

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARGARET (HENRY) STROBRIDGE.

ALL EXCEPT THE FIRST BORN IN MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

- 2* i. MARY², b. in Ireland or on the passage to America, about 1717-18; m. JOHN MONTGOMERY.
- 3* ii. HENRY, b. Apr. 17, 1722; m. JEAN GORDON.
- 4* iii. WILLIAM, JR., b. Aug. 21, 1824; m. JEAN THOMPSON and Mrs. SARAH (Montgomery) MORRISON.
- 5 iv. THOMAS, b. July 7, 1726; d. Apr. 26, 1749, "in ye 23 year of his age" says his tombstone in Thompson Hill cemetery at Lakeville, Mass.
- 6* v. MARGARET, b. Sept. 1, 1728; m. JAMES PICKENS.
- 7* vi. JAMES, b. 1729; m. MARY GORDON.
- 8* vii. BETSEY (Elizabeth), b. 1732; m. THOMAS THOMPSON.

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MARY STROBRIDGE², dau. of WILLIAM (1), was b. 1717 or 1718 (there is authority for both dates). Some accounts say she was b. in Ireland, others that she was b. on the voyage to America; m. in Middleborough, Mass., to JOHN MONTGOMERY, Jan. 30, 1735, by Benjamin Ruggles of Middleborough, and d. May 16, 1790. It is said that John Montgomery was b. in Scotland, and lived there until he was 7 years of age, when his parents removed to the north of Ireland; that he came to America with William Strobridge, his guardian, when about 12 or 14 years of age. There is also a tradition that he came in company with Rev. John Morehead, but this is certainly incorrect, for Mr. Morehead did not arrive much, if any, before 1727.

The inscription on John Montgomery's gravestone shows that he was b. not far from 1708, and allowing that he was only 12 years old at the time of his arrival in America, it must have occurred in 1719 or '20. All traditions — for there seem to be no authentic accounts — agree that the Strobridges, Pickens, and McCullys, who settled near each other in Middleborough, came from the north of Ireland at the same time, but the exact date of their emigration is a matter of dispute and varies from 1717 to 1722, to suit the circumstances.

William Strobridge was a blacksmith, and of him John Montgomery learned that trade. It is said that he was a man of considerable wealth. In 1729 Rev. John Morehead's church was organized in Boston, and John Montgomery was one of twelve elders of the church, each of whom had special supervision over a portion of the members of the church, who were scattered about in various parts of New England. Elder Montgomery went once a year to Boston to represent his own charge, and on the Sabbath preceding his departure special prayers were offered for his safe return. His gravestone in

Thompson Hill cemetery, at Lakeville, formerly West Parish of Middleborough, Mass., has the following inscription: "Elder John Montgomery Died Oct. ye 19, 1787 in ye 80th yr." By it is another stone with this inscription: "Mary Strobridge, wife of Elder John Montgomery, Died May ye 16, 1790."

Since a very large proportion of the persons whose history is given in this work are descendants either of Elder John Montgomery or his sister Sarah, it is proper that the pedigree of the branch of the Montgomery family to which they undoubtedly belonged, should find a place in the work. The author has bestowed considerable study upon the subject, and has come to the conclusion that her ancestress, Sarah Montgomery, and her brother, Elder John, were in some way related to William Montgomerie, of Brigend, Ayrshire, Scotland, who married Isabel Burnett, in Edinburgh, Jan. 8. 1684; came to America 1701-2, and settled in New Jersey.

Elder John Montgomery gave to his children names which prevailed in the Brigend family, viz: John, William, Thomas, Robert, Hugh, Isabel, Jean, and Margaret, while Sarah, his sister, named her five sons by her first marriage, William, Alexander, Robert, James, John, all common in the Brigend family.

