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**2**JOHN RICHMOND<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1627 before his father came to this country. He married Abigail Rogers, daughter of John Rogers of Duxbury, born in 1641. He died October 7, 1715, aged eighty-eight, and she August 1, 1727, aged eighty-six. Both are buried in Taunton, Mass.

### CHILDREN:

- +6. MARY<sup>3</sup>, born June 2, 1654, in Bridgewater.
- 7. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, born June 6, 1656, in Bridgewater; killed Sept. 20, 1672, by the upsetting of a cart.
- 8. THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 2, 1659, in Newport, R. I.; died unmarried in Middleboro, Dec. 14, 1705.
- +9. SUSANNA<sup>3</sup>, born Nov. 4, 1661, in Bridgewater.
- +10. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 8, 1663, in Taunton.
- +11. EDWARD<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 8, 1665, in Taunton.
- +12. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, born Sept. 23, 1668, in Taunton.
- +13. SARAH<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 26, 1671, in Taunton.
- +14. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 5, 1673, in Taunton.
- +15. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup>, born May 1676, in Newport, R. I.
- +16. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 26, 1679, in Newport, R. I.

There is no specific authority for the statement that he had a wife before Abigail Rogers; but the inscription upon her gravestone makes her age eighty-six at her death August 1, 1727: that would fix her birth at 1641; so she would have been only thirteen years old when Mary was born. Deeds of the land of John Rogers show that Joseph Richmond was the son of Abigail. It is probable that John Richmond<sup>2</sup> had a previous wife, who died in 1662, and that he married Abigail Rogers early in 1663.

That Thomas died unmarried is shown by a deed from James Reed of Middleboro, and Susanna, his wife, dated December 20, 1705, to Edward Richmond of Taunton, of all rights, &c., in the estate of "our brother Thomas," late of Taunton, deceased: the deed was proved April 16, 1706; also by deed from John of Taunton, dated and acknowledged February 7, 1705-6, to sons Edward of Taunton, and Ebenezer of Plymouth, of the land "my son Thomas lived on."

John Richmond<sup>2</sup>, on March 21, 1712-13, and July 16, 1713, conveyed land to his son Edward.

John Richmond<sup>2</sup> and James Walker were appointed to buy land of Indians, 1672. He was of Town Council February 29, 1675-6, also in 1690. There is a deed of John Richmond<sup>2</sup>, conveying to his son John, for £400, his house-lot and dwelling-house, "where he now dwells,"

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and various lots of land. On September 28, 1671, Wm. Brenton, Jas. Walker, Wm. Harvey, Walter Deane and John Richmond bought land from Philip and his head men: the tract included: Taunton, of which the purchasers were already in possession. October 1, 1672, there was another sale to the same parties.\*

He was Constable, member of the Town Council, Commissioner and Surveyor. His residence at "Neck of Land" was about three-quarters of a mile from the "Green" or Center. He and his wife are buried there.

He was a distributor, in March, 1677, of £10, being Taunton's apportionment of £363, 3s. "Irish Charity," sent from Dublin, Ireland, in 1676, "to distressed sufferers" by King Philip's War, and apportioned among the people of forty-seven towns. John Richmond<sup>2</sup> was a member of every important committee in Taunton for the purchase, division and settlement of land and other matters of public interest. He was interested in several extensive purchases of land from the Indians in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Concerning one purchase for the town of Taunton is the following record: "On 25th May, 1680, Town voted to accept what the committee had done, &c., concerning settlement of our lands." John Richmond<sup>2</sup> took his share "on rights that was his father's, and on rights that was Mr. Francis Doubty's (Doughty)."

In a communication from John Richmond<sup>2</sup>, dated Taunton, April 30, 1698, addressed to Lieut.-Col. Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., Capt. Samuel Lowell, Esq., and Elisha Cook, Esq., Boston, he mentions the first purchase of Taunton as a matter within his personal knowledge, which should settle that question. After referring to a dispute with Bridgewater men about town boundaries, and to what his neighbor Hathaway had said, he proceeds: --

"And, first, I desire it may be considered how inconsistent to justice their sense is, for they say and sense it that although Taunton hath the eldest grant, yet it is theirs notwithstanding, because it was granted before: and although it be Taunton's by purchase from the Indians three times over, -- for we bought it first of Woosamequin in the year '39 or '40 [this was in my minority], the sum paid I know not; then we bought all again from Philip, and paid him sixteen pounds for it; then we bought that very spot of Josiah, he claiming some land there, as appears by his deed; then we bought that spot again, with other lands, of Maj. Bradford: he had twenty pounds more; -- they have owned that they never made any purchase, yet theirs because granted," etc.\*\*

This matter is also referred to in the *History of Bristol County, Mass.*, in the following words: --

"Dighton, as is well known, was once a part of Taunton. It was called the Taunton South Purchase, and was bought by a company of Taunton men of the Sachem Philip for one hundred and ninety pounds, lawful money. The land was bought in two sections and at two different times. The first section was stated to be three miles broad on the river, and extended back into the woods four miles.

