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First Generation

1. **John¹ FOSS/FOST** was born ca. 1636^[1]. John died in 1699; he was 63^[5]. Note that John Foss of Rye, Rockingham co., NH and John Fost of Dover, Rockingham co., NH are two completely different people, but they are often confused in books and records, so research with care!

John supposedly migrated to Boston, Suffolk co., MA on a British War Vessel. Once in harbor, he is said to have jumped overboard, swam to shore and run away^[7].

Originally, John tried settling at "Reid's Temple" [location currently unknown], but moved along to Rye, Rockingham co., NH^[8]. Upon arrival in Rye, John was supposedly taken in by the family of John Berry and married his daughter, Mary^[6]. However, looking at ages, it is more likely that Mary was a sister of John Berry. John Foss was recorded as being "of Fort Point" in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH. In 1665, a John Foss was at Dover, Strafford co., NH^[5]; this John is most likely the Dover resident.

Circa 1660, when John was 24, he married **Mary BERRY/[CHADBURNE]**, in Rye Beach, Rockingham co., New Hampshire.^[1,2,3,4] There is some wonder about the true identity of Mary's parents. Stackpole insists that she is **Mary CHADBOURNE**, daughter of **William CHADBOURNE** of Kittery, York co., ME. He says that this is backed up by the fact that Mary is mentioned in **Humphrey CHADBOURNE's** will. Parson's History of Rye maintains the story which is told in the previous paragraph. Torrey lists her under both names and has her marrying William Chadbourne in Boston as noted below.

They had one child:

2 i. **Jane**

Generation: G8 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 1090/1091

By 1644, Mary second married William CHADBOURNE^[1], in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[1,9,10,11]. Born in 1610^[1], William died before 1660; he was 50.

Second Generation

2. **Jane² FOSS (John¹)**

By 1697 Jane first married Samuel NEAL (*see Neal*), son of Captain Walter NEAL & Mary AYRES or HAINES, in Greenland, NH.^[1,5,6]

They had one child (*surname NEAL*):

i. **Richard (ca. 1698-1743) (see Neal)**

Generation: G7 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 544/545

Jane second married **Robert COATES** (*see notes on the Coates Register Report*). Robert died before 1 September 1724 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH^[14]. His occupation was Cordwainer^[15].

This is Robert Coates of Lynn (-1724) who bought land in New Castle, NH in 1723. This (along with Sarah Coates) is a link with the Lynn Coates' side of the family. Finding how Robert fits into the family

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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^[16]. 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]^[14]

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..."^[14]

They had one child (*surname COATES*):

- 4 i. Joseph (ca. 1710-)

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