

THE
HAZARD FAMILY
OF
RHODE ISLAND
1635-1894

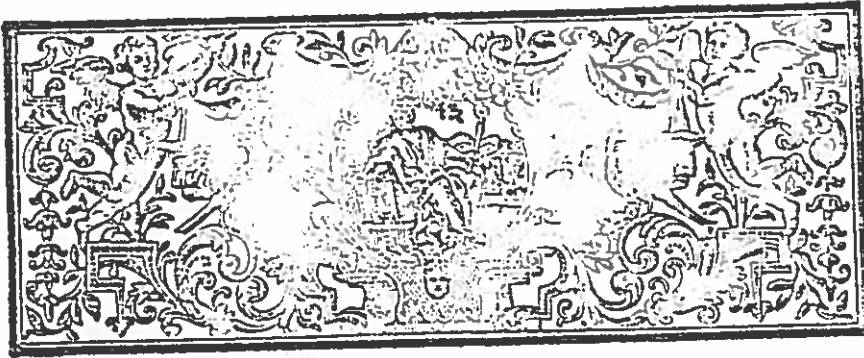
*Being a Genealogy and History of the Descendants
of Thomas Hazard, with Sketches of the Worthies
of this Family, and Anecdotes Illustrative of their
Traits and also of the Times in which they Lived*

Embellish'd with Portraits and Fac-Similes, and with Map and Index

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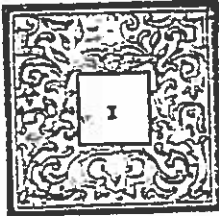


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First Generation



THOMAS HAZARD, the progenitor of the Hazard family in the United States of America, was born in 1610; he died in 1680; he married, 1st, Martha —, who died in 1669. He married, 2d, Martha, widow of Thomas Sheriff; she died in 1691. His name is first found in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1635. In 1638, March 25, he was admitted freeman of Boston. Two years later he was admitted freeman of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. In 1639, April 28, he and eight others signed the following contract, preparatory to the settlement of Newport, Rhode Island: "It is agreed by us whose hands are underwritten to propagate a plantation in the midst of the island or elsewhere, and to engage ourselves to bear equal charge, answerable to our strength and estates, in common, and that our determination shall be by major voice of judge and elders, the judge to have a double voice." The founders and first officers of the town of Newport were William Coddington, Judge; Nicholas Easton, John Coggeshall, William Brenton, John Clarke, Jeremy Clarke, Thomas Hazard, and Henry Bull, Elders; William Dyre, Clerk. In 1639, June 5, he was named one of four proportioners of land in Newport, any three of whom might proportion it; "the company laying it forth to have ^{4d.} an acre for every acre laid." September 2, 1639, he was admitted freeman of Newport, and in 1640, March 12, he was appointed a member of the General Court of Elections. In 1665, he was for a short time in Newtown, Long Island. In his will, proved 1680, his wife Martha, whom he calls his "beloved yoke-fellow," is sole executrix, and he gives her "all movable and immovable estate, as housing,

* Grandfather of Mrs. George Lawton
NEA Elizabeth Hazard

housing, goods, cattle, and chattels, etc." To his son Robert he gives 15. To his daughters, Hannah Wilcox and Martha Potter, wife of Ichabod Potter, 15. There is a long line of descendants from this daughter Martha, and Ichabod Potter, with frequent intermarriages in the Hazard family. In the early history of the family it was almost an exception to find a Hazard who did not marry a cousin, and it is a curious fact that the lines in which these marriages were the most frequent, were often marked by the strongest men and women, both mentally and physically.

These few meagre facts are about all that can be found at the present day of the founder of the Hazard family in America. But Thomas R. Hazard, in his *Recollections of Olden Times*, has given an account of the family that goes back, even beyond the name; its European founder being the Duke de Charante, living about 1060, on the borders of Switzerland. From the Duke de Charante he has given an interesting account of the changes in the name, until towards the close of the eighteenth century, when it was, and still continues to be, written Hazard. Willis R. Hazard, a descendant of Jonathan Hazard of Newtown, Long Island (according to whose opinion Jonathan was a son of Thomas Hazard, but by other authorities a nephew), has given us the chief characteristics of the family; and although his account was intended for the descendants of Jonathan of Newtown, it is equally applicable to the Rhode Island family. He says: "The Hazards are a strongly marked race, handing down and retaining certain peculiarities from generation to generation. One is, a peculiar decision of character, a certain amount of pride, and a pronounced independence, coupled with a slight reserve. Physically they are strongly marked. Generally speaking, they are of good stature and vigorous frames with rather a square head, high forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, straight or aquiline nose, and with will shown by a firmly set jaw. Their complexion is fair, a little inclined to florid."

