

Odiorne Register Report

All Odiornes of America are related, tracing their lineage to the immigrant John².^[16]

According to Creighton^[1] "...the name ODIORNE, originally written HODIERNE, is supposed to be derived from the Latin HODIERNUS, from HODIE 'of this day'. Hence, also the English word, HODIERNAL, and the Italian ODIERNA, 'of this day'. Lower, in his 'Dictionary of English Names' says 'HODIERNA occurs as a baptismal name in the time of William the Conqueror.'^[6]

The name HODIERNE is extremely rare, but occasionally occurs in French and English annals, and has been traced back to the eleventh century. It was to be found, with some variations in Bretagne and other northern parts of France, al in Jersey and the isles off the northern coast. It was also found as the name of places..."^[6]

For example, "...HODIERNE or AUDIERNE, is the chief place of a canton in the district of Pointeroix, on its northwest coast, on a bay of the same name, opening from the English Channel...AUDIERNE BAY is situated at the south of the Bay of Douarnenez, from which it is separated by a narrow peninsular...AUDIERNE GULF, Kerguelan's Land or Desolation Island in the Indian Ocean, (lat S. 49, long. E. 70), [is] a barren and uninhabited spot...Bounding this island is a large gulf called AUDIERNE..."^[29]

In New England, Odiorne's Point is located on the seashore in the town of Rye. Once the family homestead, it is now a National Park.^[29] According to Savage, it is possible that Philip and John² and the rest of the early colonists at Rye, Rockingham co., NH were from Rye, England.^[5]

Variations on the Odiorne name include: Odearn, Odiarne, Odierna, Odierne, Odyarne, Odyerne, Hodierne, Hodyern, Ordean, Odeon, Odien, Oden, Odion, Odean, Odeane, Ordorne and Odium.^[3]

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First Generation

1. **William¹ ODIORNE**. Born in Sheviock, Cornwall, England.^[1,2]
William married **Agnes HICKINS^[1]** who was also born in Sheviock, Cornwall, England.

They had the following children:

- 2 i. **John² (ca. 1627-1707)**
- ii. Philip^[2,17]

Generation: G9 Grandparents
Person Number: 2240/2241

Second Generation

2. **John² ODIORNE (William¹)** was born ca. 1627-1628 in Sheviock, Cornwall, England.^[1,2] and was christened in 1628/1629 in Sheviock, Cornwall, England.^[1,2] John died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1707; he was 80.^[1,4] The deed to his homestead had already been passed to his oldest son, John in 1706^[1]. John's widow Mary was granted administration of his estate on 4 February 1707.^[1]

John had migrated to New Castle, Rockingham co., NH by 1650^[5] (not by 1656, as stated by Odiorne^[1]). In 1656, he purchased land on Great Island (now New Castle) in Portsmouth Harbor from Oliver Trimmings. He was granted 42 acres lying at the head of the harbor on Great Island on 13 January 1660 as part of a division of public lands amongst those who were inhabitants there in 1657^[1,5]. Finally, in 1660 "...he sold his fishing outfit on Smuttinose Island (one of the Isles of Shoals) and bought that section of land at the mouth of the Piscataqua River which is now known as Odiorne's Point..."^[1] However, Savage maintains that John received this land as part of a second land grant in the early 1660s.^[5] According to Savage^[5], John's residence was at "...Sandy Beach, now Rye, then a part of Portsmouth."

As befit a community member in good standing of the time, John's name appears in town records for subscriptions for the support of religious worship from 1657-1671^[1,5]. His wife, Mary, joined the North Church in Portsmouth on May 24, 1694. However, she switched to Christ Church, Portsmouth in 1697, after the death of Rev. Woodey.^[1]

He was a member of the Grand Jury in 1686^[5].

John first married **Ursula MORSHEAD**. Ursula died before 1656, when John migrated to New England.^[6]

They had one child:

- i. Thomasine

Thomasine, either did not survive or was left with relatives in England.^[6]

In 1667/1684 when John was 40, he second married **Mary JOHNSON (see Johnson)**, daughter of James JOHNSON & Mary [surname not known] in Rye or New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16]

They had the following children:

- 3 i. **John³ (ca. 1675-1741)**
- ii. Jotham
- iii. Isaha

Generation: G8 Grandparents

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Person Number: 1120/1121

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Third Generation

3. John³ ODIORNE (John², William¹) was born ca. 1675 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[4,5] John lived his life as a farmer^[4,20] on the family homestead and died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1741; he was 66.^[5]

John was a Deacon of the New Castle Church (assumed, since, according to Savage, all records of the church at New Castle are lost)^[9,18] and builder of the Odiorne's Point house^[4,21]. He was also Constable of the town of New Castle from 1696-1697 and Selectman for same from 1699-1700.^[20]

In 1695 when John was 20, he married **Catherine [surname not known]**, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[5,20]

