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**20/30Mar163[4/]5** {\*\*}

The *Marygould* sails from Waimouth [Dorsetshire] carrying the company of “Joseph HALL [HULL] of Somersit, minister, aged 40 years”, including

(passenger#s 46-51) “George ALLIN, aged 24 years [sic]; Katherin ALLYN, his wife, aged 30 years; George ALLYN, his son, aged 16 years; William ALLYN, his sonne, aged 8 years; Mathew ALLYN, his sonne, aged 6 years; Edward POOLE, his servant, aged 26 years”

#13 Musachvill BERNARD, of Batcombe, clothier, in the county of Somerset, age 24 years; and 3 others said to be of Batcombe [Taylor];

#66-71 “Thomas HOLBROOKE, of Broadway, aged 34 years” (Thomas happens to be my ancestor)

{\*\*HOTTEN,285-288; NGSQ 17(Sep1983):173 provides the ship’s name and the 30Mar1635 date, listing Thomas HOLBROOKE & family as passengers, but doesn’t mention Rev. HULL and misleadingly includes other families who appear not to have come to New England; ANDERSON-GMN-Weymouth quotes Gov.Winthrop on the ships arrival in spring of 1635}

**6May1635** {FREEMEN-Bentley, 13}

Sam[ue]ll ALLEN admitted freeman of Massachusetts Bay colony

**2Jul1638** {RICR}

Samuell, George, and Ralph ALLEN admitted freemen of Newport, Rhode Island

The list is headed “Inhabitants admitted at the town of Nieu-Port since the 2th of the 3rd 1638”, but appears to consist of a long initial list, with two shorter, dated addenda, all presumably for 1638. The entries include: “Mr. Robert LINTELL ... John MERCHANT, July 2 ... Enoch HUNT ... Samuel ALLEN, George ALLEN, Ralph ALLEN ... Mathew GRIDELL, Aug 6”

I've included the names that head each of the additionally dated lists. The second of these has only the name of Mathew GRIDELL, who is the last entry on the overall list.

Anderson, in his SAMUEL ALLEN sketch, notes that many of those on the list were Weymouth men, and in an article on Weymouth he notes that Robert Lenthall was a minister who played a role in the history of Weymouth church. I've listed Enoch Hunt (an ancestor of mine) because I know that he ended up in Weymouth. John MERCHANT was one of those granted a great lot in Braintree on the same day 24Feb1639[/40] as Samuel ALLEN.

The 41 names on this list are actually the first fully fledged citizens of Newport, which some sources (e.g. Wiki) claim wasn't founded until 1639, when many followers of the Anne Hutchinson movement split off from that group in PortsmouthRI. It's doubtful to me that this should be called a list of freemen, rather than merely of inhabitants.

**5Mar1638/9** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » PCR 1:117}

George ALLEN propounded for freeman of Plymouth Colony

- 3Sep1639** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » PCR 1:125,130}  
George ALLEN admitted freeman of Plymouth Colony; appointed constable
- 30Mar1639** {Massachusetts VRs (Braintree), 1630-1644, in *NEHGRegister* 3(Apr1849):126}  
Sarai, born to Samuel & wife Anne ALLEN of Braintree
- 17Sep1639** {Anderson-GMN-Braintree, except that the printed date (7Sep1639) is anomalous with respect to several other references in the same article}  
Braintree church formally gathered
- 24Feb1639[/40]** {BRC2:49»Boston Recs 1:38}  
a great lot of 28a granted to Samuel ALLEN for 7 heads, at 3s/a  
“The like [“a great lot”] is granted to Samuel Allen, of the same [at “the Mount”, i.e. Mt. Wollaston], for 7 heads [persons], 28 acres there, upon the same covenant of 3shillings per Acre”
- 6Apr1640** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » PCR 1:149}  
George ALLEN received 6.5a in the division of meadow at Sandwich
- Mar1640[/1?]** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » SuffolkCoMA Deeds 1:17}  
Thomas Appelgate of Weymouth” sold to “George Allen of Weymouth, my house and home lot in Weymouth”
- Early 1641** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » Lechford, 392}  
“George Allen of Weymouth in New England, planter, aged about twenty-one years” deposed regarding the lading of a ship.
- 29Sep1641** {Massachusetts VRs ( Braintree), 1630-1644, in *NEHGR* 3(Apr1849):126}  
Anne, wife of Samuel ALLEN died
- abt1643** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » WEYMOUTH-Chamberlain, 1:184,188, 190}  
Inventory of Weymouth land in the town meeting records: Ralph ALLEN and John ALLEN held land “first granted to George ALLIN”; also, George ALLIN owned 3a originally granted to Robert LOVELL
- 19Apr1648** {BRAINTREE-Sprague, citing “S.D. 1:90”[?]}  
Samuel ALLEN of Braintree purchases a house and 90s from John Webb

