First Generation

1. Seth¹ SWEETSER was born on 18 May 1606 in Tring, Hertfordshire, England and died in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 21 May 1662; he was 56. He is Sweetser #1^[1].

Seth was in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA by 1637^[2]. It is not known when or on what ship he emigrated from England to Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

Once here, Seth and his family lived in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA for several generations before moving to other local towns. In 1637, he had a 10-acre lot, No. 25, on the Mystic River side of Charlestown. That same year, he bought a house and 4 acres in the neck, as well as 5 acres on Mystic side and 3 cow commons from John Baker for $\pm 35[2]$.

In the 1638 accounting, Seth had a full 7 parcels of land: (1) his house and 2 acres of land in Eastfield; (2) another 2 acre parcel in town; (3) 1 cow common (in Charlestown the head of the household was allotted a piece of the common in proportion to the amount of cattle he had; presumably to be sure that there was enough pasture land for every family in town. These were soon bought, sold and deeded as any other real estate.); (4) 5 acres on land in the Mystic marshes; (5) 5 acres of pasture in Mystic field; (6) 10 acres of woodlands in Mystic field; (7) 35 acres of pasture in Waterfield^[2].

In 1660, Seth deeded his house and 8 acres of land, 1 acre of salt marsh and 1 cow common to his son Benjamin and wife, Abigail Wigglesworth^[2].

There is no listing of Seth taking the Oath of Freeman, but he was admitted to the First Church in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 8d:11m:1638/9^[2]. His first wife, Bethia, was admitted to the First Church on 9d:7m:1639^[2].

Seth's will was written on 20 May 1662 and proved on 17 June of that year. According to Wyman, it was "devised to wife [Elizabeth], property during life; to wife's son, £20; to two daus., £20; after decease of wife, 1/3 each to daus. Sarah and Elizabeth, and to Samuel Blanchard; witnesses, Thomas Emoas, Thomas Osborn. INVENTORY: House and 40 acres £190; wood-lot in Chas, common £2; total £270^[2]."

On 21 January 1630 when Seth was 23, he first married **Bethia COOK**, in Tring, Hertfordshire, England^[2,3,4,5,6,7]. Bethia died in January 1660 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA.

They had the following children:

 2
 i.
 Benjamin (1632-1718)

 3
 ii.
 Hannah (1638-)

 4
 iii.
 Sarah

 5
 iv.
 Mary

 6
 v.
 Elizabeth (1643-)

Generation: G8 Grandparents Person Number: 1856/1857

In April 1661 when Seth was 54, he second married Elizabeth [surname not known], in Cambridge, Suffolk co.,

MA^[3,8,9,10]. Elizabeth was the widow of **Thomas OAKES** and subsequently married **Samuel**

HAYWARD/HAYWOOD after Seth's death. Elizabeth was born in 1603^[2] and died in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 21 May 1662; she was 59^[2].

2. Benjamin² SWEETSER (*Seth*¹) was born in 1632 in Tring, Hertfordshire, England and died in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 22 July 1718; he was 86^[2]. Benjamin was baptized in Tring, Hertfordshire, England on 7 December 1632.

His occupation was Lastmaker. Wyman maintains that Benjamin was "an eminent Baptist"^[2]. Interesting, since his wife's brother Michael was an eminent Puritan minister.

In 1660, Benjamin received a house and 8 acres of land, 1 acre of salt marsh and 1 cow common from his father, Seth^[2]. He bought 15-1/2 acres of land at Spot Pond in 1673 from W. Allen. In 1676, Benjamin bought a further 15-1/2 acres from W. Dade, 5 acres from John Scott and 2 acres from R. Lowden in the Charlestown area. His sister Sarah deeded a house and 1-1/2 acres of land to Benjamin in 1680 and deeded him a right in their father's house in exchange for her maintenance in 1682.

In 1681, Benjamin was granted one cow common in Charlestown. P Tufts, Jr. bought 1-1/4 acres, 10 poles of land from Benjamin in 1681. He received a grant of 3-1/2 acres on the north side of the Menotomy Road in 1693/4. This went to his son-in-law Andrew Stimpson in 1698/9. He further sold 11-1/2 acres of land to Thomas Wyman in 1700, pastureland to Samuel Frothingham in 1708 and bought one acre from Caleb Gardener in 1710^[2].

