

Lockwood Register Report

Note that the 1889 Lockwood Genealogy by Frederic A. Holden and E. Dunbar Lockwood (Descendants of Robert Lockwood, History of the Lockwood Family in America) is “deservedly described by [Donald Lines] Jacobus as ‘a genealogical atrocity’”^[1] and should not be used for serious research.

Better resources are done by Donald Lines Jacobus in his History & Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, 3 volumes (Fairfield, CT: 1930; rpt. Baltimore:1976,1991) and in his article published in The American Genealogist 31:222-224. Also, consult Harriet Woodbury Hodge’s book Some Descendants of Edmund Lockwood (1594-1635) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his son Edmund Lockwood (c. 1625-1693) of Stamford, Connecticut, (New York 1978)^[1].

Surname variations include: Lockwood and Lockewood.

First Generation

1. **[not known]¹ LOCKWOOD**. We know nothing of him or his spouse, save their children. However, based upon Edmund’s estimated birth year of 1600, they were probably born circa 1580.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Edmund |
| 3 | ii. | Richard |

Generation: G11 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 14,716/14,717

Second Generation

Family of [not known] LOCKWOOD (1) & [not known] [surname not known]

2. **Edmund² LOCKWOOD** (*not known¹*) was born circa 1600 in England^[2]. This date has been estimated by Robert Anderson upon his estimated date of Edmund’s first marriage. Edmund died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA sometime before 3 March 1634/5; he was 34^[3,4,5]. As was common for the time, Edmund was also referred to as “Edward” in some records. Anderson points out that “the oft-stated origin of the Lockwood brothers in Combs, Suffolk, seems to be based on nothing more than finding the right names at about the right time. Further research is needed before this origin can be accepted.^[6]” Thus, for now, the English origins of Edmund & his brother remain unknown.

It is generally accepted that Lockwood migrated to New England in 1630^[14]. Henry Bond speculated that he came over with Sir Richard Saltonstall as “one of the first planters of Watertowne” (in 1630), but either moved to Newtowne [now Cambridge], Middlesex co., MA to settle it the next year or settled so far east in Watertown that he fell inside the boundaries of Newtowne when it was planted^[3]. In fact, “Mr. Edmund Lockwood” was number three on the list of the first eight “Newtowne Inhabitants” found at the very beginning of the Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA records. This list is now acknowledged as dating from 1632^[15].

Edmund was a well-respected member of the early Newtowne community who served it well in return. He applied for Freeman on 19 October 1630 and took the oath on 18 May 1631^[3,14,16]. He served on the jury during the murder trial of Walter Palmer on 9 November 1630^[3,17]; was named the deputy to the General Court for “...New Towne to confer with the Court ‘about the raising of a publick stock’...^[3]” on 9 May 1632^[18] and was also named constable for Cambridge on that same date^[14,19]. In addition, on 31 March 1631, Edmund and Mr. Will[i]am Pelham stood surety for Nicholas Knapp after he was fined for quackery on 1 March 1630/1. They promised to pay the sum of £5 to the court^[7,8,9].

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Edmund Lockwood's own estate remained a matter of some dispute for quite sometime after his death. His brother, Robert, was named executor of his estate.

On 3 March 1634/5, his widow (Elizabeth, but mis-identified as Ruth in the record) was ordered to place "all the writings that her husband left in her hands to John Haynes, Esq., & Simon Bradstreete, on the third day of the next week, who shall detain the same in their hands till the next Court, when they shall be disposed of to those to whom they belong^[10]." Anderson maintains that his death date was probably closer to 9 May 1632 (when he last appears in the records^[11]), since it doesn't appear that he received a land grant in the Cambridge grants which started in August 1632^[2].

Curiously, on 7 April 1635, the Quarterly Court granted Richard's request to dispose of Edmund's elder children and the estate given them at the discretion of the Watertown Church^[3]:

"7 April 1635: It is referred to the church of Watertown, with the consent of Rob[er]te Lockwood, executor of Edmond Lockwood, deceased, to dispose of the children & estate of the said Edmond Lockwood, given to them, to such persons and they think meet, which if they perform not within fourteen days, it shall be lawful for the Governor, John Hayne, Esq., & Simon Bradstreete, to dispose of the said children & estates as in their discretion, they shall think meet, as also to take an account of the said Rob[er]te Lockwood, & give him a full discharge"^[12].