This identity of names can hardly be simply a coincidence; John and Sarah Montgomery certainly belonged to *some one* of the Scotch Montgomery families, and the author believes that one to have been the Brigend family of Ayrshire, and she has taken the trouble to trace, on the Montgomery chart accompanying the "Montgomery Genealogy," by Thomas H. Montgomery of Philadelphia, the pedigree of William Montgomery, who settled in New Jersey in 1701-2, back to the first of the name known to history.

Although the relationship between this William and the John and Sarah in whom the author is particularly interested can not at present be shown, she feels sure that such relationship existed, and that it is her own line which she has traced back.

"ROGER DE MONTGOMERIE, COUNT OF MONTGOMERIE, before 912. A native of Neustria himself, his ancestors were probably, for many generations back, natives of that province which, when conquered by the Northmen, was afterwards known as Normandy."

Pedigree traced back 27 generations, to Roger the First.

WILLIAM²⁷ of Brigend, settled in New Jersey, 1701-2; son of

HUGH²⁶ of Brigend; d. 1710; son of

JOHN²⁵ of Brigend; son of

WILLIAM²⁴ of Brigend ; d. near 1652 ; son of
 SIR NIEL²³ of Lainshaw ; d. ante 1621 ; son of
 SIR NIEL²² of Lainshaw ; m. the heiress of Lord Lyle ; son of
 SIR NIEL²¹ of Lainshaw ; killed at Irvine, 1547 ; son of
 HUGH²⁰, 1st Earl of Eglinton, so created by James IV, in
 1507-8 ; d. 1545 ; son of

ALEXANDER¹⁹, 2d Lord of Montgomerie ; d. ante 1434 ; son of
 ALEXANDER¹⁸, Master of Montgomerie ; d. before his father,
 in 1452 ; son of

ALEXANDER¹⁷, 1st Lord of Montgomerie, so created by James
 II in 1448-9 ; d. between 1461 and 1465 ; son of

SIR JOHN¹⁶ of Androssan, Knight ; d. ante 1429 ; Dominus
 Ejusdem, or of that ilk ; son of

SIR JOHN¹⁵ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight, and after-
 wards of Eglinton and Androssan, on his marriage with Eliza-
 beth, dau. and heiress of Sir Hugh of Eglinton ; d. about 1398 ;
 son of

SIR ALEXANDER¹⁴ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, knighted by
 Robert Bruce ; d. 1388 ; son of

SIR JOHN¹³ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight ; d. 1316 ;
 son of

SIR JOHN¹² of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight ; d. about
 1285 ; son of

SIR ALAN¹¹ of Eaglesham, Knight ; son of

SIR JOHN¹⁰ of Eaglesham and Thornton, Knight ; son of

ROBERT⁹ of Eaglesham and Thornton ; was called "MacCym-
 bric," or son of the Welshman ; d. 1180 ; son of

PHILIP⁸ ; b. at Pembroke Castle about 1101, and called "The
 Welshman" ; left Normandy about 1113 and came to Scotland
 with David I, and obtained a fair inheritance in Renfrewshire ;
 m. Margaret, dau. of Cospatrick, 2d Earl of Dunbar and March ;
 son of

ARNULPH⁷, Earl of Pembroke ; attainted and banished the
 Kingdom 1102 ; m. Lafracoth, dau. of the King of Munster ; d.
 1119 ; son of

ROGER⁶, Count of Montgomerie and Count of Exmes ; he
 came to England with William the Conqueror, 1066, and com-
 manded the vanguard of the Norman army at Hastings ; created
 Earl of Shrewsbury, Arundel, and Chichester ; d. and buried at
 Shrewsbury, 1094 ; son of

HUGH⁵ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie ; m. Joseline
 Tourode, Sire de Pont Audemer by his wife Weva, sister of
 Gunnor, wife of Richard II, Duke of Normandy ; son of

WILLIAM⁴ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie ; son of

ROGER³ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie; son of
 ROGER² de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie; son of
 ROGER¹ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie in Nor-
 mandy, ante Anno Domini 900.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (STROBRIDGE) MONTGOMERY.*