They had the following children:

- 4** **i. John⁴ (??-1780)**
- ii. Ebenezer
- iii. Nathaniel
- iv. Samuel
- v. Benjamin
- vi. Hannah

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 560/561

Fourth Generation

4. John⁴ ODIORNE. (John³⁻², William¹) By all current accounts, John's life was quite tragic and curiously absent of official record. John's birth date is unknown, but he was on the tax rolls of New Castle by 1728.^[22] Given that he was named for his father, he may have been the eldest son, in which case he may have been born somewhere between 1696 and 1706. We know that John was a farmer^[4,22] and had inherited Odiorne's Point. However, he had to defend the title to the land against his brothers & sister.^[22] His sons John, Samuel and Joseph all died on British prison ships and Deborah drowned when young.^[4,23] Supposedly, he buried several other children^[4] before his own death in 1780 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[4,5,22]

John married, but his wife's name and parentage is unknown.

They had the following children:

- 5** **i. Benjamin⁵ (1747-1804)**
- ii. Lydia
- iii. John
- iv. Joseph
- v. Samuel
- vi. Catherine
- vii. Abigail
- viii. Deborah

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 280/281

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Fifth Generation

5. Benjamin⁵ ODIORNE (*John⁴⁻², William¹*) was born in 1747 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[24] Benjamin died in Rye, Rockingham co., NH in July 1804; he was 57.^[24]

Benjamin lived in Rye, Rockingham co., NH at the time of his marriage in 1770.^[24]

On 31 December 1770 when Benjamin was 23, he married **Mary BECK**, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[24] Mary was born in 1745 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH and died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in December 1822; she was 77.^[24]

They had the following children:

- 6** i. **Benjamin⁶ (1777-1823)**
- ii. Ebenezer
- iii. Mary
- iv. John
- v. Elizabeth
- vi. George Beck
- vii. Joseph

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 140/141

Sixth Generation

6. Benjamin⁶ ODIORNE (*Benjamin⁵, John⁴⁻², William¹*) was born in November 1777 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[5,25] Benjamin died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH on 23 November 1823; he was 46.^[5,25]

According to Odiorne, "...In 1791 he and five others signed a petition to have their lands in New Castle, south of Little Harbor, attached to the town of Rye. The petition was granted on December 22, 1791..."^[25]

In 1798 when Benjamin was 20, he married **Dorothy YEATON** (*see Yeaton*), daughter of John YEATON & Ruth GRANT, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[5, 26]

They had the following children:

- 7** i. **Abigail B.⁷ (1799-1855)**
- ii. Benjamin
- iii. John Yeaton

Generation: G4 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 70/71

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Seventh Generation

7. Abigail B.⁷ ODIORNE (*Benjamin⁶⁻⁵, John⁴⁻², William¹*) was born on 21 March 1799 in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[5] Abigail B. died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH on 1 October 1855; she was 56y:6m.^[5] and is buried in New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.

On 12 July 1818 when Abigail B. was 19, she married **George O. NEAL** (*see Neal*), son of James NEAL & Dorothy ROBERTS, in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH.^[5,27] Abigail is listed as being "of Portsmouth, NH" on her marriage record.

They had one child:

- i. **Abbie¹⁵ (1837-1914)** (*see Neal*)

Generation: G3 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 34/35

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George O. (1796 - 1842)

ODIORNE

Abigail

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Mary

Nathaniel

Philip

Samuel

Samuel

Thomasine

William

surname not known

Catherine

[not known]

YEATON

Dorothy (1775 - 1858)

wife of Benjamin⁵ (6)

wife of William (1)

second (American) wife of John² (2)

first (English) wife of John² (2)

daughter of George O. Neal and Abigail B.⁷ (7)

husband of Abigail B.⁷ (7)

daughter of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

(7) daughter of Benjamin⁶ (6) and Dorothy Yeaton

(6) son of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

(5) son of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

son of John³ (3) and Catherine [surname not known]

son of Benjamin⁶ (6) and Dorothy Yeaton

daughter of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

daughter of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

son of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

son of John³ (3) and Catherine [surname not known]

daughter of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

son of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

daughter of John³ (3) and Catherine [surname not known]

son of John² (2) and Mary Johnson

(4) son of John³ (3) and Catherine [surname not known]

(3) son of John² (2) and Mary Johnson

(2) son of William (1) and Agnes Hickens

son of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

son of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

son of Benjamin⁶ (6) and Dorothy Yeaton

son of Benjamin⁵ (5) and Mary Beck

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son of William (1) and Agnes Hickens,

son of John⁴ (4) and [not known]

son of John³ (3) and Catherine [surname not known]

daughter of John² (2) and Ursula Morshead

(1) patriarch

wife of John³ (3)

wife of John⁴ (4)

wife of Benjamin⁶ (6)

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