688; she was 33. Mary married **Robert KITCHEN**, son of **John KITCHEN & Elizabeth GRAFTON**. Robert was born in 1655 in Salem, Essex co., MA and died in Salem, Essex co., MA on 28 October 1712; he was 57. Robert Kitchen was baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 15d:2m(April):1655 as "Kitchin, Rob[er]t"^[30].

26. William⁴ BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born on 6 December 1657 in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA as "Bordman, Will[ia]m"^[6,28,31] and died in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA on 14 March 1695/6; he was 38^[6,28,32]. He was, however, buried in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[32,33].

William was a carpenter and was admitted as a Freeman in 1690^[28]. He tended to choose residences which turned out to the boundaries between towns. First, on 4 February 1686/7, William Boardman bought a farm in Malden, Middlesex co., MA from John & Katharine Eyre. It was bounded on one side by the Malden line and on the other by the Lynn, Essex co., MA line and the Road to Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[32]. In 1711, the boundary line of Lynn, Essex co., MA passed "through the stack of Chimnyes" on the Boardman house in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA and in 1717, B was marked on one side of the door and L on the other^[32].

His wife Sarah was appointed administratrix for his estate on 6 August 1696. On 14 March 1705/6 both Mary & Thomas Cheever and Lydia Boardman quitclaimed all rights to real and personal estate of their father to their brother William Boardman, Jr.^[32].

Before 2 April 1684 when William was 26, he married **Sarah [surname not known]**, in Malden, Essex co., MA^[6,7,19,34,35].

They had the following children:

28	i.	William
29	ii.	Lydia
30	iii.	Mary

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 946/947

27. Elizabeth BOARDMAN (*William³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born on 17 August 1660 in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA as "Bordman, Elizabeth, d. of William and Rebecca, [b.] 17 August 1660"^[36] and died on 15 November 1714; she was 54. Elizabeth was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 26 August 1660 as "Bordman, Elizabeth, d. of William and Frances."^[24] On 28 April 1686 when Elizabeth was 25, she married **John COOPER**, in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[25].

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Fifth Generation

Family of William BOARDMAN (26) & Sarah [surname not known]

28. William BOARDMAN (*William⁴⁻³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born in 1686^[32] and died on 10 October 1753; he was 67^[32]. On 17 May 1708 when William was 22, he married **Abiah SPRAGUE**^[32].

29. Lydia BOARDMAN (*William⁴⁻³, Andrew², not known¹*) was born on 2 May 1687 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[32,37]. On 30 March 1709 when Lydia was 21, she married **Kendal PEARSON**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32].

30. Mary⁵ BOARDMAN (*William⁴⁻³, Andrew², not known¹*) died circa 1711 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32]. Bear in mind that Thomas Cheever, Jr. married three women named Mary, so you will find other death records in the area for "Mary Cheever". Be careful not to mix them up.

On 11 February 1701 Mary married **Thomas CHEEVER Jr.**, son of **The Reverend Thomas CHEEVER & Sarah BILL**, in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA^[38,39]. Their marriage record reads "Thomas Chever junr. & Mary Boman [by] Mr. Thomas Chever".

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

- i. Mary1
- ii. Thomas
- iii. **William**
- iv. Abner1

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 472/473

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