Few families in Rhode Island have a brighter record than the Hazard family, where, if greatness is not always found, sobriety, honesty, and integrity make even the humblest lives worth studying; and when one finds, as is often the case, a retiring, unpretentious modesty combined with greatness, he must be pardoned for his enthusiastic admiration for the old family tree, that still sends out vigorous shoots after more than two hundred years of growth in America.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS HAZARD

2. ROBERT HAZARD, born 1635, in England or Ireland; died 1710; married *Mary Brownell*.
3. ELIZABETH HAZARD, married *George Lawton*.
4. HANNAH HAZARD, married *Stephen Wilcox*, son of *Edward Wilcox*.
5. MARTHA HAZARD, married 1st, *Ichabod Potter*, son of *Nathaniel* and *Dorothy Potter*; married 2d, *Benjamin Mowry*, son of *Roger* and *Mary Mowry*.

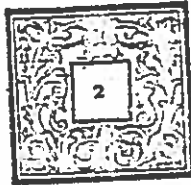
End of the First Generation

† Father of A. George Lawton
 He married Elizabeth Hazard THE



THE HAZARD FAMILY

Second Generation



ROBERT HAZARD ² (Thomas, 1), was born 1635; he died 1710. In 1665 he was admitted freeman of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. From this time until 1698 his name often appears in the Colonial records as chosen to fill some important position. In 1658, he sold John Roome, of Portsmouth, all his interest in Conanicut and Dutch Island. In 1667, the Court at Plymouth ordered, in reference to a controversy between the English and Indians about bounds in Dartmouth, that in case Robert Hazard, of Rhode Island, could be procured, he should run the lines, etc. In 1670, he was juryman. In 1671, he bought five hundred acres of land in Kingstown, of the Pettaquamscutt purchasers. In 1676, he and three others of Portsmouth were a committee ordered by the Assembly to appoint their own men as keepers of Indians above twelve years of age. The Indians were to have "a sufficient place of security." Any master offending was to pay a fine of £5. In 1676, Robert Hazard was on a committee to procure boats for the colony's defence "for the present, and there were to be four boats with five or six men in each." At the same date he and three others were empowered to take exact account of all the inhabitants on the island, "English, negroes and Indians, and make a list of the same, and also to take exact account how all persons are provided with corn, guns, powder, shot and lead." A barrel of powder was put in charge of himself and three others, and two great guns in the yard of the late William Brenton, were to be impressed into the country's service and carried to Portsmouth, and placed, one "in the Ferry Neck and one near the house of John Borden." Robert Hazard and three others were to see that the guns were set on carriages and fitted for service. In 1676, also, he was appointed as commissioner to take care of and order the several watches and wards on the island, and appoint the places. In 1687, he was taxed 11s. 7d. in Kingstown.²

Not long after this date, he built his house in Kingstown, which was still standing in the early part of the present century. It was on the site where now stands the house owned and occupied by the daughters of William Watson, Esq^r, in the village of Mooresfield. The old house was very large, — possibly the largest in the town, not only at that time but for many years after. A well authenticated story is told of Dr. William Shaw, who, being called in to attend a

² R. I. Col. Rec., vol. ii, pp. 535-536.

² Col. Rec., vol. ii, p. 537.

*First
month
of
July
1676*

sick person in the house, drove into the back yard, and entered the house by the kitchen door. When he went out, he asked if the family always walked from the front door to the rear of the house, or did they have some conveyance? The ell was longer than the main body of the house, and in this ell was a capacious chimney. Inside the chimney were two stone seats, where, tradition says, the little slave children were wont to sit; the heat from the big oak-logs being no bad substitute for the hot sands of Africa. (IN LAW)