Benjamin's will was written on 5 May 1716 and proved on 12 August 1718. According to Wyman, it was "devised to wife, use of part house, also the orchard; after decease, to son Benjamin; to Benjamin and Samuel, farm at Mystic side and wood-lot at Spot Pond; to Samuel, 4 acres within the fence to river; to Joseph, 1/2 acre for house-plot, if he intends to build, 4 poles front on highway, nest to Capt. S. Frothingham; to son Wigglesworth; to 2 daus and to Baptist ministers, legacies; residue to Seth."^[2]

Circa 1660 when Benjamin was 28, he married **Abigail WIGGLESWORTH**, daughter of **Edward WIGGLESWORTH** & **[not known]**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3,11,12,7,13,14]. Abigail was born in 1640 and was baptized on 13 December 1640. According to Wyman, the evidence of Abigail's last name being Wigglesworth is "...conjectured to be probable, because (1) the name was given to a son, (2) there was an Abigail Wigglesworth unsupplied with a husband, and (3) she, sister of a minister, was accepted by a minister as her 2nd husband..."^[2]

They had the following children:

7	i.	Abigail
8	ii.	Bethia (1663-)
9	iii.	Benjamin (1666-1720)
10	iv.	Seth (1668-)
11	v.	Joseph (1670-)
12	vi.	Samuel (1673-1757)
13	vii.	Wigglesworth (1677-)

Generation: G7 Grandparents Person Number: 928/929

3. Hannah SWEETSER (*Seth*¹) was born in 1638/9. Hannah was baptized in Charlestown, Middlesex co., MA on 12d:11m:1638/9. Hannah married **Joseph FITCH**^[2].

4. Sarah SWEETSER. (*Seth*¹) Sarah was still alive in 1680 when she deed land to her brother Benjamin and in 1682 when she deeded him right in his their father's house in exchange for her maintenance^[2]. It appears that she never married.

5. Mary SWEETSER (*Seth*¹) married **Samuel BLANCHARD**^[2].

6. Elizabeth SWEETSER (*Seth*¹) was born on 27 January 1643 in Charlestown, Middlesex co., MA^[2] and in 1661 or 1662 when Elizabeth was 17, she married **Samuel HOWARD**, in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[15].

7. Abigail SWEETSER (*Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) married Andrew STEVENSON/STIMPSON, son of Andrew STEVENSON and Jane [surname not known] in 1678 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2].

8. Bethia SWEETSER (*Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 30 October 1663 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA. She first married Edward PAINE and second married Isaac WHEELER^[2].

9. Benjamin SWEETSER (*Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 21 April 1666 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 23 September 1720; he was 54^[16].

10. Seth SWEETSER (*Benjamin*², Seth¹) was born on 7 July 1668 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2].

11. Joseph SWEETSER (Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 14 January 1670 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2].

12. Samuel³ **SWEETSER** (*Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 1 August 1673 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 18 July 1757; he was 83^[17,18]. He was buried on 21 July 1757 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18]. He is Sweetser #223^[1].

In 1699, Samuel bought 1-1/2 acres of land in Charlestown from John Sprague. In 1707 (deed recorded 1715/16), he bought a house-plot from Stower Sprague. In 1718/19, he bought 4 acres of land from the Dyer heirs. He mortgaged 8 acres to Bill Com. In 1721. Finally, he sold 3-3/4 acres of land, one-third of which was woodlot #63, to Samuel Tufts in 1736^[8].

Samuel's will was written on 28 September 1752 and proved on 29 August 1757. According to Wyman, it was "...devised to sons John, Jacob, Michael, and Joseph; to Stephen, land his house stands of, land behind garden; to daus. Elizabeth Mansfield and Abigail Sweetser; to gr.-dau. Lydia Merritt^[1,18].

Circa 1697 when Samuel was 23, he married **Elizabeth SPRAGUE**, daughter of John SPRAGUE, Jr. & Elizabeth STOWER, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3,18,19,20,21,22,23].

