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# A REPORT ABOUT

# SARAH WOODMAN KENT (1641-bet 1700-1723) And HANNAH GRISWOLD KENT (1644-1690/91)

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This document is to describe Sarah Woodman and Hannah Griswold and their husbands.

It is found in some publication's errors in the relationships of this two ladies and their husbands who are both named John Kent. Many researchers have been using errors found in publications as source documents for their presentations as validation. This is wrong!

Researchers must be careful as there are many listings for the names of John Kent, Sarah Woodman, and Hannah Griswold (also found spelled: Grissell, Grizwold, Grisswold, Griszwold).

Researcher must validate references of a person's:

- Parents,
- Birth dates,
- Marriage dates,
- Death dates,
- Locations
- and any other record that confirms the correct persons for the names and their marriages being researched.

It seems that many publications and researchers do not review the above type references to validate their postings. As a result, many folks are copying those publishers works or files of other families and presenting their findings in error.

Also, many folks do not provide attaching documents (or sometimes referred to as "Media") to their research postings of families. This is a requirement to prove and validate their presentations.

Just because you find a familiar name does not mean you have found your person without validation by the above references.

The four people in this document are four individual people born to different parents and were born in different cities or countries.

#### HANNAH GRISWOLD

She is the daughter of immigrant Francis Griswold (1610-1652) and Sarah/Mary Post (1610-aft 1656). Some references to her mother said to be "Mary" and unknown parents, others show the person listed here and I have chosen to do the same. Hannah was born 4 Mar 1644 in Cambridge, Norfolk, Ma, USA. She died 9 Jan 1690/91 in Charlestown, Suffolk, Ma, USA. She married John Kent (b: England abt. 1633 & d: Unknown, Charleston, Suffolk, Ma, USA.) on 21 Mar 1662 in Dedham, Norfolk, Ma, USA.

There was a Hannah Griswold born in 1642 but died a few months later in the same year. The second Hannah Griswold born in 1644 was named the same given name.

Her spouse, John Kent, came to the Colonies on the ship Increase, Master Robert Lea sailed from London on 15 April 1645, bound for New England. The ship arrived safely at Massachusetts Bay. The ship's manifest shows they are from Nayland a village and former civil parish in the Stour Valley on the Suffolk side of the border between Suffolk and Essex counties in England. One publication has this John Kent married to a Hannah Bill and others have him married to Sarah Woodman. This is not true!

Based on church records, John & Hannah were released from the church in Dedham in 1671 and they were received in the church at Charleston, Suffolk, Ma, USA.

They lived and died in Charleston raising the following 11 children.

- 1. Hannah Kent 1667-1700
- 2. Maria Kent 1669-??
- 3. Joshua Kent 1672-1672
- 4. Joshua Kent 1674-1753
- 5. Joseph Kent 1675-1753
- 6. John Kent Jr 1675-1753
- 7. Samuel Kent 1678-1702
- 8. Ebenezer Kent Sr-1680-1752
- 9. Lydia Kent 1683-1732
- 10. Mary Elizabeth Kent 1686-1720
- 11. Susannah Kent 1689-??

Hannah's mother remarried after Francis Griswold died to immigrant William Bullard Jr [arriving in 1636 to Watertown, Ma.] in 1656. Therefore, the children went with their mother and step-father. They moved to, Dedham and then to Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was in Dedham that Hannah and John Kent met and married.

Charlestown was a town in Middlesex County before it was annexed to Boston in Suffolk County in 1874.

There is a web site titled Find-a-Grave. The following are listed on this web site:

https://www.findagrave.com/

- 1. Cemetery Listing of Francis Griswold
  - BIRTH 1610 [Possibly in Cambridge, Massachusetts]
  - DEATH 2 Oct 1652 (aged 41–42)
  - BURIAL Unknown [Possibly in Cambridge, Massachusetts]
  - MEMORIAL ID 162166416
- 2. Cemetery Listing of Sarah/Mary Griswold
  - BIRTH 1610
  - DEATH 2 Oct 1652
  - BURIAL Old Burying Ground (The person making this listing, I am not sure if this is the correct burying ground or cemetery.
  - Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, USA
  - MEMORIAL ID 223098263
- 3. Cemetery Listing of Hannah Grizwold Kent
  - Hannah Grizold Kent
  - BIRTH 4 Mar 1644
  - Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - DEATH 9 Jan 1691 (aged 46)
  - Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, USA
  - BURIAL Phipps Street Burying Ground
  - Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, USA
  - MEMORIAL ID 233240376
- 4. Cemetery Listing for John Kent of Dedham & Charleston, Ma.
  - John Kent Sr.
  - BIRTH 1633
  - England
  - DEATH unknown
  - Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, USA
  - BURIAL Unknown
  - MEMORIAL ID 79910262

