

Cheever Register Report

The Cheever family is one of distinction and infamy on the North Shore of Massachusetts. The emigrant, Ezekiel Cheever, was a distinguished educator in 17th century Boston as Headmaster of the Boston Latin School – the oldest public school in America and still a fine educational institution in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

On the infamy side is Ezekiel's namesake son who was the dedicated bureaucrat who played a part in the Salem Witch Hysteria of 1692 as clerk to the judges and witness against several of the accused. He is the Ezekiel Cheever immortalized in Arthur Miller's play, "The Crucible".

The emigrant Ezekiel was also involved in a lawsuit which besmirched his name when he spent years trying to get the courts to give the estate of his wife's brother to him and his wife instead of Thomas Lothrop's own wife after his death in the Battle of Bloody Brook during the King Philip's War.

The many name variations on "Cheever" make this one a tedious family to investigate. Name variations include: Cheaver, Cheavers, Cheever, Cheevers, Cheevor, Chevar, Cheveer, Chever, Chevers, Chevor, Chiveer, Chiveers and Chivers. I am sure there are others I have not yet come across. On the plus side, it is a family which provides many generations of direct line in the family tree.

First Generation

1. James¹ CHEEVER was born circa 1560 in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England. 1579 is also given as a birth date, but he obviously did not marry at age 3. James died in Mansfield, before 9 March 1616/7; he was 56. He was a Yeoman.

On 14 September 1582 when James was 22, he married **Agnes WALKER**, in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | William (ca. 1584-) |
| 3 | ii. | Richard |
| 4 | iii. | James |
| 5 | iv. | Christopher |

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 7552/7553

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Second Generation

Family of James CHEEVER (1) & Agnes WALKER

2. **William² CHEEVER** (*James¹*) was born circa 1584 in England. 1594 is also given.

William was a Skinner. On 26 June 1605, William "...hath putt himselfe apprentice with Ralph Hill citizen, and Skinner from the same feaste last past (St. John Baptist) for 8 years..." On 4 June 1613, "...William Cheever admitted to Freedom..." and became a Skinner in his own right. On 9 March 1616/1617, "Christopher Cheever, sonne of James Cheever, late of Mansfield in the countie of Nottingham, yeoman, deceased, hath put himself apprentice to William Cheever, citizen and Skynner of London from Candlemas last past for eight years..." In other words, Christopher became an apprentice to his older brother as a Skinner.

On 6 January 1613/14 when William was 29, he married **Margaret NEWMAN**, in All Hallowes Church, Lombard Street, London. A note with their marriage record states "not in the due place" indicating that they were probably married by license, but not in the church.

They had one child:

6 i. **Ezekiel (1614-1708)**

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3776/3777

3. **Richard CHEEVER** (*James¹*) was of Canterbury, Kent, England.

Third Generation

Family of William CHEEVER (2) & Margaret NEWMAN

6. **Headmaster Ezekiel³ CHEEVER** (*William², James¹*) was born on 25 January 1614/15 in London, Hampstead, Middlesex, England^[1] and died in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 21 August 1708; he was 94^[2]. He is buried in the Granary Burying Ground, Boston, Suffolk co., MA. His death record in the Boston vital records is most detailed: "Cheever, Ezekiel, schoolmaster, b. Jan. 25, 1614, in London, d. Aug. 21, 1708. M.C."

Ezekiel is an example of how one could emigrate from England to America in the 17th century and rise far beyond what his station in life would have been had he remained in England. His grandfather was a Yeoman and father was a Skinner. But Ezekiel was most noted as Headmaster of the Boston Latin School. Boston Latin is the oldest public school in the country and still remains as a public school today. His sons graduated from Harvard College in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA and became noted ministers in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Quite a rise in a single lifetime.