In 1695, Robert Hazard gave to his son George ^{*}the larger part of his Pettaquamscutt purchase. The deed runs: "I, Robert Hazard, late of Portsmouth, now of Kingstown, alias Rochester, for the natural affection that I have unto my son George, . . . have given to him all my whole right and interest in or to the farm I live on now, by virtue of a deed from the whole Company of Purchasers, as may appear by a deed given under their hand. Said farm contains five hundred acres of land, more or less, bounded as in my original deed from aforesaid purchasers. Only I, said Robert Hazard, do reserve one hundred and twenty acres, and my now dwelling-house." The boundaries mention a big rock in the boundary line, about ten feet high. This rock is still to be seen in a substantial stone wall, and gave rise to the familiar name of his grandson Robert, who was called "Roc" Robert. This was also his signature, Robert Roc [his mark] Hazard. In 1710, a short time before his death, Robert sold the remaining part of this farm, with "my manor house where I now live," to his son Robert (for £300, current money), who, in 1718, gave it by will to his son Robert, after his mother's death; making three Roberts who had successively owned and occupied the old house. The last, upon the death of his mother in 1739, sold to his uncle George the remaining part of the farm. He in his turn gave the whole farm to his son, Col. Thomas Hazard, by will, in 1743. Col. Thomas, in 1748, sold it to John Rose. And thus, after sixty years, the old homestead passed out of the possession of the Hazard family.

Previous to the deed of gift to his son George, Robert had, in 1692, given to his son Stephen "all rights and interests in land belonging to Point Judith Neck, being y^e seventh part of y^e same, excepting one hundred acres and Little Neck, so called, next Boston Neck."

In 1695, he also gave his son Jeremiah two hundred acres of land in Tiverton; and that his eldest son Thomas had land given to him by his father, is proved by the fact that in his will he says, "land that came to me by inheritance from my father, Robert Hazard." By these deeds it would seem that Robert Hazard owned more than one thousand acres of land.

Robert married Mary Brownell, daughter of Thomas and Anne Brownell. She was born in 1639, and died in 1739, being exactly one hundred years of age. In an old copy of the *Boston Gazette*, dated Feb. 12, 1739, is found the following notice: "NEWPORT, Feb. 9. Mrs. MARY HAZARD, widow of Mr. ROBERT HAZARD, of SOUTH KINGSTON, and Grand Mother to the deceased GEORGE HAZARD, Esq., late Deputy Governor of RHODE ISLAND, departed this life the

28th day of JANUARY last, in the HUNDREDTH Year of her age, who was decently interr'd the Wednesday following. She had 500 Children, Grand Children, and Great Grand Children, and left behind her now living two hundred and five of the aforesaid number. She was accounted a very useful Gentlewoman both to the Poor and Rich on many accounts, and particularly amongst Sick Persons for her Skill & Judgement, which she did Gratis."

CHILDREN

6. THOMAS HAZARD, born 1660; died 1746; married *Susannab Nichols*.
7. GEORGE HAZARD, died 1743; married *Penelope Arnold*, daughter of *Caleb* and *Abigail Arnold*.
8. STEPHEN HAZARD, died Sept. 20, 1727; married *Elizabeth Helme*.
9. MARTHA HAZARD, died 1753; married *Thomas Wilcox*.
10. MARY HAZARD, died before her father; married *Edward Wilcox*.
11. ROBERT HAZARD, died 1718, married *Amy* —.
12. JEREMIAH HAZARD, born March 26, 1675; married *Mary Smith*.
13. HANNAH HAZARD, married *Jeffrey Champlin*.

* § 3. ELIZABETH HAZARD, 2 (Thomas, 1). She married George Lawton,* of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He was admitted an inhabitant of the island of Aquidneck in 1638. On April 30, 1639, he and twenty others signed the following compact: "We whose names are underwritten do acknowledge ourselves the legal subjects of his majesty King Charles, and in his name do hereby bind ourselves into a civil body politicke, unto his laws according to matters of justice." In 1648, he was a member of the Court of Trials. In 1665, '72, '75, '76, '79, '80, he was Deputy. August 31, 1671, there was a meeting at his house of the Town Council, and Council of War of the two towns was ordered by the Assembly to be held on September 5th, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, "there and then to consider of some ways and means for securing the inhabitants and their estates in these times of imminent danger." Twenty horsemen (ten from each town), completely armed, were to attend at same time and place for the defence of said council there sitting, treachery of the Indians being feared.

In 1676, April 4, it was voted by the Assembly: "That in these troublesome times and straits in this colony, the Assembly, desiring to have the advice and concurrence of the most judicious inhabitants, if it may be had for the good of the whole, do desire at their next sitting the company and counsel of sixteen persons,³ among them George Lawton."