## SARAH WOODMAN

Sarah is the daughter of Edward Woodman (1606-1692) and Joanna Salway (1606-1687) and was born in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, USA on 12 Jan 1641 and died between 1700-1723. She married John Kent (son of immigrant Richard Kent & Dorothy Emma Short[e]) on 13 Mar 1665/66 in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, USA.

John Kent was born on 29 Jul 1645 in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, USA. He died in 1703 However, in some records he is listed as John Kent Jr. (I believe this in error as these records are referring to this John Kent, son of immigrant Richard Kent.) Some publications have this John Kent's wife as Hannah Griswold. This is not true!

John & Sarah had the following children:

- 1. John Kent: 1665-1665
- 2. Sarah Kent: 1667-
- 3. John Kent Jr: 1668-1751
- 4. Richard Kent: 1672-1740
- 5. Joshua Kent: 1674-1753
- 6. Mary Kent: 1674-1714
- 7. Emma Kent: 1677-1735
- 8. Hannah Kent: 1679-1736
- 9. Judith Kent: 1682-1751
- 10. Rebecca Kent: 1684-??
- 11. James Kent: 1686-??

Sarah Woodman and John Kent of Newbury, Ma have records that indicate they lived and died in the town of Newbury, Ma.

There is a web site titled Find-a-Grave. The following are listed on this web site:

https://www.findagrave.com/

- 1. Cemetery Listing for Edward Woodman
  - Edward Woodman
  - BIRTH 27 Dec 1606
  - Corsham, Wiltshire Unitary Authority, Wiltshire, England
  - DEATH 3 Jul 1692 (aged 85)
  - Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - BURIAL Burying Ground of the First Settlers
  - Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - MEMORIAL ID 6880833
- 2. Cemetery Listing for Joanna Salman
  - Joanna Salman
  - BIRTH 1613
  - England
  - DEATH Feb 1687 (aged 73–74)
  - Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - BURIAL Newbury Neck Cemetery
  - Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - MEMORIAL ID 84005405
- 3. Cemetery Listing for Sarah Woodman Kent
  - BIRTH 12 Jan 1641
  - Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - DEATH 12 Apr 1718 (aged 77)
  - BURIAL Unknown
  - MEMORIAL ID 79909923
  - Many records show a trail for Sarah Woodman; However, I have not found a true death date. Most records indicate between 1700-1723 in Essex County, Ma. Above cemetery record has a death date but I still am not sure of the correct date.
- 4. Cemetery Listing for John Kent of Newbury, Ma.
  - BIRTH 29 Jul 1645
  - Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - DEATH unknown
  - Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
  - BURIAL Burial Details Unknown
  - MEMORIAL ID 234414354

## JOHN KENT SUMMARY

There are many people with the names of John Kent; however these two fellows in this document are two different people and two different ancestral backgrounds. No relationship is known at this time for them.

There are many persons named John Kent in records. However, there are two immigrants coming to the colonies named Richard Kent and have been noted as Senior and Junior. Richard Kent Sr and Dorothy Emma Short[e] had a son named John Kent born 1645 in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts.

John Kent born in England and came to the colonies in 1645 lived in Dedham and Charleston, Massachusetts.

Both men named John Kent are found in documents and publications with errors as to the ancestral trails. Folks must beware they are finding proper resources and verification of the two men. They are two separate gentlemen.

However, in the colonial history, researchers will find many records with the name of John Kent. Also, this is true of records in England.