He emigrated from London to Boston, Suffolk co., MA before 1637. The exact date and name of the ship is lost. In 1638, they moved to New Haven, New Haven co., CT, where his first wife died in 1649. In 1650, he moved the family back to Massachusetts, removing to Ipswich, Essex co., MA. Then, in November 1661, he was back in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA. Finally, he removed to Boston, Suffolk co., MA by 6 January 1670, where he apparently remained until his death in 1708^[2,3].

Before 1638 when Ezekiel was 23, he first married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA or Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]. Mary died on 20 January 1649 in New Haven, New Haven co., CT.

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They had the following children:

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| 7 | i. | Samuel (1639-1724) |
| 8 | ii. | Mary (1640-) |
| 9 | iii. | Ezekiel1 (1642-<1655) |
| 10 | iv. | Elizabeth (1645-) |
| 11 | v. | Sarah (1646-) |
| 12 | vi. | Hannah (1648-) |

On 18 November 1652 when Ezekiel was 38, he second married **Ellen LATHROP**, daughter of **[not known] LATHROP**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co. or Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[3,11,9,12,13,14,15,16,17,8,1,18,19,7,6,2]. Ellen was perhaps born in Beverly, Essex co., MA and died on 10 September 1706 in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

Much is known of Ellen's brother Thomas, but little of her. He was a hero of the King Philip's War and was killed at the Battle of Bloody Brook. Having died intestate, the wrangling over his estate provides much of the information on Ellen. Most of this information is from her husband's depositions, and can be considered quite biased since the Cheevers were trying to get the courts to give Thomas' estate to them instead of giving it to Thomas' wife, Bethiah. After nearly a decade of legal wrangling over the estate, the estate was left to his wife Bethiah, going to his sister Ellen and her heirs after Bethiah's death.

According to her husband's testimony, she was brought over from England with her brother Thomas, arriving in Salem in 1633^[20]. Ezekiel's testimony is as follows: "My brother, when he brought his sister from England with him from all her friends and relations very loathe to part with her, used this as a great argument with her mother to persuade her. Viz: That he had no children of his own, nor was likely to have any: and otherwise he must give what he had to strangers..."^[21,22,23]

They had the following children:

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| 13 | i. | Thomas (1658-1749) |
| 14 | ii. | Abigail (1653-) |
| 15 | iii. | Nathaniel (1657-1657) |
| 16 | iv. | Susanna (1693-) |
| 17 | v. | Ezekiel2 (1655-) |
| 18 | vi. | William (1664-1664) |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1888/1889

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Fourth Generation

Family of Headmaster Ezekiel CHEEVER (6) & Mary [surname not known]

7. Reverend Samuel CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 22 September 1639 in New Haven, New Haven co., CT^[24]. Samuel died in Marblehead, Essex co., MA on 29 May 1724 “in the 85th year of his age, and of his ministry the 50th.”^[24] Samuel graduated from Harvard College in 1659 and was ordained on 13 August 1684. He preached at Marblehead for 16 years before his death^[24].

8. Mary CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was baptized on 29d: 9m: 1640.

9. Ezekiel¹ CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was baptized 12d: 4m: 1642 and died before 1 July 1655; he was 13.

10. Elizabeth CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was baptized in New Haven, CT. on 6 April 1645 (6d: 2m: 1645)^[2]. She married **S. GOOLDTHIRT [GOLDTHWAITHE]** and died young.

11. Sarah CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was baptized on 21d: 7m: 1646.

12. Hannah CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was baptized on 25d: 4m: 1648.

Family of Headmaster Ezekiel CHEEVER (6) & Ellen LATHROP

13. Reverend Thomas⁴ CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 23 August 1658 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[2,3,25,26,27] and died in what was then North Chelsea and is now Revere, Suffolk co., MA on 27d:11m:1749; he was 91^[3,26,28]. He was buried in Old Graveyard in Revere, Suffolk co., MA.