**28Apr1648** {Anderson-GMB » Windsor VR typescript at Connecticut State Library}  
Samuel ALLEN of WindsorCT was buried

**2May1648** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » Sandwich VRs}  
George ALLEN buried at Sandwich

**say 1648** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch, GMB » Plymouth Colony Probate Records (on microfilm) 1:1:84;  
Plymouth Wills 175; and *Mayflower Descendant* 9:224-225}  
George<sup>1</sup>'s ("Georg[e] Allen the elder late of Sandwidge") undated will (proved 7Jun1649)  
To (bequests): son Matth[e]w; "my five least children"; "my son Will[i]am";  
"for my land & the rest of my meadow I give to my sons Henry & Samuel"  
Exors: wife Katheren Allen; Overseers: Ralph Allen, Richard Bourne

**15May1650** {Braintree VR 1:1—births in Braintree gathered retrospectively in 1654 by clerk John Mills}  
Joseph ALLEN, born to Mr. Samuel ALLEN

**16Oct1650** {EDWARD LAMB Sketch, GMB » MBCR 3:216}  
On petition of "Margrett ALLEN, late wife of Edward LAMBE", administration of her husband's estate is granted to Samuel ALLEN.

**1656**  
BridgewaterMA township created from DuxburyMA township

**10Jul1656** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » *Mayflower Descendant* 25:136-137 » Plymouth Colony Deeds (on microfilm)}  
"Henery and Samuel ALLIN of Boston ... join heirs of a piece of land ... in the bounds of Sandwich ... with certain meadow ground thereunto adjoining and appertaining, which was the proper possession of our father George ALLIN deceased, and by him given to us ... with the consent of our mother, to say now Katheren COLLINS [Mother Katherine had been remarried to John COLLINS of Boston] who hath interest during her life" sold this land to "Gorge ALLINE of Sandwich aforesaid".

**4May1657** {NEHGR 5(1851):335, from "Abstracts from the Earliest Wills in the Probate Office, Plymouth"}  
The will of Myles Standish of Suxbury was probated

**18May1659** {SandwichMA VR, 17}  
James SKEFF & Elezebeth NABOR married [placing this future real estate partner in Sandwich, where James Allen soon after resided]

**19Jul1660** {E.BridgewaterMA VR, 301 - P.R.5 -copied from an old E.Bridgewater Church record}

Myles STANDISH & Sarah WINSLOW d/o John m. in Boston

The MILES STANDISH Sketch in Anderson-PM shows that this Myles was a son of Miles1, and the older brother of Josias/Josiah STANDISH who did the real estate deal with James2 (Samuel1) ALLEN of Braintree/Sandwich/Tisbury, and ChilmarkMV. The fact that the marriage of this Myles2 was recorded in E.Bridgewater, where James2's older brother Samuel ALLEN settled, helps circumstantially link the James-Josiah pair together circumstantially.