This file will tell you the real truth of the two John Kents and Richard Kent. <u>https://jhanrahan.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/4/8/114828137/john richard kent bad info s</u> <u>ource references.pdf</u>

This is a file about John Kent of Dedham and Charleston, Massachusetts. <u>https://jhanrahan.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/4/8/114828137/john\_kent\_who\_is.pdf</u>

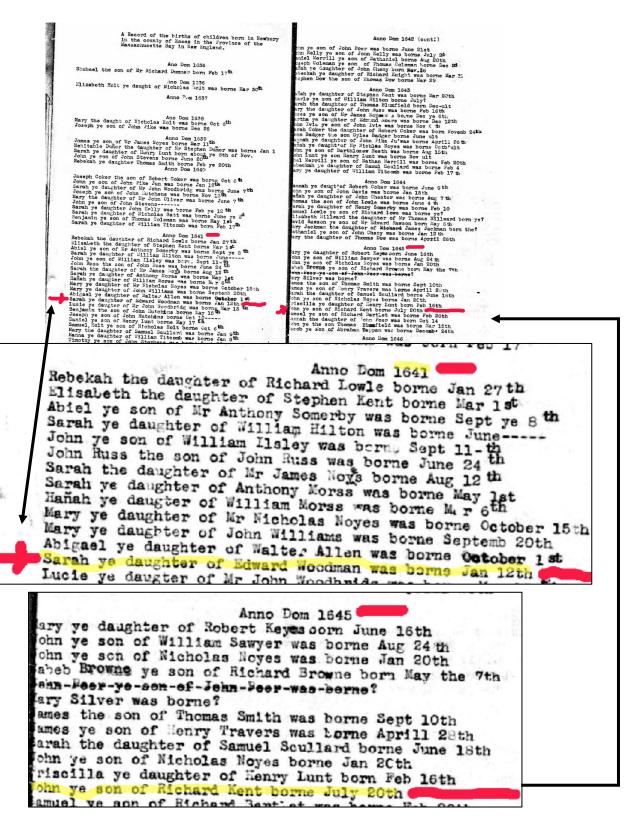
## SOURCE DOCUMENT REFERENCE

The following is for the Kent families

- Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs relating to the Families of Middlesex county, Massachusetts
  - a. Prepared Under the Editorial Supervision of: William Richard Cutter, A.M.
    - i. Meaning of A.M. is ad honorem ("to the honour") an Honorary Degree by his university.
  - b. Volume III (Illustrated)
  - c. New York Lewis Historical Publishing Company (1908)
    - i. Kent Families on pages 1338-1343
      - 1. Richard of Newbury: pg. 1338
      - 2. Thomas of Gloucester: Pgs. 1338-1339
      - Kent Brothers of Dedham, Charleston, Massachusetts & Rhode Island: Pgs. 1339-1343
- II) I have found the best and true source for the Kent surname is this book. It is a more trusted source than any other publication about the early Kent families.
  - b) Genealogies of the different families bearing the name of Kent in the United States : together withtheir possible English ancestry, A.D. 1295-1898
  - c) by Briggs, L. Vernon (Lloyd Vernon), 1863-1941
  - d) Publication date 1898
  - e) Publisher Boston : Rockwell & Churchill Pre
  - f) However, I did discover and error for Richard Kent of Wallop, England and Newbury, Ma, USA.
    - i. The book only shows a marriage to Dorothy Emma Short[e] showing children. Richard was married in England to a Mary Drew who died in England. They had children of which two daughters are named Rebecca and Sarah and son Joseph Kent I. They were born in England and died in the New England colonies. Dorothy and Richard only had a son named John Kent born in 1645 in Newbury, Essex, Ma. USA.