Thomas was a Clergyman. He graduated from Harvard College in 1677 and lived to be the oldest surviving graduate of Harvard College^[27,29]. He began preaching at Malden on 14 February 1679/80 and was ordained there on 27 July 1681 as a colleague of Michael Wigglesworth (brother of Abigail Wigglesworth, the wife of Benjamin Sweetser – see the Sweetser family entry). He was dismissed in 1686 from this church when he moved to Rumney Marsh. From 1686 until 1715, he was in comparative retirement there. In 1715, he was chosen as pastor of the newly gathered church at Rumney Marsh. Thomas also taught school in Rumney Marsh as early as 1709, “teaching reading, writing and cyphering at his home to an average of twenty pupils.”^[30]

“His early ministerial life was clouded by grave charges” but in 1722 and 1735 he was invited back to his old church in Malden to preach there. These sermons were published in 1726^[31]. On 24 September 1747, due to his advanced age of 89, he was relieved at his own request and Nathaniel Oliver, Jr. was appointed scribe to keep the records and proceedings of the church. On 13 April 1748, The Reverend William McClenachan was appointed associate pastor to Rev. Cheever and he was formerly installed on 21 December 1748 as Cheever’s colleague^[31].

The will of John Tuttle of Rumney Marsh was in the handwriting of Rev. Thomas Cheever^[32].

Thomas moved from Ipswich, Essex co., MA to either Malden, Middlesex co., MA or Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA after his ordination date in 1681^[2]. On 22 October 1689, Reverend Cheever bought the Parker-Cheever farm from the three Bill brothers (James, jr., Jonathan and Joseph of Pullen Point), brothers-in-law of Cheever for £357. It was a farm of 120 acres and Reverend Thomas deeded it to his son Nathan on 29 December 1738. Reverend Cheever was the first owner of the farm who actually lived upon it^[33]. The

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location of this farm is west of what is now Broadway and north of Fenno Street in Revere, Suffolk co., MA^[34].

On 27 April 1685, their three sons James, Jr. Jonathan & Joseph together bought the Parker-Cheever Farm in Rumney Marsh for £300. The Cheevers became tenants on the farm the next year and bought the farm from the three brothers on 22 October 1689 for £357. It had 120 acres^[33].

Circa 1681 when Thomas was 22, he first married **Sarah BILL**, daughter of **James BILL Sr. & Mary [surname not known]**, in Boston, Suffolk co. or Lexington, Middlesex co., MA^[3,35,36,1,37,38,19,7,39,8,15,40].

They had the following children:

19	i.	Thomas (-1753)
20	ii.	Sarah
21	iii.	Joshua (1687-1751)
22	iv.	Abigail1 (1690-<1691)
23	v.	Abigail2 (1691-)
24	vi.	Ezekiel (1692-1770)
25	vii.	Nathan (1694-1774)

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 944/945

On 30 July 1707 when Thomas was 48, he second married **Elizabeth SENTER**, daughter of **John SENTER & Sarah WEEDON**, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[41]. Their marriage record reads "Mr. Thomas Cheever & Mrs. Eliza. Warren [by] Mr. Benj. Wadsworth". Elizabeth was born in 1663^[3] and died in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea, then North Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA on 10 May 1727; she was 64^[3,26,42].

On 31 August 1727 when Thomas was 69, he third married **Abigail KEMBLE JARVIS**, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[43] as "Revd. Thomas Chever & Mrs. Abigail Jarvis". Abigail died on 25 June 1753 in Boston, Suffolk co., MA; she was aged 84 y.^[43]

14. Abigail CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 20 October 1653.

15. Nathaniel CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 23 June 1657 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA as "Cheever, Nathaniel"^[25]. Nathaniel died on 12 July 1657 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[44].

16. Susanna CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 5 June 1693.

17. Ezekiel2 CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 1 July 1655. This Ezekiel Cheever is the one who was the obsequious toady clerk during the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. His unfortunate role was immortalized by Arthur Miller in "The Crucible". However, these depositions give a fascinating insight into the events and minds of the time:

He was one of the men who participated in the "physical examination" of John Proctor and John Willard during the Salem Witch Hysteria. The "examination" turned up no devil's marks.

