



## THE RICHMOND FAMILY

### *First Generation.*

**1 JOHN RICHMOND<sup>1</sup>**, the emigrant, was born in 1594; he came to America from Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, England. He probably left England about 1635, and was one of the purchasers of Taunton in 1637. Undoubtedly he was married before he came to this country, but neither the name of his wife, the date of their marriage, nor the date of her death, has been found.

He was away from Taunton much of his life, -- through the records he is known to have been at Newport and other places, -- but he returned to Taunton and died there March 20, 1664, aged seventy.

#### CHILDREN:

- +2. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, born about 1627.
- +3. EDWARD<sup>2</sup>, born about 1632.
- +4. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, born about 1638.
- +5. MARY<sup>2</sup>, born about 1639.

The following records, without much doubt, refer to John Richmond, of Taunton:

“To the Constable of Saco: These

“Febr. 7, 1636. Mr. Theophilus Davies against Mr. John Richmond, an action of Slander.”

“Mr. Henry Broade, an action of, trespass against Mr. Theop. Davies and Mr. John Richmond.”

“March 6, 1636. John Richmond, an action of trespass against Mr. Tho. Lewis, and also a complaint against the said Lewis for detayning the said Richmond's servant.”

“March 7, 1636. Mr. Thomas Lewis is by verdict of a jury to pay unto John Richmond six £ ten shillings, for two barrells of beife.”

“March 14, 1636. John Richmond, an action against Mr. Tho. Lewis for detayning his servant against the law.”

“May 2, 1637. Thomas Page, an action of trespass against John Richmond.”

“June, 1637. John Richmond, an action for debt against Theoph. Davies.”\*

The court records close July 4, 1637, when Capt. William Gorges was recalled, and there are no further court records until 1640.

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\*New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 39, 1885, pp. 362 - Court Records of the Province of Maine. Held at Saco under Capt. William Gorges.

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At "the sitting of the Council," in Newport, R. I., 1656 and 1657: --

"Upon the petition of Richard Ussel to the Court concerning an execution graunted to him, against Edward Richmond of Newport, for the sum of three pound, thirteen shillings, which execution being unserved by reason that noe estate was found to serve it on, and now being adjtiated in the Court of redress for same, here appeared John Richmond of Newport sen'r, and to this Court did pay," etc.\*

"Court of Commissioners, 17th March, 1656. Mr. Roger Williams, Moderator.

"Case 22. It is ordered, that, whereas, there are divers presentments standing upon a booke of records (belonging to ye Island), against John Richmond, Sen'r, John Smith, George Blisse, Henrie Hobson, Henry Timberlake, and Bartholomew Hunt, all of Newport. These presentments shall not be, any of them, prosecuted, except by expresse orders from His Highness ye Lord Protector." \*\*

He was one of the Commissioners, for Newport, of the Court of Commissioners, held at Portsmouth in 1656. He owned six shares in the original purchase of Taunton in 1637.

John Richmond<sup>1</sup> was one of the older men of the settlement in Taunton. His name does not appear in the list of males (able to bear arms) in 1643: he was in Rhode Island in 1655, and it is probable that he was there at that time or in England. He took the oath of fidelity in Taunton before 1640. The family were large land-owners in the easterly part of the town, and gave to a village in that section the name of Richmondtown, which it still bears.

### THE WILL OF JOHN RICHMOND.

This fourteenth day of December in ye year of our Lord one thousand six-hundred and sixty three, I, John Richmond of Taunton in Plymouth. Patent. Being of perfect understanding Blessed be God. Do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth. I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond my purchase held in Taunton. Also I give and bequeath my land which is at Squamicott which is half a share purchase, first, I give and -bequeath to my son in law William Paul and Mary his wife and to their children forty acres of ye land at Squamicott above named. And also I give and bequeath unto my younger son Edward Richmond and his son Edward after him forty acres of ye land at Squamicott. Also I give and bequeath unto my son in law Edward Rew and to Sarah his wife half a share of land which is at Squamicott. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond and to his son after him the remainder of my lands at Squamicott. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond my mare, only ye first foal my mare bringeth I do give and bequeath unto ye use of his son Thomas. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond all debts that are due to me &c, he my eldest son John Richmond shall see my debts which I do owe discharged. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John the mare or sixteen pounds which I layed out for ye land wherein my son John now dwelleth. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John all my goods which are in my eldest sons house now. Also I give and bequeath unto my son in law Edward Rew and Sarah his wife all my goods which are now in my son Edward Rew's house, except a pair of sheets and a Hamack, which sheets I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the wife of William Paul, and the Hamack I give unto my son in law William Paul. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond my cow to defray funeral charges. Also I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Edward Richmond all my wearing apparel. Also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Richmond all my *writings* in my chest which are in my son in law Edward Rew's house. And I the said John Richmond do nominate and appoint my eldest son John Richmond, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I the said John Richmond

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Institute and Appoint, Shadrach Wilbore with my eldest son John Richmond to see this last Will and Testament performed and to this as my last Will and Testament I have set my hand and seal the day and year above said.

Witness

Joseph Wilbore.

Shadrach Wilbore.

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John X Richmond.

Mark, a (seal)

This above written Will was exhibited to ye Court held at Plymouth ye 29 day of October 1669. On ye oaths of Joseph Wilbore and Shadrach Wilbore.

Althog it was made as ye date first above expresseth yet it was not recorded until ye date last mentioned by reason of an obstruction that fell in the way.

Ven copia as appears of record at Plymouth.

October ye 10, 1702

Samuel Sprague, Register.

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\*Newport, R. I., Records. \*\*Vol. I, p. 333, R. I. Colonial Records.