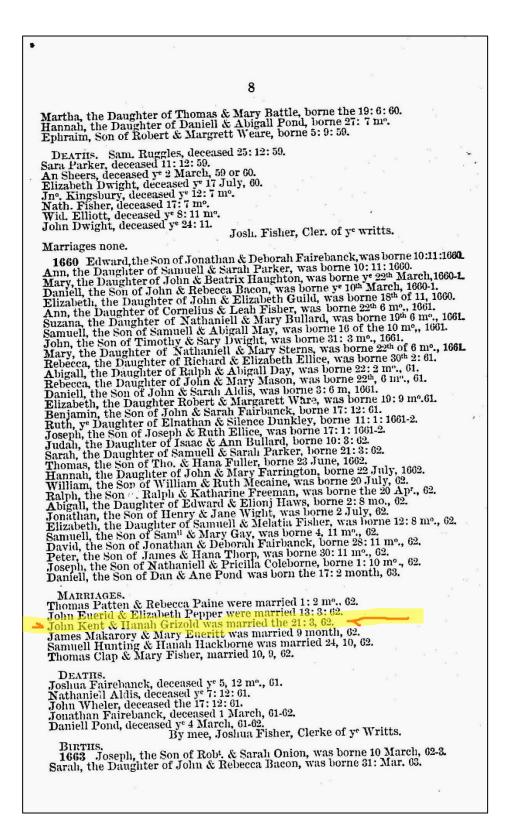
- III) The following is a reliable source about Richard Kent and those who came from the Wallop, England area to the Newbury, Ma area.
  - a. Source: The English Background of Richard Kent Sr. and Stephen Kent of Newbury, Massachusetts, and Mary, Wife of Nicholas Easton of Newport, Rhode Island
  - b. Author: Fiske, Jane Fletcher
  - c. Coverage
    - i. Place Over Wallop, Hampshire, England, Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, United States
  - d. Surname Easton, Kent
  - e. Subject Church records, Family tree, Periodical article, Will/Probate records
  - f. Publication information:
    - i. Type Article
    - ii. Publisher New England Historic Genealogical Society
    - iii. Date issued Oct 2008; Jan 2009
    - iv. Periodical / Series name New England Historical and Genealogical Register
    - v. Volume / Film# / Pages (LDS) 162:245-54; 109:51:65
    - vi. Citation
      - Fiske, Jane Fletcher. The English Background of Richard Kent Sr. and Stephen Kent of Newbury, Massachusetts, and Mary, Wife of Nicholas Easton of Newport, Rhode Island. New England Historical and Genealogical Register. (New England Historic Genealogical Society, Oct 2008; Jan 2009).
- IV) The Griswold Family -- England-America -- Vol 2
  - a. Griswold Men
    - i. By: Edward of Windsor, Connecticut
    - ii. Francis of Cambridge, Massachusetts
    - iii. Matthew of Lyme, Connecticut
    - iv. Michael of Weathersfield, Massachusetts
  - b. Complied by Glenn E. Griswold -- Cleveland, Ohio
  - c. Published by: The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc 1935
  - d. Book on-line
    - i. https://archive.org/details/griswoldfamilyen02gris/mode/2up
- V) Title: History of the Bill Family
  - a. Edited by : Ledyard Bill
  - b. Published: Alvord Printer, 75 Fulton Street, New York, 1867
  - c. This Publication has John Kent married to a Hannah Bill. This is not true.
  - d. Book on-line
    - i. https://archive.org/details/historyofbillfam00bill

## The following shows the Birth of John Kent of Newbury & Sarah Woodman

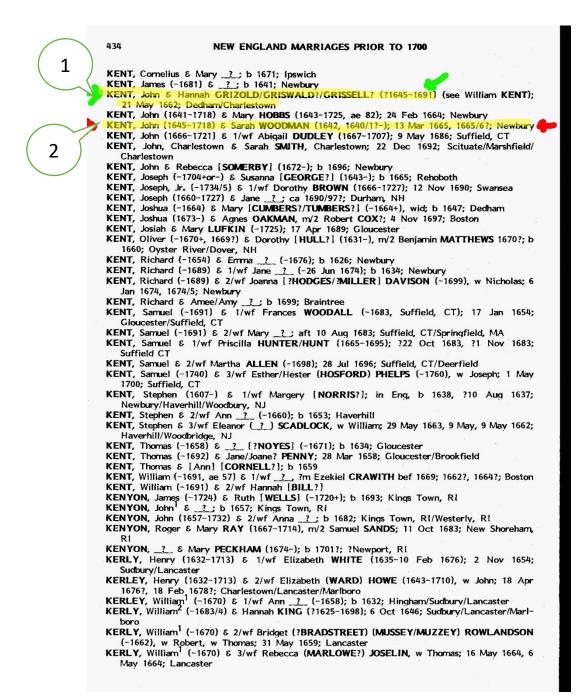


"Anno Dom" means 'in the year of'

#### The following shows the Marriage of John Kent & Hannah Griswold. Date is 2 March 1662



The following shows the Marriages of 1) John Kent & Hannah Griswold, 2) John Kent & Sarah Woodman.



