

## Neal Register Report

The Neal Family, like nearly all others on dad's side of the family, settled in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH. As with the Odiorne family, many people are familiar with Emma E. [Neal] Brigham's book Neal Family and have adopted it as a kind of "family bible" when it comes to who is and is not a member of the Neal family.

Unfortunately, like James Creighton Odiorne's genealogy of his family, Brigham's book is riddled with the errors of its time. As with the Odiorne line of the family, I have done considerable research with other sources and correctly established this line as a correct line of the Neal family of New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.

Variations on the family surname are: Neale, Neall, Neeal, Neel, Neele, Neell, Neil, Neile, Neill, Nele, Nell, Neyle and Niel.

### First Generation

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1. **Captain Walter<sup>1</sup> NEAL** was born in 1566 and died in 1618, when he was 52.<sup>[1]</sup>

This Walter Neal is iffy without substantiation beyond the Neal Book<sup>[2]</sup>. I'd like to see some research of the Neal line in England. Walter married, but nothing is known of his wife or her parentage.

They had one child:

2        i.        **Walter<sup>2</sup> (1595 – after 1639)**

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 4352/4353

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## Second Generation

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**2. Captain Walter<sup>2</sup> NEAL** (*Walter<sup>1</sup>*) was born by 1595 and died after 1639.<sup>[3,4]</sup> Neal's birth date is estimated from his entry into the English Army ca. 1615 - serving in Bohemia and the Rhine country under Count Ernst Von Mansfeldt. It is here that he earned the rank of Captain.<sup>[1]</sup>

His death date is estimated from the fact that he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Portsmouth, England in 1639<sup>[7]</sup>. Walter first arrived in the Summer of 1630 on the bark *Warwick*.<sup>[5]</sup> He was Governor on the Piscataqua (what is now the area surrounding Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH) from 1630 to 1633.<sup>[7]</sup> Walter returned to England permanently in 1633 aboard the Elizabeth *Bonadventure*, Mr. Graves master, along with "...some eight of his company..."<sup>[6]</sup>.

John Winthrop records that during the week of 14 December 1630, "Capt. Neal and three other gentlemen came hither to us [in Boston]. He came in the bark *Warwick*, this summer, to Pascataqua, sent as governor there for Sir Ferdinando Gorges and others"<sup>[3,8]</sup>.

Further details of Walter's contributions to history can be found in Anderson's book.<sup>[3]</sup> Accomplishments listed in the Neal Family Book<sup>[9]</sup> should be viewed with suspicion in light of newer and better research. For example:

Neale "...appears as a witness to the forged Wheelwright deed..."<sup>[3,10]</sup> The details of this are as follows: "One of the earliest of Passaconaway's transactions with the English is said to have been his signing of the famous Wheelwright Deed'. By many this has been considered a forgery. The Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Editor of the Provincial Papers of New Hampshire, writes thus, however: "The famous 'Wheelwright Deed, which has been pronounced a forgery by Hon. James Savage, the distinguished antiquarian of Boston, and the late John Farmer, Esq., of Concord, bears date May 17, 1629. Hon. Chandler E. Potter, who has devoted much attention and research to the subject, maintains the validity of the deed. But whether the deed be a forgery or not it forms part of our history;-is the basis on which rests the grant of several townships in the state, is recognized in various ways in our public records as genuine. . . . The deed is recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds, at Exeter."<sup>[11]</sup>

"...[T]he substance of this famous document [is as follows:]. It certifies that Passaconaway, for certain valuable considerations, sells to John Wheelwright and his associates a tract of land extending from the then (1629) Massachusetts line thirty miles into the country, and from the Piscataqua to the Merrimac, reserving the hunting and fishing rights to his people. The seventh and last article declares that "every township within the aforesaid limits or tract of land that hereafter shall be settled shall pay to Passaconaway our chief sagamore that now is and to his successors forever, if lawfully demanded, one coat of trucking cloth a year." The names or marks of several noted sagamons were affixed to the deed as were also the signatures of some of the respectable planters of Saco and Piscataqua. Whether the Wheelwright Deed is valid or not, it affords proof of the extent of the Bashaba's power and dominions."<sup>[11]</sup>

In addition, Walter "...arrested Edward Ashley in May of 1631...helped organize the expedition sent after the murderers of Walter Bagnall in October 1631<sup>[12]</sup>, and more than a year later he sent forces to capture Dixey Bull, New England's first pirate..."<sup>[3,13]</sup>

"...In June of 1631, he forwarded to Winthrop a packet of letter from England addressed to Sir Christopher Gardener<sup>[14]</sup>; these letter became an important element in the dispute between Massachusetts Bay and some of its enemies."<sup>[3]</sup>

