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CARPENTER

This family is of ancient English origin and is of great antiquity in the county of Hereford and in other parts of England. The American branch of the family is descended from the family of which the Earl of Tyrconnel was a member. In 1761 the Earldom of Tyrconnel, in Ireland, was given to a third George Carpenter, and this branch became extinct in 1853. The coat-of-arms was confirmed to William Carpenter in 1663, in London, and was subsequently found on the tombstone of Daniel Carpenter, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, who was born in 1669. The arms: Argent, a greyhound passant and chief sable. Crest: A greyhound's head, erased per fesse sable and argent. Motto: *Celeritas – virtus – fidelitas*.

- (I) John Carpenter, the first of the name found in English records, was born about 1303, and was a member of parliament in 1323.
- (II) Richard, son of John Carpenter, was born about 1335. He Married Christina -----, and they were buried in the church of St. Martin Outwitch, Bishopsgate, London. He was a goldsmith.
- (III) John Carpenter Sr., son of Richard Carpenter, was the elder brother of John Carpenter Jr., the noted town clerk of London, whose benevolent bequest founded the City of London School.
- (IV) John Carpenter Jr. was the son of John Carpenter Sr.
- (V) William, son of John Carpenter, was born about 1440, and died in 1520. He resided in the parish of Dilwyne, Herefordshire; he is called William of Homme.
- (VI) James, son of William of Homme, died in 1537.
- (VII) John, son of James Carpenter, died in 1540.
- (VIII) William, son of John Carpenter, was born about 1540. Children: James inherited his father's estate: Alexander, born about 1560, his youngest child was probably the William of Cobhan to whom the arms were confirmed in 1663; William, mentioned below; Richard, probably settled in Amesbury, Massachusetts, and was progenitor of the Providence branch of the family in America.
- (IX) William (1), son of William Carpenter, was born in England, in 1576. He came to America with his wife, Abigail and son William in the ship "Bevis," in 1638, and returned in the same ship to England. He was a resident of London.
- (X) William (2), son of William (1) Carpenter, was born in 1605, in England. He came to America with his father in the ship "Bevis" in 1638, and was admitted a freeman of Weymouth, Massachusetts, May 13, 1640. He was deputy to the general court from Weymouth in 1641-43, and from Rehoboth in 1645; constable in 1641. He was admitted an inhabitant of Rehoboth, March 28, 1645, and in June of the same year was admitted a freeman there. He was a close friend of Governor William Bradford, who married his cousin, Alice Carpenter. With others he received permission from the general court to buy a tract of land eight miles square of the Indians, which became the settlement of Rehoboth. He was chosen proprietors' clerk in 1643, and served as clerk until 1649. He contributed

towards the expenses of King Philip's war and was one of a committee to lay out a road from Rehoboth to Dedham. In 1647 he was selectman. He owned real estate also at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He was a captain in the militia. He died February 7, 1659, in Rehoboth. His will was dated April 21, 1658, and proved February 7, 1669. He married in England, Abigail ----, who died February 22, 1687. Children: John, born in England, died May 23, 1695; William, born in England; Joseph, born in England; Hannah born at Weymouth, April 3, 1640; Abiah, born in Weymouth, April 9, 1643; Abigail, twin with Abiah; Samuel, mentioned below.

- (XI) Samuel, son of William (32) Carpenter, born in Rehoboth, about 1644, and died February 20, 1682-83. He was one of the purchasers of the north division of Rehoboth, and received land in the division of February 5, 1671. In 1680 he was one of a committee to lay out land. He married, May 25, 1660, Sarah Reedaway, of Rehoboth, who married (second) Gilbert Brooks. Children: Samuel, born September 15, 1661; Sarah, January 11, 1663-64; Abiah, February 10, 1665-66; James, mentioned below; Jacob, born September 5, 1670, did return from Phipp's exhibition to Canada in 1690; Jonathan born December 11, 1672; David, April 17, 1675; Solomon; December 23, 1677; Zachariah, July 1, 1680; Abraham, September 20, 1682.
- (XII) James, son of Samuel Carpenter, was born April 12, 1668, and died April 27, 1738. He married, Jun 26, 1690, Dorothy Bliss, born January 27, 1668, died October 28, 1694-5; (second) April 15, 1695, Grace Palmer. Children, born at Rehoboth: James, July 13, 1691; Jacob, December 30, 1692. Children by second wife: Dorothy, born Oct 7, 1695; Stephen, mentioned below; Rachel, October 25, 1698; Gershom, November 1, 1702; Ebenezer, Jul 21, 1708; Ludia, April 30, 1710; Joanna, Jul 7, 1713.
- (XIII) Stephen, son of James Carpenter, was born at Rehoboth, June 7, 1696, and died February 16, 1778. He married (first) October 8, 1721-22, Martha Hunt, who died May 13, 1741, aged thirty-eight. He married (second) April 2, 1744, Jane Thurston, died August 24, 1765. There is a tradition that one of his wives was a native Indian woman. He resided at Rehoboth. Children born at Rehoboth: Stephen, August 12, 1722; Rachel, February 2, 1723; Gershom, August 13, 1727; John, September 11, 1729; Lydia, February 11, 1721; Elizabeth, October 30, 1732; Peter, mentioned below; Mary, April 3, 1737; John, February 12, 1738. Children by second wife: Chloe, March 30, 1745; Benajah, April 27, 1748; Jacob, August 25, 1750.
- (XIV) Peter, son of Stephen Carpenter, was born at Rehoboth, October 18, 1734, and died in 1818, at Putney, Vermont. He was a weaver by trade and invented an improved loom.. He removed to Brattleboro before 1795. In later years he was known as "smoking Peter." He married, October 15, 1758, Elizabeth Monroe, who died October 31, 1774. He married (second) August 3, 1775, Jemima Carpenter, daughter of Ebenezer. She died in 1820. Children by first wife: Samuel born May 7, 1760, soldier in the revolution; Rachel, March 14, 1762; Asa, October 16, 1763; Abel, mentioned below. Children by second wife: Remember, April 1776; Stephen; Benajah; September 8, 1778; Lydia (adopted).
- (XV) Abel, son of Peter Carpenter, was born at Rehoboth, June 20, 1766, and died August 8, 1862. He married (first) J. Martin, about 1788; (second) Lucy Pearce, about 1802. He had six sons and six daughters. Children: Gershom, of Granby; Samuel, mentioned below; Humphrey; Cromwell; Nancy; Patience; Polly, married John Knight; Nancy married David Haliday; Martha; others died young.