"The deed of the first section was dated the 28th day of September, 1672, and the consideration mentioned was one hundred and forty-three pounds. The land was conveyed to a committee of the associates consisting of William Benton, Esq., William Harvey, James Walker<sup>2</sup>, Richard Williams, Walter Deane, George Macy, and John Richmond<sup>2</sup>, who transferred the deed, excepting their own rights, to the Rev. George Shove, third minister of Taunton, and seventy-six associates or proprietors of the land. The second section purchased was on the south side of the first section, and was one mile wide on the river and four miles in length. The price paid for it was forty-seven pounds, and the deed was dated Oct. 1st, 1672. It was ostensibly bought by Constant Southworth, treasurer of the Plymouth Colony, who immediately transferred the deed to the committee of the associates mentioned." \*\*\*

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\*See Deed, Gen. Reg. 1861, p. 42. \*\*State Archives, Vol. cxiii, p. 167. \*\*\*History of Bristol County, Mass.

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**3. CAPTAIN EDWARD RICHMOND<sup>2</sup>** (John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1632, and probably before his father came to this country. He married, first, Abigail, daughter of James (*handwritten "Wm. over James*) Davis, and secondly, Amy Bull, daughter of Governor Henry and Elizabeth Bull. He died November 1696.

### CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE:

- +17. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup>, born 1656.
- +18. EDWARD<sup>3</sup>, born 1658.
- +19. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, born about 1660.
- +20. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 6, 1666.
- +21. MARY<sup>3</sup>, born 1668.
- +22. ESTHER<sup>3</sup>, born 1669.
- +23. SILVESTER<sup>3</sup>, born 1672; baptized at Little Compton, R. I., Nov. 3, 1700.
- +24. SARAH<sup>3</sup>.

### CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE:

- +25. HENRY<sup>3</sup>, born at Little Compton, R. I.
- +26. ANN<sup>3</sup>, born at Little Compton, R. I.

The order of births is not known, but it is believed that the above is very nearly, if not accurately, correct (*handwritten note on page: "Not March, killed after July 1657"*).

He and his wife Amy joined in a deed, August 20, 1685. He conveyed, February 16, 1691-2, to Henry Bull, his "Father-in-law" and "Grandfather of my two youngest children," certain land in trust for them, and "my now wife, Amy," referring in it to a deed to his son Edward, made May 20, 1686.

The inventory of his estate was filed December 8, 1696, and on the twentieth of the same month his estate was divided among Edward, eldest son; son John, for himself and his sister, Abigail Remington; William Palmer, John Palmer, Silvester Richmond, Sarah Richmond and Thomas Burdges. (The two Palmers and Burdges [Burgess] were husbands of his daughters). The executors of Henry Bull (who died January 22, 1693-4), settled an account, March 2, 1709 "in which they reported payment of Henry and Ann Richmond's legacy of £60."

On May 20, 1657, Abigail Davis petitioned the Assembly, alleging that her step-father John Cowdall and her mother had forced her into a marriage with Richard Ussell, and later in the same year the Assembly declared that the marriage was unlawful and that she was free to marry Edward Richmond, whom she declared in her petition to be her choice.\*\*

When old Portsmouth was divided and Newport organized, Portsmouth was reorganized, and James Davice (Davis) signed (by his mark), April 30, 1639, forming "he body politick" of Portsmouth: and in the list of the inhabitants of Acquednic Island (who had become such by consent of the government), dated September 1, 1640, James Davis's name appears; it does not appear again, and as there were no other of the name (save, possibly, Nicholas, who lived till 1671), it would seem that he was the father of Abigail Davis, and at the time Abigail married Edward Richmond, he had died and his widow had married John Cowdall (*name of John Cowdall scratched through with pencil*).

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\*History of Bristol County, Mass. \*\*See Colonial Records, Vol. I, p. 359, etc.

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Edward Richmond<sup>2</sup> is frequently mentioned in the Colonial Records, under the following dates: --

“1661, Sep. 9. He had a share in Misquamicut (Westerly) lands appointed to him.

“1663, Dec. 14. He had a legacy of forty acres, and wearing apparel, from the will of his father, John Richmond of Taunton.

“1667-69-70-72. General Solicitor.

“1676, Aug. 6. It was voted by the Assembly “that Lieutenant Edward Richmond, with his company, shall be allowed and have the one-half of the produce of the seven Indians they brought in.” By an act of the Assembly certain Indian men and women able for service were to be sold for nine years.

“1676, Aug. 23. He was clerk of a court martial that was held for the trial of four Indians, who, according to the sentence of the court, were executed.

“1677, Jun. 11. He and three others were appointed to go to such persons in Newport as they see cause, to know who win advance money for the Colony's use in sending the agents to England.

“1677, Oct. 31. He and forty-seven others were granted 5,000 acres to be called East Greenwich.

“1677-78-79-80. Attorney-General.

“1678-79. Deputy.

“1680. Taxed 14 s.

“1683, June 6. Little Compton. He took oath of fidelity.

“1683-84-85-89-90. Selectman.

“1686. Deputy.