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“...On 1 December 1631 Captain Walter Neale was appointed by the Council for New England one of three men who were to deliver *[sic]* possession of the Trelawny patent, but it was Richard Vines who actually carried out this duty<sup>[15]</sup>. On 23 May 1633 Walter Neale delivered to Thomas Cammock possession of the land that had been patented to him by the Council for New England on 1 November 1631<sup>[16]</sup>. On 27 May *[sic]* 1633 Walter Neale delivered to Abraham Shurt possession of the land that had been patented to Robert Aldworth and Gyles Elbridge by the Council for New England on 29 February 1631/2...”<sup>[3,17]</sup>

It is common belief that Walter did not marry the woman (as yet unknown) who bore his son, Walter<sup>3</sup>.

They had one child:

**3**      **i.**      **Walter<sup>3</sup> (ca1633--1712)**

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2176/2177

### Third Generation

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**3. Captain Walter<sup>3</sup> NEAL** (*Walter<sup>2-1</sup>*) was born ca. 1633 in Piscataqua, NH. Walter died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH between February 1712 & November 1717; he was 79.<sup>[1]</sup>

This Walter Neal is believed to be an abandoned illegitimate child of his father. According to Noyes, Libby and Davis<sup>[18]</sup>, “..They note that the year of his birth as calculated from a 1683 deposition is ‘coincident with the departure for England of the gallant artilleryman,’ and that the proposed relation ‘has been, in view of their names and connect[ion] with N.H., an obvious conclusion, and worldly experience teaches that where there are soldiers there are apt to be babies’...”<sup>[19]</sup>

Be that as it may, Walter did well for himself. He was the 1st Ensign of the Strawberry Banke Training Band and later became a Lieutenant and Captain.<sup>[1]</sup> Walter was also given a land grant in Greenland (Portsmouth), NH in 1655.<sup>[3]</sup>

By 1661 when Walter was 28, he married **Mary AYRES or HAINES**, in Dover, NH.<sup>[20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28]</sup> Mary died after 31 March 1668.

They had one child:

**4**      **i.**      **Samuel<sup>4</sup> (1661-1698)**

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1088/1089

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### Fourth Generation

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**4. Samuel<sup>4</sup> NEAL** (*Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*) was born on 14 June 1661 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH. He died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1698/1699, at the age of 36.<sup>[1]</sup>

Samuel was a member of Grand Jury in 1693 and made a member of the North Church, Portsmouth, NH on 29 November 1694.<sup>[1]</sup>

By 1697 when Samuel was 35, he married **Jane FOSS** (*see Foss*), daughter of John FOSS/FOST & Mary BERRY [CHADBURNE], in Greenland, NH.<sup>[18,20,29]</sup>

They had one child:

**5**      **i.**      **Richard<sup>5</sup> (ca. 1698-1743)**

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Number: 544/545

### Fifth Generation

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**5. Richard<sup>5</sup> NEAL** (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*) was born ca. 1698 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH. Richard died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1743; he was 45.<sup>[1]</sup>

Richard was the first Neal on the New Castle, Rockingham co., NH tax rolls. There are no VRs for him in New Castle, so all information is taken from Tax Lists and the Neal Family book in the Portsmouth, Rockingham co., NH Library.

Richard married **Abigail BERRY**. Could Abigail be related to the Berrys of Lynn, Essex co., MA? Or to Richard's mother Mary Berry?

They had one child:

**6**      **i.**      **John<sup>6</sup> (ca. 1724-after 1800)**

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 272/273

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### Sixth Generation

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**6. John<sup>6</sup> NEAL** (*Richard<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*) was born ca. 1724 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[30]</sup> John died after 1800; he was 76.

On 28 November 1746, when John was 22, he married **Sarah COATES** (*see Coates*), daughter of Samuel COATES & Ruth<sup>2</sup> HARTT in Boston, Suffolk co., MA by The Rev. Benjamin Colman.<sup>[31]</sup> Sarah was born on 3 July 1726 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.<sup>[32]</sup>

Sarah is yet another Coates from the Lynn, Essex co., MA Coates family – linked to mom's side of the family. As with **Richard COATES** (*see*), more research is needed to sort this all out.