He gave a second version of the examination of Bridget Bishop, who was executed on 10 June 1692^[45,46]. Ezekiel, Thomas Putnam, Peter Prescott & Robert Morrell vs. George Burroughs:

"Wee whose names are under writen being present with Ann putnam att the time above mentioned hard hir declare what is above writen what she said she saw and hard from the Apperishtion of Mr. George Burroughs: and allso beheld hir tortors: and perceived her hellish temtations by hir lough out cries I will not I will not writ tho you torment al days of my life:and being conversant with hir ever sence have seen hir tortured and complaining that Mr. Burroughs hirt hir. and tempts hir to writ in his Book.

Thomas putnam

Peter Prescott

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Robert Morrell

Ann Puttnam declared her above written evidence to be the truth: before the Jury of Inquest: August 3:92: upon her oath.

Ezekiel Cheever make Oath to the latter part of this paper."^[47,48]

He is listed as a witness on several indictments against Martha Corey, executed 22 September 1692^[49,50]. He and Edward Putnam later gave the following deposition against Martha Corey:

"The deposition of Edward Putnam aged about 36 years and Ezekiel Cheever aged about 37 years testified and sayeth that we being often complained unto by An Putnam that good Corie did often appear to her and tortor her by pinching and other ways thought it our duty to doe to her and see what shee would say to this complaint shee being in church covenant with us.

And accordingly upon the 12th day of march about ten of the clock we appointed to goe about the midle afternoon, and wee desired An Putnam to take good notice of what cloathes good Corie came in that so we might see whither shee was not mistaken in the person, and according wee went to the house of Thomas Putnam before we went to goode Corie to see what An could say about her cloathes, and shee told us that presently after we had [#][spoken] told her that we would goe and talke with goode Corie shee came and blinded her but told her that her name was Corie and that shee should see her no more before it was night because she should not tell us what cloathes shee had on and then shee would come again and pay her off.

Then wee went both of us away from the house of Thomas Putnam to the house of Giles Corie where we found go the abovesaid Corie all alone in her house and as soone as we came in. in a smiling manner shee sayeth I know what you are come for you are come to talke with me about being a witch butr I am none I cannot helpe peoples talking of me Edward Putnam answered her that it was the afflicted person that did complain of her that was the occasion of our coming to her. she presently replied but does shee tell you what cloathes I have on we made her no answer to this at her first asking where upon shee asked us again with very great eagernes but does she tell you what cloathes I have on at which questions with that eagerness of mind. with which shee did aske made us to thinke of what An Putnam had told us before wee went to her. to which and wee told her no shee did not for shee told us that you came and blinded her and told her that shee should see you no more before it was night that so shee might not tell us what cloathes you had on. shee made but litle answer to this but seemed to smile at it as if shee had showed us a pretty trick

We had a great deal of talke with her about the complaint that was of her and how greatly the name of God and religion and thee church was dishonoured by this meanes but shee seemed to be no way concerned for any thing about it but only to stop the mouthes of people that they might not say thus of her shee told us that shee did not thinke that they were accused for shee said if there wee could not blame the devill for making witches of them for they were idle sloathfull persons and minded nothing that was good. but we had no reason to thinke so of her for shee had made a profession of christ and rejoyced to go and hear the word of god and the like. but we told her it was not her making an out ward profession that would clear her from being a witch for it had often been so in the wourld that witches had crept into the churches: much more discourse we had with her but shee made her profession a cloake to cover all shee furdre told us that the devill was come down amongst us i great rage and that God had forsaken the earth. and after much discourse with her being to much here to be related we returned to the house of the above said Thomas Putnam and we found that shee had done as shee said shee would for shee came not to hurt the above said Putnam as she Ann Putnam told us all this time but after we were gone we understand that shee came again as shee did use to doe before greatly afflicting of her.

