First Generation

1. John¹ CLIFFORD^[1,2] was born in 1609/1615^[1,3]. The disparity in birth years stems from the fact that in 1675 he gave two depositions: one in which he gave his age as 60 and the other in which he gave his age as 66. Torrey gives the following life dates for John Clifford: (1614-1680?, 1694). John died in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH in 1672/1679; he was 63^[1]. We know that he died before his second wife made her will on 1 September 1679, in which she styles herself as a "widow".

John lived in that part of Hampton, Rockingham co., NH which was originally part of Salisbury, Essex co., MA. In 1640, he was listed as a Proprietor of Salisbury. It seems that during 1641 or 1642 he either moved to Hampton or that part of Salisbury broke off and became Hampton. In 1642, he sold a house lot at Salisbury to Thomas & Mary Hawkins. On 1 March 1641/2, John was listed as being of Hampton, Rockingham co., NH. He was also on the Hampton lists in 1651. Further evidence of John's Hampton residence comes from being on the "Valuation List" at Hampton, Rockingham co., NH ca. 1645^[1].

He served on the Grand Jury in 1663, 1667, 1672, 1678 and 1679 and was Selectman in 1660^[1]. John was accepted as a member of the Church at Hampton, Rockingham co., NH on 18 September 1671^[1].

Before 1645, when John was 36, he first married **Sarah [surname not known]**^[1,2], in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[3,4,5,6,7,8,9]. Sarah died before September 1658^[1].

They had the following children:

2	i.	Hannah (1649-)
3	ii.	Israel (ca1650-)
4	iii.	Elizabeth (1650-<1659)
5	iv.	John (1646-<1722)

Generation: G9 Grandparents Person Numbers: 2158/2159

On 28 September 1658 when John was 49, he second married **Elizabeth RICHARDSON**, in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[3,5,7,10,11,12,13,14,15,16]. Elizabeth died on 1 December 1667 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1,3].

They had the following children:

6	i.	Elizabeth (1659-<1708)
7	ii.	Esther (1662-)
8	iii.	Isaac (1663-1694)
9	iv.	Mary (1665-1669)
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On 6 April 1671 when John was 62, he third married **Bridget HUGGINS**^[3], in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[3,15,17,5,18,19,20,21,22]. Torrey's entry for this marriage makes a point to note that "6 Feb 1672 is wrong". Bridget was born circa 1615^[1] and died in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH in 1679/80 (Torrey claims 1686); she was 64^[1,3]. Her birthdate is estimated from two depositions: one in October 1659, in which she gives her age as "about 44" and the other in June 1673 where she gives her age as "about 56". Bridget's will (as widow of John Clifford) is dated 1 September 1679 and was proved 26 August 1680. Bridget was admitted as a member of the Church at Hampton, NH on 18 September 1671^[1].

Second Generation

Family of John CLIFFORD (1) & Sarah [surname not known]

2. Hannah² CLIFFORD^[1,23] (*John*¹) was born on 15 April 1649 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1,3,24]. Hannah was mentioned as a Legatee of Susannah HABORNE-LEADER in 1657^[1].

On 20 November 1677 when Hannah was 28, she married **Luke MELOON**^[1,23,25], son of **Huybrick MELOON**, in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1,24,3,26,27,28,18,29,30,31,32,33]. There is a notation in Dow's <u>History of Hampton</u> which states: "Hannah CLIFFORD = d/o John Sr. and Sarah, b. 15 Apr 1649 @ Hampton, NH; marr 20 Nov 1677". Torrey says they were married in either Salisbury, Essex co., MA or Dover, Rockingham co., NH and lists it under "MALOON/MALONE/MALLOON".

They had the following children:

- i. Joseph^[1,34,35]ii. Sarah^[1,35,36]
- iii. Hannah^[1,37]
- iv. Elizabeth^[1,38,39,40]
- v. Jane
- vi. Abigail
- vii. Samuel^[1,34,35]
- viii. Luke^[1,34,35]
- ix. $Mark^{[1,34,35]}$
- x. George^[1]
- xi. Nathaniel^[1,34,35]

Generation: G8 Grandparents Person Numbers: 1078/1079

3. Israel CLIFFORD^[1,2] (*John*¹) was born circa 1650 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1]. His birth is estimated because he gave his age as "about 25" in 1675. Israel became Freeman when he took the Oath of Allegience in 1678^[1]. Israel was taxed in Hampton Falls, Rockingham co., NH in 1708^[1].

Israel married **Ann SMITH**^[1,41]. Ann was born on 8 February 1663 in Exeter, Rockingham co., NH^[1]. She was of Hampton, Rockingham co., NH at time of her marriage^[1].

- **4. Elizabeth CLIFFORD**^[1,2] (*John*¹) was born on 4 April 1650 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1] and died in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH before August 1659; she was 9^[1].
- **5. John CLIFFORD**^[1,2] ($John^1$) was born in 1646^[3] and died in New Hampshire before 1722; he was 76^[1]. John became Freeman when he took the Oath in 1678^[1]. He deeded "my dwelling house standing in the woods" to his brother Israel in 1676^[1], but I have no notation of where that dwelling house was.

On 18 August 1670 when John was 24, he married **Sarah GODFREY**^[1,42], in Hampton, Rockingham co., $NH^{[43,7,33,44,45,18,20,46,47]}$. Sarah was born on 15 May 1642 in Watertown, Middlesex co., $MA^{[1]}$ and died in 1694; she was $51^{[3]}$.

Family of John CLIFFORD (1) & Elizabeth RICHARDSON

6. Elizabeth CLIFFORD (*John*¹) was born on 31 August 1659 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1] and died in Hampton Falls, Rockingham co., NH before March 1708; she was 48^[1].

Elizabeth first married **[not known]**^[1] and second married **Jacob BASFORD**^[1]. Jacob died after August 1731 in Chester, Rockingham co., NH^[1]. She and Jacob received a deed from estate of her father, John Clifford, Sr. in 1686 to "maintain him and his wife throughout life". They were admitted to the Church at Hampton, Rockingham co., NH on 9 May 1697^[1]. Jacob had lived in Carolina but was in Hampton Falls, Rockingham, NH by 1685. He was listed as a Proprietor at Chester, NH and lived there from August 1731 until his death^[1].

- **7. Esther CLIFFORD.** (*John*¹) was born on 24 February 1662 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1]. She was of Newbury, Essex co., MA in July 1686^[1]. Esther married **James STANLEY** who may be the same James Stanley died at the home of Mrs. Abigail James in Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH in 1729 with the town paid for his burial^[1].
- **8. Isaac CLIFFORD.** (*John*¹) was born on 14 February 1663/4 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1] and died in New Hampshire on 2 May 1694; he was 31^[1]. He received a deed from his father in 1693, but I have no notation of where^[1]. Isaac married **Elizabeth PULSIFER**^[1], who died in 1755 in New Hampshire^[1]. She second married **Jonathan PRESCOTT** after Isaac's death in May 1694 but before Mary Cram accused Prescott of fathering her child in June 1696. Elizabeth's will was dated 24 January 1755 and proved on 30 May 1755^[1].
- **9. Mary CLIFFORD.** (*John*¹) was born on 8 February 1665/6 in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH^[1] and died in Hampton, Rockingham co., NH on 30 October 1669; she was 4^[1].
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