They had one child:

**7**      **i.**      **James<sup>7</sup> (1750-1832)**

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 136/137

### Seventh Generation

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**7. James<sup>7</sup> NEAL** (*John<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*)<sup>[33]</sup> was born on 11 April 1750 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[30]</sup> James died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH on 28 Feb 1832; he was 81.<sup>[30]</sup>

Circa 1773, when James was 22, he married **Dorothy ROBERTS**<sup>[33]</sup>, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[30]</sup>

They had the following children:

**8**      **i.**      **George O.<sup>8</sup> (1796-1842)**  
**9**      **ii.**      **Izette<sup>9</sup> (1834-1887)**

Generation: G4 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 68/69

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### Eighth Generation

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**8. George O.<sup>8</sup> NEAL** (*James<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*) was born on 7 May 1796 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[30,33]</sup> George O. died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH on 4 November 1842; he was 46.<sup>[30]</sup> He is buried in New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.

On 12 July 1818, when George O. was 22, he married **Abigail B. ODIORNE** (*see Odiorne*), daughter of Benjamin & Dorothy YEATON, in New Castle, NH.<sup>[30,33]</sup>

They had one child:

**10**      **i.**      **Abbie<sup>10</sup> (1837-1914)**

Generation: G3 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 34/35

**9. Izette<sup>9</sup> NEAL** (*James<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*) was born in 1834. Izette died on 14 March 1887; she was 53.<sup>[34]</sup> She is buried in New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[25]</sup>

Izette married **William TREFETHEN/TREFETHERN**, who was born on 6 January 1828.<sup>[25]</sup> William died on 8 April 1896; he was 68.<sup>[25]</sup> He is buried in New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[34]</sup>

They had one child:

**i.**      Judson was born on 28 December 1863<sup>[34]</sup> and died on 17 May 1938; he was 74. He is buried in New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[34]</sup>

### Ninth Generation

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**10. Abbie<sup>10</sup> NEAL** (*George O.<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Walter<sup>3-1</sup>*)<sup>[35]</sup> was born on 26 May 1837 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH (although, her gravestone says 1838).<sup>[30,34,36]</sup> Abbie died in Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA on 12 Jan 1914; she was 76.<sup>[34,37,38]</sup> She is buried in New Castle Cemetery - New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[34]</sup> Her occupation was Seamstress.

According to her obituary, Abbie suffered a painful stomach illness for many years and was confined to her house. Although her funeral was in Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA, she was buried in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.<sup>[34,38]</sup>

According to some records, Abbie was an only child. However, according to family lore, she had three brothers and one sister - Isette Neal, who married William Trefethern. However, Izette turns out to be her Aunt.<sup>[34]</sup>

On 11 July 1858, when Abbie was 21, she married **Stacy HALL Sr.** (*see Hall*), son of William & Margaret YEATON, in New Castle, NH.<sup>[30,35]</sup>

They had the following children:

**i.**      **Ordway Rider (1858-1917) (see Hall)**  
**ii.**     Stacey B. (1868-1947)  
**iii.**    Clifton E. (1875-)

Generation: G2 Grandparents

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Sarah (1726 - )

wife of John<sup>6</sup> (6)

### FOSS

Jane

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Clifton E. (1875 - )

son of Stacy Hall, Sr. and Abbie<sup>10</sup> (10)

Ordway Rider (1858 - 1917)

son of Stacy Hall, Sr. and Abbie<sup>10</sup> (10)

Stacey B. Jr. (1868 - 1947)

son of Stacy Hall, Sr. and Abbie<sup>10</sup> (10)

Stacy Sr. (1836 - 1929)

husband of Abbie<sup>10</sup> (10)

### NEAL

Abbie<sup>10</sup> (1837 - 1914)

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(8) son of James<sup>7</sup> and Dorothy Roberts

Izette<sup>9</sup> (1834 - 1887)

(9) daughter of James<sup>7</sup> and Dorothy Roberts

James<sup>7</sup> (1750 - 1832)

(7) son of John<sup>6</sup> and Sarah Coates

John<sup>6</sup> (ca. 1724 - >1800)

(6) son of Richard<sup>5</sup> and Abigail Berry

Richard<sup>5</sup> (ca. 1698 - 1743)

(5) son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Jane Foss

Samuel<sup>4</sup> (1661 - 1698)

(4) son of Captain Walter<sup>3</sup> and Mary Ayres/Haines

Captain Walter<sup>3</sup> (ca1633 - ~1712)

(3) son of Captain Walter<sup>2</sup> and [not known]

Captain Walter<sup>2</sup> (1595 - >1639)

(2) son of Captain Walter<sup>1</sup> and [not known]

Captain Walter<sup>1</sup> (1566 - 1618)

(1) patriarch

### ODIORNE

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[not known]

consort of Captain Walter<sup>2</sup> (2)

[not known]

wife of Captain Walter<sup>1</sup> (1)

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son of William Trefethen and Izette<sup>9</sup> (9)

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