“1686, June 4. Lieutenant. On the same date he was fined £5, for furnishing an Indian with some rum or strong liquor.

“1690, May 20, Captain.

“1691, Aug. 7. He and his children were mentioned in the will of his sister, Sarah Stoughton, wife of Nicholas.

“1691, Feb. 1. He bought of Daniel Wilcox, the twenty-seventh lot in Little Compton for £50.

“1691, Feb. 16. He sold to “my father-in-law,” Henry Bull, of Newport, being grandfather to my two youngest children, 120 acres in Little Compton, for £80, for the use and behoof of my two youngest children, Henry and Ann, with housing, garden, &c., reserving to self and wife Amey, the whole profits for life.

“1696, Dec. 8. Inventory, £326, 6s., sworn to by the administrator Edward Richmond, eldest son of deceased, 2 oxen, 6 cows, 4 heifers, 2 yearlings, 5 calves, 2 mares, 3 colts, 2 horses, sheep, 2 fat swine, 8 lean swine, 18 loads of hay, pewter, cheese press, warming pan, arms, stillyards, sundry pieces of land, &c.

“1696, Dec. 20. His estate was divided among his children as follows: To eldest son Edward, land £36, 3s., 4d., movables £27, 16s., 6d. To John Richmond, in his own right and right of sister Abigail Remington, land £36, 3s., 4d., movables £1.7, 16s., 6d. To William Palmer, land £18, 1s., 8d., movables, £13, 3s., 3d., and a like amount each to John Palmer, Silvester Richmond, Sarah Richmond and Thomas Burge.

“He was a member of the Church of England, according to the testimony of his daughter Abigail Gardiner, who deposed to that effect in 1738, calling herself in her eighty-second year.”

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\*Colonial Records, Vol. I.

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The following inscription is from the tombstone in the family cemetery on the old Richmond farm in Little Compton, R. I., being the most ancient date on any tombstone in the town: --

HERE LYETH BURIED THE BODY  
OF EDWARD RICHMOND, CAPTAIN,  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
IN Y<sup>E</sup> 63D YEAR OF HIS AGE,  
NOV. 1696.

He was one of the incorporators of Little Compton, R. I., in 1674, and owned several shares. The deed was made to the following persons: --

Joseph Church,	James Gray,	John Shearmari,
William Southworth,	John Irish,	Isaac Woodworth,
John Rouse,	Peter Collamore,	Thomas Woodworth,
Nathaniel Warren,	John Washburn,	William Pabodie,
Benjamin Woodworth,	Benjamin Church,	John Rogers,
EDWARD RICHMOND,	William Fobes,	Simon Rouse,
Joseph Woodworth,	Thomas Ward,	Josiah Cooke.

**4. SARAH RICHMOND<sup>2</sup>**, (John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1638. She married Edward Rew; he died July 16, 1678. She married, November 4, 1678, James Walker, the immigrant, born in 1618; he died, February 15, 1690-1; and she married Nicholas Stoughton. She died 1691. No children.

Her will, dated August 7, 1691, proved November 18, 1691, describes herself as Sarah Stoughton, wife of Nicholas, and mentions Hannah, wife of Peter Caswell; Brother Edward Richmond and "each of his children"; children of Brother John Richmond; one of whom was Samuel; George Gooding's eldest girl; Sarah Richmond, daughter of Edward; wife of Brother John Richmond; Sister Paule; Ebenezer and Benjamin, children of Brother William Paule; Church of Christ in Taunton; Rev. Samuel Danforth; Samuel, son of my husband, Nicholas Stoughton; Edward, son of Peter Caswell; her husband to have improvement of her estate during his life, Brother John Richmond, sole executor.

Nicholas Stoughton married, February 25, 1691-2, Sarah Hoar, being his *second marriage in less than one year*.

**5. MARY RICHMOND<sup>2</sup>** (John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1639. She married William Paul of Berkeley, born in 1624. He died November 6, 1704, aged eighty, and she, October 3, 1715, aged seventy-six.

**CHILDREN** (born in Taunton, now Berkeley):

27. JAMES PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born April 7, 1657.
28. JOHN PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born July 10, 1660; died March 23, 1718.
29. EDWARD PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 7, 1664; married *Esther Babbit*; died March 23, 1718.
30. MARY PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 8, 1667; married *Thomas Jones*.
31. SARAH PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born July 5, 1668; married *Henry Rew* (second wife?).
32. ABIGAIL PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born May 13, 1673; married *John Burt* (Joseph Wood?).
33. EBENEZER PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born ---

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34. BENJAMIN PAUL<sup>3</sup>, born 1681; married *Ruth* -----; died Jan. 12, 1757. Ruth died Jan. 24, 1776, aged 93 years.

Ebenezer and Benjamin are given on the authority of Edgar Bodes Reed, Esq., of Taunton.

Benjamin Paul died January 12, 1757, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.\*

Ebenezer and Benjamin are mentioned in the will of their Aunt Sarah (Richmond) (Rew) (Walker) Stoughton; this confirms Deacon Reed's statement.\*\*

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\*Read Inscriptions. \*\* See No. 4.