- 9 i. MARY³, bapt. Aug. 18, 1737.
- 10* ii. ROBERT, bapt. July 13, 1738; m. ELIZABETH COOPER.
- 11 iii. MARGARET, bapt. May 31, 1740; m. S. KING and JOHN ANDROS; had
 1 son and 1 dau.; the latter m. a Mr. Caswell; had children.
- 12* iv. ISABEL, b. 1740; m. ANDREW RITCHIE.
- 13 v. JOHN, bapt. Aug. 30, 1744; m. MARGARET HENRY of North Bridgewater,
 Mass., Feb. 28, 1771. [She was prob. a dau. of Thomas Henry of
 North Bridgewater.†]
- 14 vi. WILLIAM, bapt. Aug. 30, 1746; d. 1804, æ. 58; unm.; he was blind.
- 15 vii. THOMAS, bapt. Aug. 18, 1749; m. P. HATHAWAY.
- 16 viii. HUGH, bapt. Aug. 22, 1751.
- 17 ix. SAMUEL, bapt. Aug. 9, 1754; m. CATHERINE WALES.
- 18 x. HUGH, bapt. "8^{br}" 14, 1755; m. ANNA SAMPSON.
- 19 xi. JEAN, bapt. Nov. 28, 1758; m. GERSHOM FOSTER.
- 20 xii. REBECCA, d. unm., May 14, 1798, æ. 39.

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HENRY STROBRIDGE², son of WILLIAM (1), was b. Apr. 17, 1722, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. JEAN GORDON, who was b. at Voluntown, Conn., Dec. 13, 1728. A scrap of paper, yellowed by time, is carefully preserved by a descendant of Henry and Jean (Gordon) Strobridge, on account of what is thereon written. The writing reads as follows: "Marriag intended Betwen Henery Strobridg of Middlebery and Jean Gordon of Voluntown."‡

* The only complete (or nearly so) record of these children is found in the records of baptisms kept by Rev. John Morehead, a copy of which is in the office the City Registrar, Boston, where the author obtained the dates of the baptism of the children (with one exception) in this list. There is no record of their births in existence probably.

† From Kingman's "History of North Bridgewater, Mass.": "THOMAS HENRY came from Ireland about 1740, and settled in the northeast section of the town, on or near the place occupied by Theron Ames. He married Ann Miller, Mar. 21, 1743.

CHILDREN.

- I. THOMAS, b. Mch. 21, 1744.
- II. JAMES, b. Jan. 7, 1746; m. Mehitable Hall, 1770. [Mrs Mehitable (Hall) Henry probably m. as 2d husband Alexander Morrison of Worthington, Ohio; if so those interested will find her descendants under No. (4) and dependent Nos. of Part II of this work.]
- III. JENNET, b. Dec. 25, 1747; m. Hosea Dunbar of Halifax (Mass ?), Oct. 22, 1767.
- IV. JOHN, b. Feb. 25, 1750.
- V. MARGARET, b. Feb. 10, 1752. [Was not this the one who m. John Montgomery?]
- VI. DAVID, b. Jan. 19, 1754. VII. ANN, b. May 1, 1756. VIII. SAMUEL. IX. WILLIAM.

Mr. Henry and his family, excepting Jennet, removed to Harpersfield, N. Y. Thomas and James were killed by the Indians and Tories in 1775 or 1776. John was taken prisoner, carried to Canada, and there died. This family was a pious and industrious people."

‡ The following is a copy of a record owned by Mrs. Jane G. (Dean) Jackson of Taunton, Mass., a descendant and namesake of Mrs. Jean (Gordon) Strobridge:

"George Gordon, Born August ye 23, 1726.

Jean Gordon, Born December ye 13, 1728.

Robert Gordon, Born March ye 14, 1731.

Mary Gordon, Born Oct. ye 6, 1733.

The above as appears of Voluntown Records."