They had the following children:

14	i.	Elizabeth (1697-)
15	ii.	Abigail (1699-1758)
16	iii.	Samuel (1701-)
17	iv.	John (1702-)
18	٧.	Jacob (1705-)
19	vi.	Michael (1707-1773)
19 20	vi. vii.	Michael (1707-1773) Joseph
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20	vii.	Joseph
20 21	vii. viii.	Joseph Lydia (1710-)

Generation: G6 Grandparents Person Number: 464/465

13. Wigglesworth SWEETSER (*Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 28 May 1677 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[2].

14. Elizabeth SWEETSER (*Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 15 March 1697/8 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18]. She married **Samuel TUFTS**.

15. Abigail SWEETSER (*Samuel*³, *Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 16 January 1699/1700 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 5 September 1758; she was 59^[18]. She was admitted to the church at Charlestown on 16 June 1723^[8].

16. Samuel SWEETSER (Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 3 April 1701 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18,25].

17. John SWEETSER (*Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 12 February 1702/3 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18,26]. Wyman said that he was "Of Boston"^[18].

18. Jacob SWEETSER (Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 6 April 1705 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18,27].

19. Michael⁴ SWEETSER (*Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 19 May 1707 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA[18,28] and died of Dysentery in South Reading (now Wakefield), Middlesex co., MA on 31 October 1773; he was 66^[29]. Michael was a Weaver and served in the French & Indian Wars. He is Sweetser #288^[1].

Michael was the first Sweetser to move out of Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA. His house was at 578 Main Street in Wakefield, Middlesex co., MA. It has since been moved around the corner to Nahant Street and is supposedly still standing. Wyman mentions that he is "of Reading" – correct, since what is currently Wakefield was a part of Reading at that time.

On 18 November 1731 when Michael was 24, he married **Mary SMITH**, daughter of Issac SMITH & Mary PIERCE, in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[30].

They had the following children:

24	i.	Samuel (1732-1818)
25	ii.	William (1734-)
26	iii.	Michael1 (1735-1737)
27	iv.	Michael2 (1737-)
28	ν.	Mary (1739-)
29	vi.	Martha (1741-)
30	vii.	Paul (1743-)
31	viii.	Sarah (1745-)
32	ix.	Lydia (1747-)
33	х.	Cornelious (1749-)
34	xi.	Abigail (1752-)
35	xii.	Elisabeth (1755-)

Generation: G5 Grandparents Person Number: 232/233

20. Joseph SWEETSER. (*Samuel*³, *Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) Nothing more is known of him.

21. Lydia SWEETSER (*Samuel*³, *Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 19 March 1710/11 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18]. Lydia married **Daniel MERRITT**.

22. Stephen SWEETSER (Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 16 December 1714 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18].

23. Mary SWEETSER (*Samuel*³, *Benjamin*², *Seth*¹) was born on 25 June 1721 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18] and died on 16 December 1721 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18]. She was buried on 29 December 1721 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[18].

24. Samuel⁵ SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 1 September 1732 in South Reading (now Wakefield), Middlesex co., MA^[32] and died in Wakefield, Middlesex co., MA on 21 December 1818; he was 86^[33]. Samuel was "of Stoneham" on his marriage record^[34] and lived in Malden, Middlesex co., MA until 1760 or 1761. In 1782, Samuel was a member of the five person committee to consider setting off the North Parish of Lynn as its own town. In 1814 this was done and the new town became Lynnfield.

On 24 March 1757 when Samuel was 24, he married **Lydia HAWKES**^[35], daughter of John HAWKES & Hannah PREAST, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[36].

They had the following children:

36	i.	Joseph (1766-1849)
37	ii.	Samuel (1758-1815)
38	iii.	John (1760-1847)
39	iv.	Aaron (1778-)
40	٧.	Asa (1769-)
41	vi.	Daniel (1764-)
42	vii.	Elias (1781-)
43	viii.	Ezra (1771-)
44	ix.	James (1761-)
45	х.	Lydia (1775-)
46	xi.	Moses (1773-)

Generation: G4 Grandparents Person Number: 116/117

25. William SWEETSER (*Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 4 March 1734 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[38].