We doe furdre testifie that upon her examination shee accordeng to what was said of her 6th that shee would open thee eyes of the magistrates and ministers. so shee did for shee made a most clear discovery witchcraft for by biting thee eyes of the mafistrates and ministers. so shee did for shee made a most clear discovery witchcraft for by biting her lip it was observed that the afflicted [#][children] persons were bit when that was discovered then we observed that shee would [#][pinch] pinch them by niping her fingers together and when that was discovered then shee pressed upon the seate with her breast and mistress Pope was

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greatly afflicted by great pressure upon her stomach

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(Reverse) Mr Ezekell Cheevers: affimd: to the Jury of inquest: that he saw: Martha wife of Giles Cory examied before the majestates: at which time he observed that the s'd Cory: some times did: bite her lip: and when she bit her lip: Mercy Lewis and Eliza'th Hubbard and others of the afflicted persons: were bitten: also when s'd Cory: pinched her fingers to gether: then mer Lewis & elizabeth Hubbard and others were pinched: and when according to: the motions of s'd martha Coryes body: so was the afflicted persons: afflicted: this he affirmd to be true according to the best of his observation: Mr Edward Putnam affirmd the same: to the Jury of inquest that : Mr Cheevers doth. Mr Thomas Putnam affirmed the same: all upon aothe all of them -- Ed Putman, Eliz. Cheever."^[51,52]

Ezekiel and Thomas Putnam also gave a deposition against Tituba on 23 May 1692^[53,54].

On 17 June 1680 when Ezekiel² was 24, he married **Abigaile LIPPINGWELL**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[55].

18. William CHEEVER (*Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 23 January 1664, baptized on 29 January 1664 and died on 5 February 1664^[2].

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Fifth Generation

Family of Reverend Thomas CHEEVER (13) & Sarah BILL

19. Thomas⁵ CHEEVER, Jr. (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26] and died on 8 November 1753 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[56,57].

Thomas was a Gentleman of Rumney Marsh until 1702. He then moved to Lynn and became a cordwainer and a tanner. He was wealthy enough to have servants in his household. The following marriage record is found in the Lynn vital records: "Taxey a Negro Servt. to Thos. Cheever of Lyn [&] Deliverance Servt. to Nathll Richardson of R. Marsh, [married] Oct. 18, 1715"^[58]

He bought a farm in the "Pan Handle" of Rumney Marsh/Revere called Cogan Farm^[26]. He bought 24 acres of land from Lydia Paul & her daughter Sarah on 17 October 1701. He bought 27-1/2 acres from Mrs. Paul's heirs and on 22 June 1703, he bought 60 acres more from Richard Pratt for £100^[59].

Thomas was the Representative for the town of Lynn in 1726-1727 and 1740-1742^[60].

On 11 February 1701 Thomas first married **Mary BOARDMAN**, daughter of **William BOARDMAN & Sarah [surname not known]**, in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[56,61] as "Thomas Chever junr. & Mary Boman [by] Mr. Thomas Chever".

They had the following children:

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| 26 | i. | Mary1 (1702-<1722) |
| 27 | ii. | Thomas (1704-1734) |
| 28 | iii. | William (1708-1748) |
| 29 | iv. | Abner1 (1709-) |

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 472/473

On 6 August 1712 Thomas second married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[31,63]. Mary died on 10 May 1753 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Mary, w. Thomas..."^[31,57].

They had the following children:

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| 30 | i. | Ezekiel (1714-) |
| 31 | ii. | Joshua (1715-) |
| 32 | iii. | Edward (1717-1794) |
| 33 | iv. | Abijah (1718-<1775) |
| 34 | v. | John (1720->1775) |
| 35 | vi. | Mary2 (1722-1787) |
| 36 | vii. | Sarah (1723-) |
| 37 | viii. | Abner2 (1725-1796) |
| 38 | ix. | Elizabeth (1727-) |

On 19 October 1753 Thomas third married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[63,64].

20. Sarah CHEEVER. (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) On 7 November 1701 Sarah married **Thomas KENDALL** of Woburn in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26].