**4Dec1660** {BridgewaterMA Town Records, 1:15 (a primary source)}

"The day and year of the birth of the children of Samuel Allen, Sr. here in the town of Bridgewater:  
Imprimis, his second born whose name is Samuel, who was born the 4th of December, 1660"

This is followed by birth records for Samuel Sr's subsequent nine children, concluding with Nehemiah, the 11<sup>th</sup>, born 5Jan1680, and all entered at the same time—obviously not before 5Jan1680. It appears from this that Samuel had a first child before his son Samuel who probably died before s/he was even named. He is Samuel Sr, because by 1680, his son Samuel was also in the Bridgewater picture. I think that this reference to the birth of son Samuel on 4Dec1660, on page 15 of the first book of surviving town records, is the earliest date referencing the descendency of Samuel1 of Braintree in the Bridgewater records.

**bef 14Aug1663** {Torrey-Marriages DB}

James ALLEN marries Elizabeth PARTRIDGE (not PERKINS)

Torrey's first listed source for this entry, probably supporting the surname of the wife, is Tenney Smith, *Charles Smith and Rachel Amy Bryant, Their Ancestors and Descendants* (BrattleboroVT, 1938).

**14Aug1663** {SandwichMA VR, 17}

Amey d/o James ALLEN born

**24Nov1664** {Duxbury VR, 114}

William, s/o William & Elizabeth PABODIE born

Son William was the last of many children born to this couple in Duxbury.

On 1Jul1668 William PABODIE, Josias STANDISH, and James ALLIN were authorized by Thomas Mayhew, who claimed Martha's Vineyard, to purchase land there from the Indians. These birth records of William PABODIE's children show that he, like Josias/Josiah STANDISH, were residents of Duxbury during the run up to their real estate deal with James ALLEN. This is significant because Duxbury borders Bridgewater to the west (which was created from Duxbury in 1656), where James's older brother Samuel settled about 1660, and where the marriage of Josias's older brother Myles's marriage record was recorded in 1660, and before 1656 Duxbury (and after 1656 Bridgewater) bordered Braintree to the north, where James grew up.

**1Jul1665** {NEHGR 8(1854):192 from "Deaths and Burials from the Early Records of Marshfield, Ma."}

Mary, wife of Josiah STANDISH of Duxborough dyed and was buried at Duxborough

And this record places Josiah in Duxbury too, as does the 4May1657 probate of his father, Myles's will. Samuel1 ALLEN of Braintree's 2Aug1669 will shows that by then Josiah STANDISH had become his son-in-law, and James2's brother, having married the latter's sister.

**22Dec1665** {SandwichMA VR, 17}  
Mary d/o Jeames ALLEN born

**28Dec1667** {SandwichMA VR, 17}  
Abigale d/o Jeames ALLEN born

**1Jul1668** {transcription and history at Banks-MV,2:7-8, citing DukesCoMA Deeds 1:239}  
Thomas Mayhew, the crown proprietor of Martha's Vineyard by grants from both Lord Sterling and Fernando Gorges, in turn grants to William PABODIE, Josias STANDISH, and James ALLIN, the right to purchase as much land as they wish from the MV Indian sachem Takemmy, meanwhile recognizing their title to MV land they already own—the governance of said land to rest with both Mayhew and a majority of the three purchasers (and their later under purchasers)—in return for £6/13/4 to be paid Mayhew in Boston.

**2Aug1669** {Banks-MV, 2:8}  
TheMartha's Vineyard land purchase was consummated and included as a fourth partner, James SKIFFE, Jr, of Sandwich  
Since James ALLEN was as resident of Sandwich from about 1663-1667 when his three daughters were born there, it's likely that he had dealings with SKIFFE in Sandwich, and brought him in on the deal.