2 June 1635: In the cause of the children & widow of Edward Lockwood, (the elders & other of the church of Waterton being present,) and upon consideration of the order of Court in April last made in the case, which was found not to have been observed, because the estate was not computed & apportioned, it is now ordered, with consent of all parties, viz: the church of Waterton, the widow of the said Edmond living, & the executor having consented to the former order, that the present Governor & the Secretary shall have power to call parties & witnesses for finding out the true estate, having consideration of the uncertainty of the will, & the debts, & other circumstances, to apportion the remainder of the estate to the wife & childre, according to their best discretion; & then the church of Waterton is to dispose of the elder children & their portions as shall be best for their Christian education & the preservation of their estate."^[2,13]

Circa 1624 when Edmund was 24, he first married a woman about whom we know nothing, in England^[20,21]. Torrey's record for this marriage reads: "LOCKWOOD, Edmund1 (?1599-) & 1/wf _____; by 1632, by 1629, by 1627, by 1620; Cambridge (English records) ". It is possible that she died in England prior to his 1630 migration^[20].

They had the following children:

- 4 i. **Mary**
- 5 ii. Edmund

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 7358/7359

Circa 1632/1625 when Edmund was 32, he second married **Elizabeth MASTERS**, daughter of **John MASTERS**, in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[21,22,23,24,25]. Torrey's record for this union reads: "LOCKWOOD, Edmund1 (?1599-) & 2/wf Elizabeth [MASTERS], m/2 Cary LATHAM bef 1639; by 1632, by 1635; Cambridge".

They had one child:

- 6 i. John

3. Richard LOCKWOOD (*not known*¹) was known as a Proprietor in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA in 1636-1637^[26] and was admitted Freeman there on 9 March 1636/7^[26]. Soon after 29 September 1645, he moved to Norwalk, CT^[26]. As previously mentioned, Richard was executor of his brother Edmund's estate^[3].

Richard married **Susanna [surname not known]**.

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They had the following children:

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| 7 | i. | Jonathon |
| 8 | ii. | Deborah |
| 9 | iii. | Joshua or Joseph |
| 10 | iv. | Daniel |
| 11 | v. | Ephriam |
| 12 | vi. | Gershom |

Third Generation

Family of Edmund LOCKWOOD (2) & [not known] [surname not known]

4. **Mary³ LOCKWOOD** (*Edmund², not known¹*) died in October 1700 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA as “___, wid., Oct. ___, 1700.”^[21,27]. Mary’s parentage has just gained acceptance, thanks to the work of Robert Anderson, et. al in The Great Migration series. Edmund Lockwood of Cambridge had at least two children with his first wife (“implied by a court order to the Watertown church ‘to dispose of the elder children’...”) ^[2], but only the identity of son Edmund had previously been determined. Anderson, et. al. conclude that since Edmund Jr’s. wife was from Ipswich, Essex co., MA, it is likely that he was placed there by the Watertown Church, per the court order. Ergo, it is likely that other Lockwood children were placed there as well. While no records specifically identify Mary Lockwood as a part of this family, the case made in The Great Migration is a good one and I trust Robert Anderson’s scholarship implicitly ^[30]. Interestingly enough, the Lockwood family completely dropped out of Essex co. Vital Records until after 1800. Mary, while cared for by her foster family, was not educated and could only make her mark on land deeds ^[28,29].

On 30 September 1652 Mary married **Jeremy BELCHER**, in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[21,31,32,33,34,35,36].

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

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| i. | Abigail |
| ii. | Dorcas |
| iii. | Judith |
| iv. | Mary |
| v. | David |
| vi. | Richard |
| vii. | Ann |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3678/3679

5. **Edmund LOCKWOOD** (*Edmund², not known¹*) was born circa 1625 in England^[2]. On 7 January 1655/6 when Edmund was 30, he married **Hannah SCOTT**, daughter of **Thomas SCOTT**, in Stamford, CT^[6,21,37,38]. Even though they were married in Stamford, CT, Hannah was from Ipswich, Essex co., MA. This may be where Edmund & Elizabeth were placed after their father’s death^[2]. It is possible that they were married at the home of Edmund’s uncle, Richard.

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Family of Edmund LOCKWOOD (2) & Elizabeth MASTERS

6. **John LOCKWOOD** (*Edmund², not known¹*) was born in November 1632 in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[2,39] and died in New London, CT in 1683; he was 50. John never married.

Family of Richard LOCKWOOD (3) & Susanna [surname not known]

7. **Jonathon LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 16 September 1634 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

8. **Deborah LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 12 October 1636 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

9. **Joshua or Joseph LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 6 August 1638 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

10. **Daniel LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 21 March 1639/40 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

11. **Ephriam LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 6 December 1641 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

12. **Gershom LOCKWOOD** (*Richard², not known¹*) was born on 6 September 1643 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[26].

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