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The Scales family dates back to the Norman Conquest. One of William's companions was called Hugh de Scalerius (Scalerius = Climb-over), since his command was of a division of soldiers who scaled a fortresses walls during an attack. After the successful invasion of England, William rewarded Hugh with grants of land and a title. The title passed to each eldest son. When Parliament was first convened in 1299, Baron Robert Scales was summoned as a member. A subsequent Baron Scales commanded a division during one of the Crusades (probably the first). Upon his return, he was granted a coat of arms (one of the first granted by the King of England). Over the years, the surname morphed from Scalerius to de Scales and finally to Scales. The noble family of Scales resided at the castle of Middleton, near Lynn, Norfolkshire, England^[2].

Name variations include: Scales, Scails, Scals, Skeels, Skales, Sceales and Scaels.

First Generation

1. William¹ SCALES was a descendant from a younger son of one of the Barons Scales, descendant of Hugh de Scales, companion of William the Conqueror^[1]. William married **Margaret GREENE**, daughter of **Robert GREENE**.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | William |
| 3 | ii. | John |

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 8160/8161

Second Generation

Family of William SCALES (1) & Margaret GREENE

2. William² SCALES (*William¹*) was born circa 1610 in London, Hampstead, Middlesex, England, according to family tradition^[1]. William was buried on 10 July 1682 in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[4].

While in England, William and Ann were parishioners of The Reverend Ezekiel Rogers of the church at Rowley, near Hull, Yorkshire, England^[1]. William remained a staunch supporter of the Puritan Mr. Rogers all his life. Mr. Rogers brought over 20 families "of good estate" to New England in 1638 aboard the *John*^[1]. This passage is not recorded in Coldham, but, according to Scales, they arrived in December and wintered at Salem, Essex co., MA^[5].

The Rogers group bought, cleared and settled the land now known as Rowley, Essex co., MA by 1640^[5]. The number of emigrant families from Rowley, Yorkshire, England now numbered 60. The town was incorporated on 13 May 1640^[5]. William received a land grant of 1.5 acres on Whethersfield Street. This was the family homestead in which William & Ann and later James & Sarah lived^[5]. William engaged in lumber, farming & stock-raising^[5].

All the heads of Rowley households were made Freemen there on 13 May 1640^[5]. William never served the town as he was "too deeply engaged in business affairs^[5]."

By 1657 when William was 47, he married **Ann [surname not known]**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[6,7,8,9,10]. She was buried on 26 September 1682 in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[4].

They had the following children:

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| 4 | i. | William |
| 5 | ii. | Matthew |
| 6 | iii. | James |

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Generation: G9 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 4080/4081

3. John SCALES (*William*¹) died in 1684 in Rowley, Essex co., MA and was buried on 12 January 1683/4 in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[4]. In the will of Richard Longhorne of Rowley, John was mentioned as follows: "Rough marsh at Cow bridge which was brought of Thomas Dickinson and John Scales, 20li."^[15]

Before 1649 John married **Susannah [JARRAT]/[Amy RUSSELL?]**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[6,11,12,13]. She died in 1683 in Rowley, Essex co., MA and was buried on 13 June 1683 in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scales, Susanna, w. John" - thus John died AFTER this in January of 1684^[4].

They had one child:

7 i. Susanna

Third Generation

Family of William SCALES (26) & Ann [surname not known]

4. William SCALES (*William*²⁻¹) died on 26 January 1670. He was killed by the falling of a tree^[3].

5. Matthew SCALES (*William*²⁻¹) died on 24 August 1675 in Hatfield, MA. Matthew served with Captain Thomas Lathrop as a private and was killed in the "Battle of South Deerfield" at Whatley, Franklin co., MA during King Philip's War^[3,14].

Matthew's death was quite needless. The powers that were in Boston sent militia from all over eastern Massachusetts to defend the Connecticut Valley area – a hundred or more miles to the west. Matthew was a member of the Beverly, Essex co., MA company, under the command of Captain Thomas Lathrop. The easterners knew nothing of the terrain, peacefulness or hostility of the surrounding tribes or general history of the area. In fact, they did not really have much of a mandate beyond "address the situation". Lathrop's company combined with the Watertown, Middlesex co., MA militia under the command of Richard Beers and on 24 August 1675, they were ordered to "surprise and disarm" the natives at the Norwottock village near Northampton, Hampshire co., MA. Unfortunately, the target village belonged to a tribe that was peaceful and previously held no hostilities toward the English^[43].