- (XVI) Samuel, son of Abel Carpenter, was born in Rhode Island, April 7, 1798, and died in Newfane, Vermont, March 13, 1854. He was educated in the schools of his native place. He removed to Massachusetts, and finally settled at Brattleboro, Vermont, where he followed farming the rest of his active life. He retired on account of ill health a few years before he died. In politics he was a Democrat; in religion a Universalist. He married, June 2, 1830, Sarah Bradeen, of Waterborough, Maine; she died December 5, 1857. Children: 1. Julia, married, Leonard Brown, of Wardsboro, a farmer. 2. Dexter Samuel, died at Newfane, unmarried. 3. Adeline, died in New York City; married William Ashley, of Springfield, Massachusetts, a mechanic. 4. John, a laborer, died at Newfane when a young man. 5. James Madison, twin of Henry A. 6) Henry A., mentioned below. 7. Franklin, died young.
- (XVII) Henry A. son of Samuel Carpenter, was born in Brattleboro, October 7, 1840. His parents moved to Marlboro, Vermont, when he was six years old, and he attended school there, afterward at Williamsville, and the Wardsboro high school until 1860. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company E, 11th Vermont Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred to the heavy artillery December 13, 1862. He was mustered out June 24, 1865, after the war ended. He took part in the battles of Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Winchester, Cedar Creek, and the siege of Petersburg, March 25-27 and April 2, 1865. He was slightly wounded at Cedar Creek. After the war he followed farming in Vermont and later in Nebraska, having a farm at Palmyra in that state for nine years. In 1876 he returned to Vermont and bought a farm in Newfane, where he has since lived. In politics he is a Republican. He had been a justice of the peace, grand juror, and is at present a United States pension agent. He has been a lister in the town of Newfane. He is a member of the Methodist church; of Post No. 65, Grand Army of the Republic, of Townshend and Newfane, of which he has been commander; member also of Newfane Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he has been chaplain, and of Blazing Star Lodge, No 23, Free Masons. He was formally a member of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry and of the Good Templars.

He married, August 30, 1865, in Marlboro, Cordelia V. Worden, who was born January 320, 1845, in Marlboro. She was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Williamsville high school, and was a student in the high schools of Wardsboro and Green River. She is a member of the Methodist church, the Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army of the Republic, of Townshend and Newfane. She was a school teacher both in Vermont and Nebraska for a number of years. Mr. Carpenter was also formally a school teacher for twenty-five years during the winter terms, both in Nebraska and Vermont. Children: 1. Lisle Madison, born at Marlboro, January 1, 1867, married Emma Crowninshield of Newfane; he was formerly employed by the Central Vermont railroad, and lost a leg in an accident; they are now living in Brattleboro. 2. Grace Winifred, born at Palmyra, Nebraska, September 15, 1871; married Ellis Chapin, of Chicopee, Massachusetts, where they now reside on a farm. 3. Carrie Violet, born at Palmyra, Jun 4, 1874, married Leon Redfield, of Townshend, Vermont, a farmer; she resides in Boston, Massachusetts. 4. Julia Henrietta, born at Dover, Vermont, November 2, 1876; married Dickerman A. Rider, of Marlboro; he is a machinist; they reside at Bellows Falls. 5. Angie May, born at Newfane, April 29, 1883; married Allison Bradeen, who came from Springvale Maine; he is a delivery clerk for a wholesale bakery; they reside in Somerville, Massachusetts.