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#### Family of Francis Griswold

#### Family of Hannah Griswold & John Kent

#### FRANCIS GRISWOLD

FRANCIS. Came to New England and settled at Cambridge, Mass., where he had a land grant 1636. He was also proprietor at Charlestown. Freeman 1645. Served as town drummer. His wife was MARY, whom he married in England, and whose family are unknown. His family connection is also unknown, but it has been thought he had some connection with Edward, Matthew, or Michael, of Connecticut, but we have no proof of this. He died in Cambridge, there recorded, Oct. 2, 1652. The *History of Cambridge* relates, Francis died at Charlestown, Oct. 2, 1652, leaving two daughters. Had a land grant of 2 acres for his work and services among the soldiers.

Mary married (2) WILLIAM BULLARD, b. about 1594, who came to New England about 1636. He was witness to the proving of a will 1638 (Suffolk Probate I-15). Son of William and Grace Bignett of Suffolk, England. Settled first at Watertown, later at Dedham, Mass. About 1653 removed to Cambridge. His will July 5, 1679, gives his age about 85 years; d. Dec. 23, 1686. William and Mary were members of the church in Cambridge 1658.

Francis Grissell, to whom reference is made in the calendar of state papers (Minutes of a Committee for Providence Plantation), as having applied in England from July 1635 to Feb. 1636, for remission of the cost of transportation for himself and wife to New England.

Children recorded in Cambridge:

- 2 MARY, b. Aug. 28, 1639; d. y.
- 3 HANNAH, b. Feb. 3, 1642; d. Apr. 1643.
- 4 HANNAH, b. Mar. 4, 1644.
- \*5 ELIZABETH.

Records of Cambridge, Mass.; Charlestown, Mass., Archives; The Bullard Family History.

HANNAH, b. Mar. 4, 1644 (Francis<sup>1</sup>). Variously recorded as Grizold, Grizwold and Grissell; m. Mar. 21, 1662, JOHN KENT,

#### THE GRISWOLD FAMILY

b. England. Came to Dedham, Mass. 1645. His brother Joshua was in Dedham 1643 and was sent to England in 1644 with a testimonial from the church, and when he returned brought two brothers, John and Joseph, who settled in Bristol county. John was received into the church in Dedham May 16, 1652; freeman 1654, and appears as a witness to the will of John Lamson of Dedham Dec. 15, 1660. Apr. 13, 1673 he and his wife were admitted into the church at Charlestown. 1678-79 he was chosen as one of the tythingmen. She d. in Charlestown Jan. 9, 1690/1.

- 6 Hannah, b. July 2, 1667; m. Joseph Cahoon.
- 7 John, b. 1668; m. Sarah Smith.
- 8 Mary or Marie, b. Feb. 3, 1669/70; d. y.
- 9 Joshua, b. June 15; d. 20, 1672.
- 10 Joshun, b. July 4, 1674; m. Agnes Okeman.
- 11 Joseph, b. Oct. 15, hapt. 17, 1675; m. Rebecca Chittenden.
- 12 Samuel, b. Mar. 23, 1678; d. Mar. 16, 1702; smallpox.
- 13 Ebenezer, b. Aug. 18, bapt. 22, 1680; m. Hannah Gannett.
- Lydia, b. July 16, hapt. 22, 1683; m. Ebenezer Simmons.
  Mary, b. May 12, 1686; m. Joseph Barber.
- Surry, b. May 12, 1056; in. Joseph D
- 16 Susanna, b. Aug. 13, bapt. 18, 1689.

Charlestown, Mass. Archives; Dedham, Mass. rec.; Charlestown and Dedham church rec.; Kent Fam. Hist., 10.

These are proof showing the facts. There are many other documents that show the same information.

However, Beware of publications I found with errors of theses four people and researchers that are quoting these error publications as their source documents or other copying the data of others.