As the English force of roughly one hundred men approached, the Norwottock fled the village. Half of the English force went to defend Hatfield, Hampshire co., MA from what they thought was an imminent attack and the other half gave chase. They caught up with the fleeing natives at Wequomps (now Sugarloaf) Mountain and the Norwottock ran into the Hopewell Swamp. There they set a defensive ambush, should the English force follow them in. The English did so and the fight ensued. Three hours later, it was over and when the smoke cleared, 9 Englishmen – one of them Matthew Scales – had lost their lives.

Puritan historians painted the "Battle of South Deerfield" as a great English victory -- which was badly needed at the time. Unfortunately, the only true outcome of this battle was the fact that the previously neutral Norwottock joined the forces of hostile natives as deadly enemies of the English^[43].

6. James³ SCALES (*William*²⁻¹) was born circa 1650^[3] and died in Boxford, Essex co., MA in winter of 1686; he was 36^[3].

On 7 November 1677 when James was 27, he married **Sarah² CURTIS**, possible daughter of **Richard CURTIS & Sara [surname not known]**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[6,7,13,16,17] as "Scails, James (Scaels) and Sarah Curtieus".

This Sarah Curtis was born on 19d:1m:1654 in Salem, Essex co., MA as "Curtice, Sara"^[18]. John Scales says she is the daughter of Zaccheus Curtis & Joanna, and was baptized on 15 February 1654. He also says that she died in the

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winter of 1690/1 and that on 23 April 1691, John Harris of Ipswich, Essex co., MA was appointed guardian of their children "there being no other relative living to begg ye same"^[1]. Research confirmation proceeds apace.

They had the following children:

8	i.	James [Twin]
9	ii.	Francis [Twin]
10	iii.	Sarah
11	iv.	William
12	v.	Mathew

Generation: G8 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 2040/2041

Family of John SCALES (3) & Susannah [JARRAT]/[Amy RUSSELL?]

7. Susanna SCALES (*John², William¹*) was born on 15d:10m(December):1650 in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[20]. On 28 December 1676 when Susanna was 26, she married **Benjamin SCOTT**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Susanah Scails & Benjamin Scott"^[16].

Fourth Generation

Family of James SCALES (6) & Sarah² CURTIS

8. James⁴ SCALES (*James³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 30 March 1679 in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scales, James (Scails)"^[20]. James was of Rowley, Essex co., MA.

On 10 March 1700/5 when James was 20, he married **Sarah CURTIS**, in Boxford, Essex co., MA as "Corties, Sarah and James Scails"^[21]. She could either be the child of Zacheous (b. 27 December 1675) or John (b. 17 March 1675/6) both of Topsfield. [Topsfield VRs under "Curtice" - I:31]

They had the following children:

13	i.	Mary
14	ii.	James
15	iii.	Moses
16	iv.	Nathan
17	v.	Mercy
18	vi.	Joseph
19	vii.	Oliver

Generation: G7 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 1020/1021

9. Francis SCALES (*James³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 30 March 1679 in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scales (Scails, Scals), Francis"^[21].

10. Sarah SCALES (*James³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 18 January 1680 in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scales, Sarah (Scals)"^[20]. On 27d:12m(February):1713 when Sarah was 33, she married **George BURROUGHS**, in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[23].

11. William SCALES (*James³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 1 March 1682 in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scales, William (Scails)" His birth date is given as March 6th on the Court Record^[24]. Possibly, William was born on the 1st and

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either baptized or recorded on the 6th. William removed to Ipswich, Essex co., MA and married **Susanna AYERS**. Susanna died on 5 January 1745 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA as "Scales, __, 'Old Mrs.'" [19].

They had the following children:

20	i.	Susanna
21	ii.	William
22	iii.	James

12. Mathew SCALES (*James³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1685 in Rowley, Essex co., MA and baptized in Rowley, Essex co., MA on 29 March 1685^[25]. On 31 October 1707 when Mathew was 22, he married **Elizabeth JEWET**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA as "Scails, Matthew (Scaels), and Elizabeth Jewet"^[16].

Fifth Generation

Family of James SCALES (8) & Sarah CURTIS

13. Mary SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 21 December 1704 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[26].

14. James SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 31 May 1707 in Boxford, Essex co., MA as "Scales, James"^[27]. On 10 September 1736 when James was 29, he married **Susannah HOVEY**, in Topsfield, Essex co., MA as "Scales, James, of Rumford, and Susannah Hovey"^[28].