On May 2, 1676, he and John Easton were desired to go to Providence, with all convenient speed, to determine whether garrisons shall be kept there at charge of colony, a petition having been sent to the Assembly from that place concerning their distressed condition in these present times of wars with the Indians.⁴

In 1678 (October 30), there was ordered by the Assembly a meeting to be held at his house 13th of January next; to adjudge and audit all accounts between towns of Newport and Portsmouth, relating to late Indian wars.⁵

¹ R. I. Col. Rec., vol. i, p. 70.

⁴ Col. Rec., vol. ii, p. 546.

² Col. Rec., vol. ii, pp. 409, 410.

⁵ Col. Rec., vol. ii, p. 537.

³ Col. Rec., vol. ii, p. 537.

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On January 30, 1690, he and five other assistants, with the Deputy Governor, wrote a letter to their Majesties William and Mary, congratulating them on their accession to the crown, and informing them that since the deposition of Governor Andros, the former government under the Charter had been resumed, and mentioning also the seizure of Andros in Rhode Island, and his return to Massachusetts on demand of the latter colony.¹ Lawton died October 5, 1693, and was buried in his orchard in Portsmouth.

CHILDREN

14. ISABEL LAWTON, died April 1, 1730; married *Samuel Albro*.
15. JOHN LAWTON, married *Mary Boomer*.
16. MARY LAWTON, married *John Babcock*, son of *James* and *Scarab Babcock*.
17. GEORGE LAWTON, died Sept. 11, 1697; married *Naami Hunt*, daughter of *Bartholomew* and *Ann Hunt*.
18. ROBERT LAWTON, died Jan. 25, 1706; married Feb. 16, 1681, *Mary Wodell*, daughter of *Gershom* and *Mary Wodell*.
19. SUSANNA LAWTON, died Dec. 9, 1712; married *Thomas Cornell*, son of *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Cornell*.
20. RUTH LAWTON, died April 15, 1726; married *William Wodell*, son of *Gershom* and *Mary Wodell*.
21. MERCY LAWTON, died 1685; married Jan. 19, 1682, *James Tripp*.
22. JOB LAWTON, died Oct. 8, 1697.
23. ELIZABETH LAWTON, died 1724; married *Robert Carr*, son of *Robert Carr*.

§ 4. HANNAH HAZARD, 2 (Thomas, 1). There is no record found of birth or death. She married Stephen Wilcox (son of Edward). He was born 1633, or about that time, and died about 1690. They were married 1658. In 1658, Jan. 30, he had a deed of thirty-four acres from Thomas Hazard as dower with his wife. May 18, 1669, his name was in the list of inhabitants of Westerly. In 1670 he was complained of, with his partakers, by John Richards, Treasurer of Harvard College, for unjustly possessing five hundred acres in the Pequot country, on the east side of Pawcatuck River, within the bounds of Stonington.²

CHILDREN

24. EDWARD WILCOX, born 1662; married *Mary Hazard*, daughter of *Robert* (for children, see No. 10).
25. THOMAS WILCOX, died 1728; married *Martha*, daughter of *Robert* and *Mary Hazard*.
26. DANIEL WILCOX, married 1697, *Mary Wodell*.
27. WILLIAM WILCOX, married Jan. 25, 1698, *Dorothy Palmer*.
28. STEPHEN WILCOX, married 1704, *Elizabeth Grandall*.
29. HANNAH WILCOX, married *Samuel Clarke*, son of *Jeremiah* and *Ann (Audley) Clarke*.
30. JEREMIAH WILCOX, married *Mary Mallett*, daughter of *Thomas Mallett*.

§ 5. MARTHA HAZARD, 2 (Thomas, 1). There is no record of her birth. She married, first, Ichabod Potter, son of Nathaniel and Dorothy Potter. He died in 1676. She married, second, Benjamin Mowry.

¹ R. I. Col. Rec., vol. iii, p. 258.

² R. I. Col. Rec., vol. ii, p. 324.

ago. It is now owned by his heirs, he being a descendant in the female line of Jeremiah Hazard.

Jeremiah Hazard married Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Geready) Smith.