21. Joshua CHEEVER (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 6 January 1687 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26,65] and died in 1751; he was 63^[26]. On 2 November 1708 when Joshua

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was 21, he first married **Sarah WARREN**, daughter of **Ephraim WARREN & Elizabeth SENTER**, in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26]. Sarah was born on 10 August 1685 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA and died in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA on 26 January 1723; she was 37^[26]. Joshua second married **Sarah SEARS**, daughter of **Richard SEARS & Abigail [surname not known]**.

22. Abigail1 CHEEVER (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 20 May 1690 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[66] and died before 20 March 1691 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26] when Abigail2 was born and named.

23. Abigail2 CHEEVER (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 20 March 1691 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26,67]. At the age of 3, Abigail2 was baptized in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 8 April 1694^[68]. On 3 June 1714 when Abigail2 was 23, she married **John BURT**, in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26].

24. Ezekiel CHEEVER (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 9 March 1692 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[2,26,69] and died in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 15 March 1770; he was 78^[26]. Ezekiel first married **Elizabeth JENNER**, who died on 5 May 1728^[26]. On 25 September 1729 when Ezekiel was 37, he second married **Elizabeth GILL**^[26]. And on 11 November 1736 when Ezekiel was 44, he third married **Sarah MOUSALL**^[26].

25. Nathan CHEEVER (*Thomas⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 16 March 1694 in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26,70] and died in Chelsea, Suffolk co., MA on 30 September 1774; he was 80^[26]. Nathan became quite a distinguished person in the Chelsea/Rumney Marsh area. On 8 November 1721 when Nathan was 27, he first married **Hannah BROOKS**, in Rumney Marsh [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA^[26]. Nathan second married **Anna BURRILL**.

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Sixth Generation

Family of Thomas CHEEVER Jr. (19) & Mary BOARDMAN

26. Mary¹ CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 3 November 1702 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64,71] as "Chever, Mary". She died in Lynn, Essex co., MA before 10 April 1722 when Mary² was born and named^[64]. She would have been less than 19 years of age when she died.

27. Thomas CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 25 February 1704/5 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64,71] as "Chever, Thomas". He died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 14 March 1734/5 when he was 30y., 17d^[64]. On 5 March 1729/30 when Thomas was 25, he married Eunice IVORY, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64].

28. William⁶ CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 21 May 1708 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64,72] and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 5d:7m(September):1748; he was 39^[64,73]. William was a Gentleman.

On 20 January 1727/8 when William was 18, he married **Sarah WAITE**, daughter of **William WAITE & Abigail LYNDE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "William Chever & Sarah Wait"^[63,64].

They had the following children:

39	i.	William
40	ii.	Ezekiel
41	iii.	Sarah
42	iv.	Mary

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 236/237

29. Abner¹ CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 19 February 1709/10 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64,75] as "Chever, Abner" and died young^[64].

Family of Thomas CHEEVER Jr. (19) & Mary [surname not known]

30. Ezekiel CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 25 March 1714 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Ezeckill"^[64,71]. On 29 January 1735/6 when Ezekiel was 20, he first married **Rachel GREELEY**, in Salisbury, Essex co., MA^[64], who died on 24 December 1739 in Salisbury, Essex co., MA^[64]. On 28 November 1759 when Ezekiel was 45, he second married **Mary GILES**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64].

31. Joshua CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 4 October 1715 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Joshua"^[64,71]. On 10 October 1745 when Joshua was 30, he first married **Hannah PERKINS**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64]. On 17 June 1784 when Joshua was 68, he second married **Rebecca WESTON**, in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[64].

32. Reverend Edward CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 2 May 1717 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Edward"^[64,71]; and died in Eastham, Barnstable co., MA on 16 August 1794; he was 77^[64]. Like the other men in the family, he went to Harvard College, graduating in 1737^[64]. On 11 December 1739 when Edward was 22, he first married **Martha [surname not known]**, in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[64,76]. His second marriage came on 13 June 1788, when Edward was 71, to **Dorcus COOK**, in Eastham, Barnstable co., MA^[64].