15. Moses⁵ SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 3 May 1709 in Boxford, Essex co., MA as "s. James and Sarey"^[26].

On 20 January 1735/6 when Moses was 25, he married **Rebecca BARNARD**, daughter of **Stephen BARNARD & Hannah BIXBY**, in Andover, Essex co., MA as "Scales, Moses [Scales C.R. 1; resident Andover, int.] and Rebecca Barnard"^[29]. Hannah was born on 17 December 1718 in Andover, Essex co., MA as "Barnerd, Rebecka"^[30].

They had the following children:

23	i.	Hannah1
24	ii.	Hannah2
25	iii.	Sarah
26	iv.	Rebecca
27	v.	Lydia
28	vi.	Mary
29	vii.	Susanna
30	viii.	Moses

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 510/511

16. Nathan SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 10 September 1716 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[26].

17. Mercy SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born 14 August 1718 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[26].

18. Joseph SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 16 June 1720 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[26] and died on 22 June 1720 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[31].

19. Oliver SCALES (*James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 2 December 1722 in Boxford, Essex co., MA^[26]. All their children were baptized on 14 March 1756^[32]. On 23 February 1742/3 when Oliver was 19, he married **Abigail BARNARD**, in Andover, Essex co., MA^[29].

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They had the following children:

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| 31 | i. | Abigail |
| 32 | ii. | James |
| 33 | iii. | Lydia |

Family of William SCALES (11) & Susanna AYERS

20. Susanna SCALES (*William⁴, James³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 5d:6m:1708 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[33].

21. William SCALES (*William⁴, James³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1711 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA and baptized in Ipswich, Essex co., MA on 13d:11m:1711^[34].

22. James SCALES. (*William⁴, James³, William²⁻¹*) We know nothing more of James.

Sixth Generation

Family of Moses SCALES (15) & Rebecca BARNARD

23. Hannah¹ SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 4 February 1737 in Andover, Essex co., MA as "Scals, Hannah"^[36].

24. Hannah²⁶ SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 29 Jan 1740/1 in Andover, Essex co., MA as "Scals, Hannah"^[36].

On 13 November 1766 when Hannah² was 26, she married **John WOODMAN Jr.**, son of **Edward WOODMAN & Mary SAUNDERS**, in Newburyport, Essex co., MA^[37].

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

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| i. | William Scales |
| ii. | Abigail |
| iii. | Hannah |
| iv. | Elizabeth |
| v. | Alexander |

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 254/255

25. Sarah SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born on 11 September 1743 in Andover, Essex co., MA as "Scals, Sarah"^[36]. On 27 September 1765 when Sarah was 22, she married **Jesse ABBOT**, in Andover, Essex co., MA^[40].

26. Rebecca SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1748 in Andover, Essex co., MA and baptized in Andover, Essex co., MA on 28 February 1748^[41].

27. Lydia SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1751 in Andover, Essex co., MA and baptized in Andover, Essex co., MA on 21 July 1751^[41]. On 1 June 1782 when Lydia was 31, she married **Samuel HOLT Jr.**, in Andover, Essex co., MA^[29].

28. Mary SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1754 in Andover, Essex co., MA and baptized in Andover, Essex co., MA on 14 March 1754^[41].

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29. Susanna SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1757 in Andover, Essex co., MA and baptized in Andover, Essex co., MA on 18 September 1757^[41].

30. Moses SCALES (*Moses⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) was born in 1760 in Andover, Essex co., MA and baptized in Andover, Essex co., MA on 20 July 1760^[41].

Family of Oliver SCALES (19) & Abigail BARNARD

31. Abigail SCALES (*Oliver⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) had a child with **Samuel CHICKERING, 3rd**.

They had one child:

- i. Mary Dane [*Illegitimate*] - whose birth records reads: as "Mary Dane, d. Abigail and Sam[ue]ll Chickering, 3rd." This leads me to believe that she is an illegitimate child of Abigail, since she is listed under Abigail's name (and given the surname "Scales") and not under Samuel Chickering's name.

32. James SCALES. (*Oliver⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) On 29 November 1764 James married Mercy GAGE, in Bradford, Essex co., MA as "Scales, James, of Andover, and Mercy Gage,"^[42].

They had the following children:

- i. James
- ii. Oliver
- iii. Susannah
- iv. William
- v. Stephen
- vi. Marcy

33. Lydia SCALES. (*Oliver⁵, James⁴⁻³, William²⁻¹*) We know nothing more of Lydia.

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