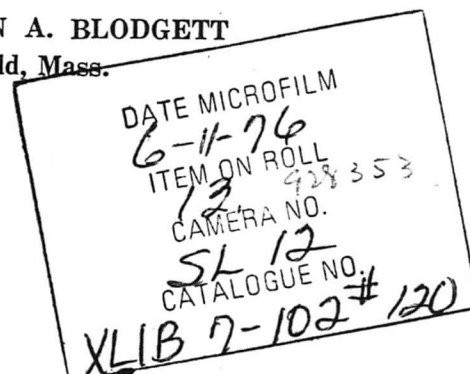


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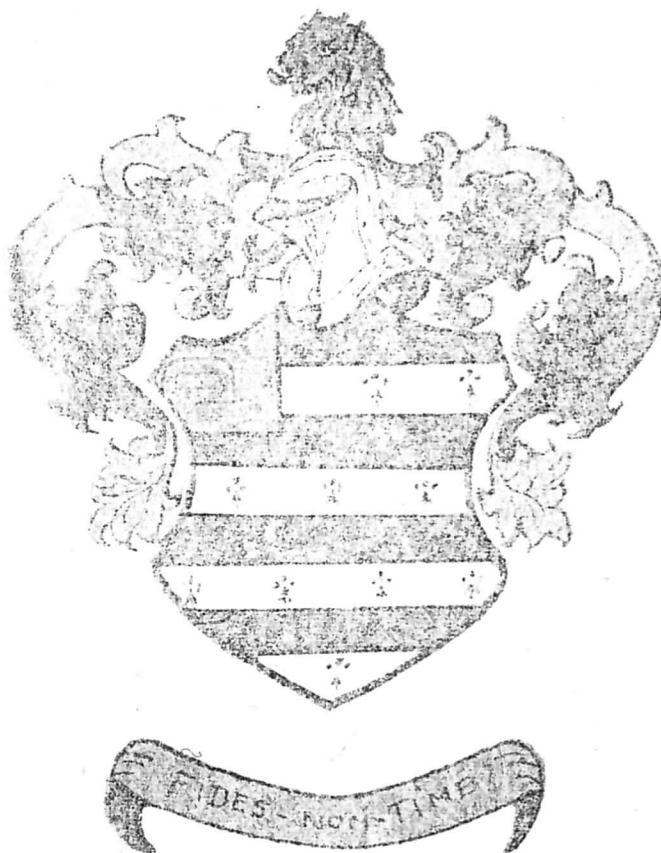


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## BLODGETT GENEALOGY

The Blodgett family in America, so far as records and history establish it, is of English origin. Back of the English generations there is room for much conjecture. Some researchers claim French-Norman descent, and point out that one Robert Bloct (Blojet or Bloyet) a Norman bishop, in the service of William the Conqueror, came to England and was appointed Bishop of Lincoln, was the first known of the name in England. Others claim that the first of the name in England was among the Huguenots driven out of France by Louis XIV; and still others, that the name originated from the Italian Blodgnetti family, one of whom came to England with the Roman Legions.

And again in France: — Records in the town of Quimper in the Department of Finisterre, France, set forth that Baron Blogget whose title bore date of 1247, died there in the year 1789.

In England there are definite records of the Blodgett name as follows:— In the "Visitations of Norfolk", p. 1563, 1589, 1613. "When the daughter and heir of Richard Blogget in the County of Suffolk, Gent, married John Hebard of Yaxley-Yaxley, 1561, the Blogget arms were Quartered with those of the groom &c." An Edward Blodget is also mentioned. In the Will of William Pepperill of St. Stephens by Launceston in the County of Cornwall, June 5, 1655, Witness was "Nevil Blighett."

Thomas Blodgett, born in England in 1605, emigrated to America in 1635, and was the founder of the entire Blodgett family in America.

## TEN GENERATIONS OF BLODGETTS IN AMERICA

### THOMAS (1)<sup>1</sup>

Born in England, 1605, exact location not definitely known. He came to America in 1635 in the ship "Increase" and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts Bay Colony, with his wife Susannah, and two Children, Daniel aged 4 years, and Samuel aged 1½ years. He died in Cambridge August 7, 1642.

Children:— \*<sup>2</sup>Daniel b. in England, 1631; \*Samuel b. in England, 1633; Susanna b. in Cambridge (Mass.), June 1637, m. Nov. 28, 1655, Jonathan Thompson; Thomas birth date not recorded, d. in Cambridge, Aug. 7, 1639.