**2Aug1669** {[SuffolkCoMA Probate-Case 504](#), in NEHGS-AA DB}  
Will of "Samewell ALLIN of Braintry" (proved 16Sep1669; Samuel died 5Aug1669)  
To(bequests): "son Samewell ALLIN", £20 - £10 within 1 year of my decease; the remaining £10 within 3 years of the first payment; "son Jeames ALLIN", £5; "son-in-law Josiah STANDISH" [m.dau Sarah], £10; "son-in-law Nathaniell GREENWOD" [m. dau Mary], £5; "daughter Abbegall ALLIN, £50 to be paid when she shall be at the age of twenty and one years";  
the residue to "my beloved wife [identified as "Margeret ALLIN" in the next clause] and my son Joseph ALLIN"—half to each, Margaret for her natural life, with reversion of the remaining half to Joseph.  
"My wife shall have liberty to give unto any of her children [by her former marriage] to the value of £10."  
Exors: wife and son Joseph  
Wits: Francis ELIOT, Thomas HOLBROOK, John FRENCH  
Prvd by Francis ELLIOT and John FRENCH  
Margaret ALLEN and "eldest son Joseph ALLEN" qualify, according to an abstract of an uncited record in Suffolk County Wills (GPC, 1984), 340, but this contradicts Joseph's 15May1650 birth record and the internal evidence of the will itself which suggests that Joseph was more likely Samuel's youngest, not his oldest.

**27Jul1670** {GEORGE ALLEN Sketch » SuffolkCoMA Probate Records}

Gideon ALLEN granted administration of the estate of “John COLLINS late of Boston, deceased”

COLLINS was the second husband of George1's widow, Katherine; this is one of the key pieces of circumstantial evidence that identifies Gideon as George & Katherine's youngest son.

**16Nov1672** {[SuffolkCoMA Deeds 8:22](#); FHL Film 493934, also [SUFFOLK COUNTY DEEDS, Liber 8, images 21-22](#)}

undated deed of “Margaret ALLEN, the late wife of Sammuell ALLEN now deceased, and Joseph ALLEN my son, both of the town of Brantry of the government of Massachusetts, in consideration of £20 given and appointed to be paid by the abovesaid Sammuell ALLEN, deceased, to his son, Sammuell ALLEN of Bridgewater in the government of New Plimouth ... to the abovesaid Sammuell ALLEN” 12a in Brantry on the Monatticut River

**Acknowledged** by the grantors this date. The witnesses include Nathaniel GREENEWOOD [son-in-law of Samuel ALLEN deceased]

**25Jul1714** {TisburyMA VR, 1:195, citing a gravestone inscription in the West Tisbury village cemetery}

James Allen, Esq., husband of Elizabeth, died, aged 78

West Tisbury is a township of DukesCoMA (a.k.a. Martha's Vineyard), and this James (who is James2 (Samuel1)), was, in effect, one of the four first purchasers of land in this area, and the only one of these four founders of West Tirbury who actually settled on the island, where he remained for the rest of his life.

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Anderson's analysis shows that many of the VRs prior to 1654 were lost but that the town clerk who took over at that time made an attempt to collect records of VR events that occurred in Braintree for families resident there in 1654. This analysis suggests that the lone birth date for Samuel<sup>1</sup>'s youngest son Joseph (15May1650) was either a stray survivor from the period of neglect, or that Samuel's other children by his second wife, Margaret (James and Abigail) were born elsewhere, or that Samuel and family weren't resident in the town in 1654 and had no children in Braintree thereafter. The original record book needs to be studied and correlated with Anderson's analysis if further light is to be shed on this.

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This is a comprehensive index card compilation by Sprague over several decades of records regarding the inhabitants of Braintree and spinoff towns from many sources. Perhaps it's strongest feature is the detailed source citations provided for the majority of what is claimed. Sprague died in 1960, donating this collection to the NEHGS in his will. Unfortunately, the editors at NEHGS who reformatted this material into the present indexed CD database, have failed to provide a key to identify the often cryptic source citations that Sprague provides, which vitiates much of its evidential value, at least for all who are not New England specialists

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## TisburyMA VR

*Vital Records of Tisbury, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1910)

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published as “Records of Boston, 1630-1644 [from Braintree]”, transcribed in *NEHGRegister* 3(Apr1849):126-127

The cited subset of VRs (mostly births) cover Braintree prior to 1Mar1643/4 for families resident there on that date; Anderson’s analysis in **ANDERSON-GMB-Braintree** shows that these were gathered retrospectively by family, by then town clerk Peter Brackett.

### Torrey-Marriages DB

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