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33. Abijah CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 11 December 1718 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Abyjah"^[64,75]. He died in Lynn, Essex co., MA before 6 November 1775 – which is the date his brother John was appointed administrator for his estate.; he was 56^[64]. On 22 November 1759 when Abijah was 40, he married **Ann [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64].

34. John CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 13 June 1720 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, John"^[64,71] and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA after 1775; he was 54. He was appointed administrator of brother Abijah's estate on 6 November 1775^[64] and duly administered it that year; thus he died sometime after that.

35. Mary² CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 10 April 1722 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Mary"^[64,71] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 4 May 1787; she was 65^[64]. On 24 December 1739 when Mary² was 17, she married **Timothy UPHAM**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[64]. He was born on 29 August 1710 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 3 July 1781 when he was 70^[64].

36. Sarah CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 14 February 1723/4 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Sarah"^[71,77]. On 3 January 1752 when Sarah was 28, she first married **Captain William ROBY**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[77]. On 27 May 1757 when Sarah was 34, she second married **Colonel James FRYE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[77].

37. Abner² CHEEVER, Esq. (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 24 January 1725/6 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Abner"^[75,77]. He died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 22 April 1796 when he was 71^[57,77]. On 8 November 1752 when Abner² was 27, he married **Elizabeth NEWHALL**, daughter of **Ebenezer NEWHALL**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[77]. Elizabeth was born on 30 March 1723 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 29 July 1799; she was 76^[77].

38. Elizabeth CHEEVER (*Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 16 August 1727 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Chever, Elizabeth"^[71,77]. On 18 September 1761 when Elizabeth was 34, she married **Jacob PARKER** of Malden, Middlesex co., MA, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[77].

Seventh Generation

Family of William CHEEVER (28) & Sarah WAITE

39. William CHEEVER (*William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 22 December 1728 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[72].

40. Ezekiel⁷ CHEEVER (*William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was a Cordwainer. On 28 November 1759 he married **Mary GILES**, daughter of **Ebenezer GILES & Eve HAWKES**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[78].

They had the following children:

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| 43 | i. | Mary (1760-) |
| 44 | ii. | Sarah (1762-1849) |
| 45 | iii. | Rebecca (1763-) |
| 46 | iv. | Ebenezer Giles (1765-) |
| 47 | v. | Lydia (1767-) |

Generation: G4 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 118/119

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Eighth Generation

Family of Ezekiel CHEEVER (39) & Mary GILES

43. Mary CHEEVER (*Ezekiel⁷, William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 1 September 1760 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

44. Sarah CHEEVER (*Ezekiel⁷, William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 28 February 1762 in Saugus, Essex co., MA^[80]. Sarah's place of birth (but not her name) was given on her daughter Maria's Death Record. Sarah died of Asiatic Cholera in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 15 August 1849; she was 87^[81].

On 3 April 1787 when Sarah was 25, she married **Joseph SWEETSER**, son of **Samuel SWEETSER & Lydia HAWKES**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[82]. An Intention was also filed.

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

- i. Sally1 (1788-1791)
- ii. Clarisse (1792-)
- iii. Polly (1792-)
- iv. Sally2 (1794-)
- v. Joseph (1798-)
- vi. Hannah (1801-)
- vii. Lydia Hawkes (1807-)
- viii. **Maria Augusta (1814-1880)**

Generation: G3 Grandfather

Person Numbers: 58/59

45. Rebecca CHEEVER (*Ezekiel⁷, William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 1 October 1763 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

46. Reverend Ebenezer Giles CHEEVER (*Ezekiel⁷, William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 24 April 1765 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

47. Lydia CHEEVER (*Ezekiel⁷, William⁶, Thomas⁵⁻⁴, Ezekiel³, William², James¹*) was born on 1 June 1767 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

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