CHILDREN

88. MARY HAZARD, born March 16, 1699; died 1771.
 89. ANN HAZARD, born Feb. 23, 1701; married *John Browning*.
 90. ROBERT HAZARD, born April 1, 1703; married *Patience Northup*.
 91. SARAH HAZARD, born Jan. 11, 1706; married, Oct. 24, 1728, *Robert Moore*.
 92. MARTHA HAZARD, born Oct. 8, 1708.
 93. HANNAH HAZARD, born April, 1714; married *Samuel Watson*.
 94. SUSANNAH HAZARD, born May 21, 1716; married — *Smith*.

§ 13. HANNAH HAZARD, 3 (Robert, 2; Thomas, 1) married Jeffrey Champlin. She was his second wife, and died about 1713.

CHILDREN

95. THOMAS CHAMPLIN, born Sept. 3, 1708.
 96. STEPHEN CHAMPLIN, born Feb. 16, 1710; married *Mary Hazard*.
 97. WILLIAM CHAMPLIN, born March 3, 1713.

§ 14. ISABEL LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2; Thomas, 1). She married Samuel Albro; died April 1, 1730.

CHILDREN

98. JOHN ALBRO.
 99. DOROTHY ALBRO.
 100. RUTH ALBRO.
 101. SARAH ALBRO.

§ 15. JOHN LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2; Thomas, 1). He died in 1678; married Mary Boomer, daughter of Matthew and Eleanor Boomer. She married, second, Gideon Freeborn.

CHILD

102. GEORGE LAWTON.

§ 16. MARY LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2; Thomas, 1). She died on November 8, 1711; married John Babcock, son of James and Sarah Babcock.

CHILDREN

103. JAMES BABCOCK.
 104. ANN BABCOCK.
 105. MARY BABCOCK.
 106. JOHN BABCOCK.
 107. JOB BABCOCK.
 108. GEORGE BABCOCK, born 1673; died May 1, 1756; married, Nov. 28, 1694, *Elizabeth Hall*.
 109. ELIHU BABCOCK.
 110. ROBERT BABCOCK.
 111. JOSEPH BABCOCK.
 112. OLIVER BABCOCK.

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§ 17. GEORGE LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), died September 11, 1697; he married, January 17, 1677, Naomi Hunt, daughter of Bartholomew and Ann Hunt. She married, second, Isaac Lawton.

CHILDREN

113. ELIZABETH LAWTON, born Nov. 15, 1678; married — *Curtis*.
 114. GEORGE LAWTON, born April 30, 1685.
 115. ROBERT LAWTON, born Oct. 14, 1688.
 116. JOB LAWTON, born Jan. 22, 1692.

§ 18. ROBERT LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), died January 25, 1706; married February 16, 1682, Mary Wodell, daughter of Gershom and Mary Wodell.

CHILDREN

117. GEORGE LAWTON, born Sept. 1, 1685.
 118. ELIZABETH LAWTON, born Sept. 12, 1688.
 119. MARY LAWTON, born Feb. 20, 1692; married — *Sberman*.
 120. ROBERT LAWTON.

§ 19. SUSANNAH LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), died Dec. 9, 1712; married Thomas Cornell, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fiscock) Cornell.

CHILDREN

121. THOMAS CORNELL, born Nov. 30, 1674.
 122. GEORGE CORNELL, born 1676.
 123. ELIZABETH CORNELL.

§ 23. ELIZABETH LAWTON, 3 (Elizabeth Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), died in 1724; married Robert Carr.

CHILDREN

124. ROBERT CARR.
 125. ABIGAIL CARR, married — *Honeyman*.

§ 26. DANIEL WILCOX, 3 (Hannah Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), married Mary Wodell.

CHILD

126. STEPHEN WILCOX.

§ 27. WILLIAM WILCOX, 3 (Hannah Hazard, 2 ; Thomas, 1), married January 25, 1698, Dorothy Palmer.

CHILDREN

127. DOROTHY WILCOX, born Oct. 28, 1698.
 128. ANN WILCOX, born June 14, 1701.
 129. WILLIAM WILCOX, born June 3, 1703.
 130. JENIMA WILCOX, born July 21, 1705.
 131. MARY WILCOX, born Dec. 1, 1709.
 132. AMEY WILCOX, born July 7, 1711.
 133. SARAH WILCOX, born Aug. 29, 1713.
 134. NATHAN WILCOX, born Dec. 3, 1716.

§ 28.