26. Michael1 SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 7 December 1735 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[32] and died in Reading, Middlesex co., MA on 1 May 1737; he was 1^[39]. Michael1 was baptized in Reading, Middlesex co., MA on 14 December 1735^[40].

27. Michael2 SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 18 September 1737 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[38].

28. Mary SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 1 August 1739 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[32].

29. Martha SWEETSER (*Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 13 September 1741 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[32].

30. Paul SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 6 October 1743 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[38].

31. Sarah SWEETSER (*Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 2 November 1745 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[38].

32. Lydia SWEETSER (*Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹*) was born on 11 December 1747 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[32].

33. Cornelious SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 10 December 1749 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[41].

34. Abigal SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 17 April 1752 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[41].

35. Elisabeth SWEETSER (*Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 27 January 1755 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[41].

36. Joseph⁶ SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 30 September 1766 in Saugus, Essex co., MA^[42,43] and died in Danville, VT on 28 June 1849; he was 82. He is Sweetser #309^[1].

On 3 April 1787 when Joseph was 20, he married **Sarah CHEEVER**, daughter of Ezekiel CHEEVER & Mary GILES, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[44].

They had the following children:

47	i.	Maria Augusta (1814-1880)
48	ii.	Sally1 (1788-1791)
49	iii.	Polly (1792-)
50	iv.	Joseph (1798-)
51	٧.	Lydia Hawkes (1807-)
52	vi.	Clarisse (1792-)
53	vii.	Sally2 (1794-)
54	viii.	Hannah (1801-)

Generation: G3 Grandparents Person Number: 58/59

37. Samuel SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 4 March 1758 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA or Lynn, Essex co., MA^[46,47] and died on 8 August 1815; he was 57.

38. John SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 6 January 1760 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA or Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43,46] and died on 25 May 1847; he was 87.

39. Aaron SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 28 August 1778 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

40. Asa SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 5 January 1769 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

41. Daniel SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 11 April 1764 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

42. Elias SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 22 June 1781 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

43. Ezra SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 16 February 1771 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

44. James SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 27 December 1761 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

45. Lydia SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 23 June 1775 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47].

46. Moses SWEETSER (Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 17 April 1773 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47].

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Seventh Generation

47. Maria Augusta⁷ SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 6 January 1814 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47,48,49] and died of Pneumonia in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 2 January 1880; she was 65^[42]. In town records, Maria's name is often spelled as "Meriah Augustia". On her son Henry's Death Certificate, her name is spelled "Maria Sweetzer"^[50]. She lived at 134 Grove Street in Lynn, Essex co., MA at the time of her death^[42].

On 28 May 1833 when Maria Augusta was 19, she married **Oliver Nelson NEWHALL**^[51], son of Allen NEWHALL & Michal NEWHALL, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[44].

They had the following children (surnamed NEWHALL):

- i. Abby Maria (1834-1907)
- ii. Lydia Ellen (1835-1854)
- iii. Nelson Allen (1837-1904)
- iv. Mary Nichols (1839-1839)
- v. Charles Barker (1840-)
- vi. John Henry (1843-1844)
- vii. Alfred Augustus (1844-1844)
- viii. Thomas Eugene (1845-1853)
- ix. William Arthur (1848-)
- x. Eva Eugenia (1852-1892)
- xi. Ellen Augusta (1854-)
- xii. Henry Ernest^[56] (1857-1931)

Generation: G2 Grandparents Person Number: 28/29

48. Sally1 SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 24 October 1788 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47] and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 11 October 1791; she was 2^[45].

49. Polly SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 19 January 1792 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47].

50. Joseph SWEETSER (Joseph⁶, Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 29 December 1798.

51. Lydia Hawkes SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, Samuel⁵, Michael⁴, Samuel³, Benjamin², Seth¹) was born on 7 August 1807 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47].

52. Clarisse SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 9 January 1792 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

53. Sally2 SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 10 March 1794 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[47].

54. Hannah SWEETSER (*Joseph⁶*, *Samuel⁵*, *Michael⁴*, *Samuel³*, *Benjamin²*, *Seth¹*) was born on 9 June 1801 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].

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