According to the London Custom-house records Thomas was a "Glover" and pursued his occupation in London, and afterwards in Boston (Mass.). Custom-house records also depose that he "brought certificates from Ministers and Justices of ye Peace of his conformitee to the Church of England." Cambridge (Mass.) records show that he was Sworn a Freeman and allotted land March 6, 1636. In the year 1638 he sold a tract of land to Robert Daniel, and in 1639, he sold to Elder Frost an estate on Dunstan Street, between Harvard Square and Mount Auburn Street, probably his homestead.

Dying in 1642, Thomas left a will dated August 10, 1641, probated in 1643;—

"I, Thomas Bloggett, being at this time in my right mind, give to my wife Susan my whole estate after my decease as well within as without. She to bring up my Children in such learning and other things as is meet for them and pay to oldest son Daniel £15, when one and twenty or in one month after decease. To second son Samuel £15 as above. To daughter Susanna £15. Should they have a father-in-law who does not treat them well, my will is that the

1 (1) Shows Generation

2 \* Carries Name forward. See next generation.

Deacons and our brother Fessington and our brother Edward Winship they or either of them shall have power to see unto it and reforme it by one means or other.

Written this 10th day of the 9th month, 1641.

Thomas Blogget

In presence of us,

Thomas Harris

John Meena"

Thomas' widow, Susannah, married July 15, 1644, James Thompson of Woburn (Mass.), b. in England, 1593. The children moved to Woburn with her and settled there. She died in Woburn, Feb. 10, 1660. The daughter, Susanna Blodgett, married Nov. 28, 1655, Jonathan Thompson, son of her step-father. Their great-grandson, Benjamin Thompson, became the distinguished philosopher, knighted by King George III, and given the title of Count Rumford by the King of Bavaria, b. in Woburn (Mass.) Mar. 28, 1753, d. in Nanteuil, France, Aug. 21, 1814. A statue was erected to his memory in Munich, a replica of which stands in front of the Public Library in Woburn, erected by Mr. Marshall Tidd of Woburn, who has a Blodgett connection in the third generation.

#### DANIEL (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Thomas (1) and Susannah, b. in England 1631, came to America with his parents in 1635. He married 1st, September 15, 1653 Mary Butterfield, daughter of Benjamin Butterfield. She died September 5, 1666. Children:- \*Thomas b. June 25, 1654; Anna b. November 9, 1655; \*Daniel b. January 6, 1657; \*Benjamin b. 1658; \*Jonathan b. September 18, 1660; \*Samuel b. October 12, 1662; Nathaniel b. October 22, 1664, d. the same day.

Daniel (2) married 2d, March 10, 1669, Sarah Underwood, daughter of William Underwood. Children:- \*Nathaniel b. March 16, 1670; \*William b. 1672. Daniel (2) died in Chelmsford (Mass) January 28, 1672; no record of the 2d wife's death.

Daniel (2) lived first in Cambridge, then in Woburn and in 1653 was one of the twenty "first petitioners" for the grant of the plantation of Chelmsford (Mass.) near Lowell. The next year he took up land for cultivation in the West Precinct of Chelmsford, in

1659 he had four acres in "Little Tadmuk" a part of Chelmsford, and in January 1666 he was appointed "one of a committee to state to every proprietor in the 'New Field' the proportion of his fence, etc."

#### ✓ SAMUEL (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Thomas (1) and Susannah, b. in England 1633, came to America with his parents in 1635. He married, December 13, 1655, Ruth Eggleton (or Iggleden), daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Bennett) Eggleton, Stephen Eggleton sailed from London in the ship "Castle" but died just before the ship landed in Boston. Samuel d. in Woburn (Mass.) May 21, 1720; his wife d. in Woburn October 14, 1703. Children:- Ruth b. December 28, 1656, m. December 18, 1695 to Thomas Kendall; \*Samuel b. December 10, 1658; \*Thomas b. February 26, 1661; Susanna b. February 17, 1665, m. December 29, 1685, James Simonds of Woburn. She d. February 9, 1714; Sarah b. February 17, 1668, m. January 7, 1687, John Hayward of Concord (Mass.); Martha b. September 15, 1673, m. April 7, 1696, Joseph Winn of Concord (Mass.); Mary (twin) b. September 15, 1673, m. October 24, 1693 Joseph Richardson of Charlestown (Mass.) by the Rev. Charles Norton, minister at Charlestown.

Samuel (2) lived first in Cambridge, and moved to Woburn with his mother on her second marriage. He became a landowner in Woburn, was commissioner of "rates", Selectman, and holder of many other offices. (Woburn records) In 1691 he was Deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts Colony.

#### THOMAS (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Mary (Butterfield) Blodgett, b. June 25, 1654 in Chelmsford (Mass.) He married 1st, June 29, 1683, Mary Parkis of Chelmsford, b. August 10, 1657, daughter of Joseph Parkis. She died in Chelmsford November 9, 1694. Children:- Rebecca b. April 12, 1684; \*Thomas b. 1686; \*Joseph b. October 10, 1689; \*Benoni b. October 22, 1694. Thomas (3) married 2d, July 8, 1696, Mary Burse of Groton, Mass. Children:- \*John b. November 26, 1698; \*Samuel b. September 27, 1702; Mary b. January 4, 1706, m. William Fletcher, December 31, 1747; Annie b. May 9, 1714. Thomas (3) died in Chelmsford, March 30, 1741, his second wife d. July 4, 1773.

Thomas (3) owned land and lived all his days in Chelmsford (Mass.). On March 16, 1692, he was a member of a garrison of the West Middlesex Regiment, according to records found.

DANIEL (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Mary (Butterfield) Blodgett, b. January 6, 1657 in Chelmsford (Mass.) where he owned land. He married Sarah (family name not recorded) and had a son Nathaniel b. March 16, 1670 in Chelmsford. No further record.

BENJAMIN (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Mary (Butterfield) Blodgett, b. 1658, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married, February 4, 1683, Mary Pellatt, daughter of Thomas Pellatt of Concord (Mass.). Benjamin died April 9, 1708, and his wife died June 8, 1749, both in Chelmsford.

Children:— Anna b. January 19, 1686; \*Daniel b. February 1, 1689; Tabitha b. October 31, 1694, died the same day; \*Benjamin b. March 6, 1697; Elizabeth b. December 15, 1699, m. June 9, 1723 Zachariah Spaulding. Benjamin (3) and his wife lived and farmed in Chelmsford, and all their children were born there.

JONATHAN (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Mary (Butterfield) Blodgett, b. September 18, 1660, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married, February 7, 1689, in Amesbury, Mass., Mary Rowlandson, daughter of Rev. Joseph Rowlandson. Jonathan died June 8, 1757. No record of his wife's death. Children:— Hannah b. November 15, 1689, baptised September 3, 1693; Daniel b. September 12, 1691, d. the same day; Mary b. October 11, 1692, baptised September 3, 1693, m. Samuel Lord; Joseph b. August 12, 1694, d. November 16, 1696; A daughter, twin of Joseph, died in infancy; Sarah, no birth record, baptised December 1699.

Jonathan settled on a farm in Salisbury (Mass.) soon after his marriage and all his children were born there. Salisbury (Mass.) Church records:— "1693, August 20, Goodwife Blodgett admitted to full communion."

SAMUEL (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Mary (Butterfield) Blodgett, b. October 12, 1662, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married Nancy (family name not recorded). She died November 7, 1710. No children.

Samuel (3) and his wife settled on the land in Woburn (Mass.) and both died there. Samuel d. July 3, 1687. His cousin Samuel (3) of Woburn, son of Samuel (2), was appointed administrator of his estate July 25, 1687.

NATHANIEL (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Sarah (Underwood) Blodgett, b. March 16, 1670, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married, July 17, 1695, Elizabeth Warren of Chelmsford. He died October 12, 1710. His wife married 2d, Lieu't John Cheney, no record of her death. Children:— \*Nathaniel (birth date not recorded).

Nathaniel moved about, living in Hollis (N.H.), Winchendon and Dunstable (Mass.). He headed a petition from Ipswich, now Winchendon (Mass.):— "To His Excellency William Shirley, Esq. Captain General and Governor in and over His Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay, June ye 7, 1755, for assistance and protection against Indians."

WILLIAM (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Daniel (2) and Sarah (Underwood) Blodgett, b. 1672, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married, June 14, 1696, Mary Warren, of Chelmsford. He died in 1744; his wife on June 7, 1749. Children:— \*William b. Mar. 13, 1697; Sarah b. January 6, 1698, m. October 15, 1721, Ebenezer Parkman; Elizabeth b. 1699, died young; Mary b. January 22, 1701, m. February 25, 1721, Andrew Foster; \*Jacob b. March 23, 1703; Elizabeth b. March 10, 1705; Abigail b. April 4, 1707, m. Rev. William Balch, d. April 10, 1793; \*Josiah b. July 27, 1709; Persis b. March 7, 1712; Hannah b. December 8, 1715; Thankful b. April 28, 1719.

William lived and died in Chelmsford, he seems to have been a man of some standing and popularity for his fellow townsmen always called him "Deacon William."

#### SAMUEL (3) Samuel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Samuel (2) and Ruth (Eggleton) Blodgett, b. December 10, 1658, in Woburn (Mass.). He married, April 30, 1682, Huldah Simonds, daughter of William and Judith (Hayward-Phippin) Simonds, of Woburn. She was b. November 20, 1666, d. March 14, 1746. Samuel (3) d. November 5, 1743. Children:— \*Samuel b. Dec. 21, 1683; \*Daniel b. March 24, 1685; \*William b. Jan. 11, 1686; Huldah b. Feb. 9, 1688, m. Ebenezer Reed; \*Caleb b. Nov. 11, 1691; \*Joshua b. Feb. 26, 1693; \*Josiah b. March 27, 1696; \*John b. April 19, 1699; \*Benjamin b. March 4, 1701; \*Nathan b. March 15, 1704.

Samuel (3) lived and died in Woburn, as did his wife, and all their children were born there. He was known in the town as "Ensign Samuel", was Selectman for some years, and was a Deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts Colony in 1729.

#### THOMAS (3) Samuel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Samuel (2) and Ruth (Eggleton) Blodgett, b. Feb. 26, 1661, in Woburn (Mass.) He married November 11, 1684, Rebecca Tidd, daughter of John and Rebecca Tidd of Woburn. He died in Lexington (Mass.) September 29, 1740; His wife died in Woburn, March 8, 1750. Children:— \*Thomas b. Aug. 5, 1686; Rebecca b. June 5, 1689; Ruth b. Oct. 14, 1694, died young; \*Joseph b. Sept. 17, 1696; Abigail b. Nov. 7, 1698, m. Peter Reed, d. Jan. 7, 1731; \*Samuel b. June 17, 1703.

Some years after his marriage Thomas (3) moved to Lexington (Mass.) where he took up land and became one of the town's most active and prominent citizens, and the ancestor of the greater part of the Lexington Blodgetts. He was assessed in Woburn from 1684 to 1689, and first assessed in Lexington in 1691. "Captain Blodgett" as he was familiarly called was a subscriber to the "Meeting-house"; he gave 1 pound, 6 shillings towards the first Meeting-house, and 5 shillings towards the purchase of Lexington Common, at a meeting held April 1711. At another meeting held June 9, 1713, it was voted to build a new church on the plan of the one at Concord, and Thomas Blodgett and two others were appointed to carry out the measure,† Thomas and his wife were admitted to the Church March 5, 1699,

† Hudson's History of Lexington

by letters of dismissal from the Church in Woburn. At the first town meeting in Lexington, Thomas Blodgett was chosen Tythingman, an office of great importance and dignity at that time. He was made an assessor in 1710, chosen Selectman in 1714, many times re-elected, and in short filled nearly every place of honor and trust in the town. The will of Thomas Blodgett was filed in Probate Court, November 24, 1740, and recorded with Middlesex Wills, Book 22, p. 341; it mentions wife Rebecca, sons Thomas and Joseph, who had 20 pounds extra, son Samuel and daughter Rebecca, who had 10 pounds extra.

#### THOMAS (4) Thomas (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Thomas (3) and Mary (Parkis) Blodgett, b. in 1686, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married, September 30, 1719, Tabitha Blanchard, before Justice Minott of Concord (Mass.). He died in Westford (Mass.) in 1730; his wife died March 1, 1764, also in Westford.

Children:— Tabitha b. July 2, 1720; Abigail (birth date not recorded), died young; Thomas b. July 28, 1729; John (birth date not recorded).

In 1729 the West Precinct of Chelmsford was set off and incorporated as the town of Westford. Thomas occupied a tract of land on the west side of "Tadmuck Hill" now known as Heywood Place, probably on or adjoining land owned by his grandfather Daniel (2). Thomas' will, dated May 16, 1730 and recorded in Middlesex Wills Book 19, p. 92, mentions wife and daughters and son Thomas.

#### JOSEPH (4) Thomas (3) Daniel (2) Thomas (1)

Son of Thomas (3) and Mary (Parkis) Blodgett, b. October 10, 1689, in Chelmsford (Mass.). He married (date unrecorded) Dorothy Perham, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kidder) Perham, b. July 9, 1696. Joseph died December 3, 1761, in Hudson (N. H.); his wife d. March 6, 1776, in Hudson (N. H.).

Children:— \*Joseph b. Feb. 9, 1718; \*Ebenezer b. Jan. 3, 1720; \*Jeremiah b. July 20, 1721; Abigail b. 1723, m. 1st Mr. Thompson, m. 2nd Onesiphorous Marsh, of Plymouth (N. H.); Dorothy b. Feb. 18, 1724, m. Samuel H. Greeley, d. March 21, 1818; Sally, b. 1725,