

### THREE CALEBS AND A 'LARA': UNTANGLING GLOUCESTER LANES

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Like so many early New England families, the Lane family of Malden/Billerica and Gloucester, Massachusetts, are said to have been founded by one of those ubiquitous sets of three brothers.<sup>1</sup> James<sup>1</sup> Lane (d. 1675 at Casco Bay, Maine) is the progenitor of the Gloucester branch of these Lanes, including the celebrated artist FITZ HUGH LANE, born NATHANIEL ROGERS<sup>7</sup> LANE (*Jonathan Denison*<sup>6</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4-2</sup>, *James*<sup>1</sup>). Lane descendants are indebted to Reverend James Hill Fitts, compiler of Fitts and Lane agnate genealogies, for treating this family in the third and final volume of his comprehensive *Lane Genealogies*.<sup>2</sup> Fitts died suddenly 22 November 1900, while the volume was in preparation; it was published posthumously two years later.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately this work betrays a genealogy under construction. One

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<sup>1</sup> For a meditation on the 'three brothers' theme, see Joshua Coffin, *A Sketch of the History of Newbury, Newburyport and West Newbury* (1845), 292-93:

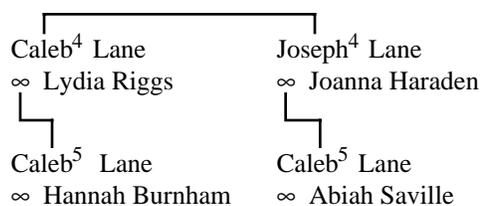
Those who would better be pleased with a short, comprehensive genealogy of the whole human race, and one, at the same time, free from error, must read the ninth chapter of Genesis: *Shem, Ham and Japheth, and of them was the whole earth overspread*. As I have not room enough to trace the whole line of descent ... from these three brothers, the reader must be content with that portion of it, which he will find in these pages.

<sup>2</sup> Rev. James Hill Fitts, *Lane Genealogies*, 3 vols. (1900-02), vol. 3. James' branch had been the subject of an earlier agnate genealogy (Rev. James P. Lane, "James Lane, of North Yarmouth, Maine, and his Descendants," *Register* 42 [1888], 141-52), and was also traced in the early generations by John James Babson for his *History of Gloucester* (1860), 111-12, and the more detailed *Notes and Additions to the History of Gloucester*, 2 parts (1876-91), 1:40-42. Fitts' work fleshed out the work of Lane and Babson, presented new information on the English origins of these Lanes, and extended the descendants into the 1890s. Now see also John Bradley Arthaud's "The John Wallace Family of Cape Ann, Massachusetts," *Register* 152 (1998), 286-310 (especially 290-96), which presents the children and grandchildren of John<sup>2</sup> and Dorcas (Wallis) Lane, down to but not including full notice of Caleb<sup>4</sup> Lane, below.

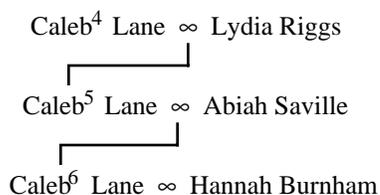
<sup>3</sup> *Lane Genealogies* 3:iii (preface). Also, Letter of Mrs. Fitts to NEHGS, 7 April 1903, tipped into this author's copy of *Lane Genealogies*, vol. 3 (purchased at NEHGS book sale in 1991).

series of errors concerns the three Gloucester Lanes bearing the given name *Caleb* before the year 1850. He clearly had not sorted out the *Calebs* before his death: wives were swapped, children lost in the shuffle, and a generation was skipped here and there. Of the three *Calebs*, Fitts assumed the two younger ones (with overlapping periods of fatherhood) were roughly contemporary, and made them son and nephew of the first *Caleb*.<sup>4</sup> However, the three *Calebs* are actually father, son, and grandson:

A. *Rev. Fitts' Account:*



B. *True Filiation:*



Rev. Fitts' misattribution of the *Calebs* came about through the slackness of municipal vital record-keeping and church registration after 1750, in what was previously one of the best-served counties in the American colonies for vital records--Essex County, Massachusetts. The town and parish birth records are very incomplete for the children of *Caleb*<sup>5</sup> Lane, and they contain no birth or death record for *Caleb*<sup>6</sup> Lane, who, dying at age 32, predeceased his father by nearly thirty-six years. None of the three *Calebs* had a probate record. In the absence of complete family records, Rev. Fitts was reduced to faulty guesswork to fill in the holes in the town and church registers. In this case, happily, the missing vital records can be found in *Caleb*<sup>5</sup> Lane's family Bible. The bible, designated 'Private Record 559', was one of hundreds of private records drawn on in the compilation of the

<sup>4</sup> *Lane Genealogies*, 3:239-40 (family of Caleb and Abiah); 3:242-43 (family of Caleb and Hannah).

published *Gloucester Vital Records* which appeared in 1917-24; the Bible, or a copy, was then in the possession of Charles Franklin Newman of Gloucester.<sup>5</sup>

Errors of a different kind plagued Rev. Fitts' account of another generation in this branch: if Lazarus Lane, son of Caleb<sup>6</sup> Lane, were to rise from the dead he would find he had been treated as *two* persons.<sup>6</sup> This common but perplexing genealogical mistake happened because Lazarus appears in some records (for example in his municipal death record) not as Lazarus but as 'Lara' Lane. (May that have been how the peculiar name 'Lazarus' was pronounced by contemporaries?) Furthermore, 'Lara's' parents were actually misidentified in his municipal death record (included in the printed *Gloucester Vital Records*)--a disastrously misleading error.

The following four-generation lineage corrects the filiation of the three Calebs and Lazarus Lane, restores omitted children from Rev. Fitts' account, and incorporates other corrections and details:<sup>7</sup>

**CALEB<sup>4</sup> LANE** (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James*), son of JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> and DEBORAH (HARADEN) LANE, was born at Annisquam, the third parish in Gloucester, 16 November 1729 and died there 10 February 1783.<sup>8</sup> He married, with intention recorded 15 November 1752,<sup>9</sup> **LYDIA RIGGS**, who was born 11 December 1728 and died 21 March

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<sup>5</sup> It must be what J. J. Babson had in mind when he wrote in 1876 "Concerning his [i.e. Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane's] children the records are entirely silent; but I have seen a list of the twelve that were born to him..." (*Notes and Additions* 1:42). It is undoubtedly the same record to which Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane himself referred in his pension application deposition, saying "that he was born at said Gloucester on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of May A.D. 1759, and that he has a copy of a record made by his father and transferred to his Family Bible." U.S. Nat. Archives, Pension application file S29961, deposition dated 7 Aug. 1832. I have not attempted to locate the Bible, but the extent of its entries may be fairly reconstructed from indications in the *GVRs*.

<sup>6</sup> *Lane Genealogies*, 3:260 and 3:303-4.

<sup>7</sup> Births, deaths and marriages all in Gloucester unless otherwise noted. All precise dates are as they appear in the published *Gloucester Vital Records* or microfilmed *Massachusetts Vital Records* except as noted.

<sup>8</sup> On Caleb's Lane and Wallis ancestry see now John Bradley Arthaud's "The John Wallace Family of Cape Ann, Massachusetts" (note 2 above); Caleb is found there on p. 294.

<sup>9</sup> *Gloucester VRs* 2:327. Intention 15 November; the actual marriage date is entered as illegible other than the year 1752.

1812,<sup>10</sup> daughter of Aaron and Thomasine (Wentworth) Riggs.<sup>11</sup> Caleb and Lydia (Riggs) Lane's fine slate gravestones, with brief verses (transcribed by Fitts), can be found in Bayview cemetery in the Annisquam parish near Lanesville, Gloucester. Caleb<sup>4</sup> served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting (together with his oldest son Caleb<sup>5</sup>) on 20 January 1776 into one of the four companies of coastal defense militia stationed at Gloucester; he was discharged 18 November 1776.<sup>12</sup>

Babson stated (without naming them) that Caleb and Lydia had ten children, of whom only three births (Lydia, Caleb, and the first Zaccheus) were recorded by the town;<sup>13</sup> the others have baptisms recorded at the church at Annisquam. Children of Caleb<sup>4</sup> and Lydia (Riggs) Lane:

- i. LYDIA<sup>5</sup>, b. 5 Sep 1753; m. at Annisquam, 8 Jun 1779, her second cousin NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> LANE (*Benjamin<sup>4,3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James*). No issue recorded in Gloucester.
- ii. THOMASIN<sup>5</sup>, bp. 29 Aug 1756; m. (int. 6 Mar 1788) WILLIAM EVANS of Pelham, N.H. No issue recorded in Gloucester.
- + iii. CALEB<sup>5</sup>, b. 23 May 1759. *See below.*
- iv. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, bp. 30 Nov 1760; d. 1832; m. 26 Feb 1782, JOANNA MORGAN. Seven children.
- v. AARON<sup>5</sup>, bp. 28 Oct 1764; d. Nov 1833; m. 20 Nov 1787, MRS. MARTHA (HODGKINS) MERCHANT. No issue.
- vi. AMEY<sup>5</sup>, bp. 7 Dec 1765. No further information.
- vii. WENTWORTH RIGGS<sup>5</sup>, bp. 24 May 1767; d. 1809, unm.
- viii. SUSANNAH<sup>5</sup>, bp. 21 May 1769; m. (int. 5 Nov 1791) SOLOMON SARGENT. Several children in Annisquam.
- ix. ZACCHEUS<sup>5</sup>, b. 7 Jun 1769; d. soon?
- x. ZACCHEUS<sup>5</sup>, bp. 16 Jun 1771;<sup>14</sup> d. 2 May 1819; m. 8 Dec 1805, REBECCA MERCHANT. Five children.

**CALEB<sup>5</sup> LANE** (*Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James*), a mariner, called 'Caleb Jr.' during the lifetime of his father, was born 23 May 1759 and died 5 April 1850.<sup>15</sup>

Caleb<sup>5</sup> served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting 20 January 1776 with his father for a nine-month term in the coastal defense militia, and

<sup>10</sup> Birth: *Gloucester VRs*. Death: gravestone, recorded *Lane Genealogies* 3:208. Her estate was probated 5 Jan 1813, Essex Probate 16332 (intestacy).

<sup>11</sup> On Riggs, see Babson, *Notes and Additions*, 1:61. Lydia (Riggs) Lane's parentage is proven by her extant letter of complaint about her brother's parsimonious handling of their late father's estate in Aaron Riggs' probate file (Essex Co. Probate file no. 23681).

<sup>12</sup> *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896-1908), 9:470.

<sup>13</sup> Babson, *Notes & Additions*, 1:42.

<sup>14</sup> Fitts conflated these two entries as those of birth and baptism of the same child at age two. While there is no corresponding infant death record for a Zaccheus, Zaccheus Lane d. 2 May 1819, 'age 48' --implying birth in 1771--and no other child is found in the *Gloucester VRs* to make up Babson's total of ten for this marriage.

<sup>15</sup> Mass VRs: Deaths 48:106.

reentering service in 1777 as a seaman on the privateer brig *General Mercer* under Capt. James Babson (first cousin once removed of Caleb's future wife Abiah Saville). Caleb was among the 'prize crew' of a captured British vessel when he was captured by the British in late April or early May 1778. Committed to Forten Prison (near Portsmouth, England) 18 July 1778, he was probably released in one of the prisoner exchanges arranged by Benjamin Franklin in the Summer of 1779.<sup>16</sup> Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane applied for a pension for his military service on 7 August 1832; he was placed on the roll 31 October 1832 at \$40.00 per year.<sup>17</sup>

Unless their oldest child's birthdate is transcribed in error, in or before 1782 Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane began a liaison with **ABIAH SAVILLE**, born 12 June 1766, daughter of Jesse and Martha (Babson) Saville.<sup>18</sup> Their first child, Caleb<sup>6</sup>, was born out of wedlock 5 December 1782.<sup>19</sup> Five days later, on 10 December 1782, the parents published their intention to marry;<sup>20</sup> they were married 2 January 1783. Abiah (Saville) Lane died 18 February 1843.<sup>21</sup>

Caleb<sup>5</sup> and Abiah (Saville) Lane had twelve children (Fitts assigned them nine) whose births were all noted uniformly in their Bible, designated 'Private Record 559' in the GVRs.

- + i. CALEB<sup>6</sup>, b. 5 Dec 1782 [*sic*, transcription of Bible record in GVRs]. See below.
- ii. JOHN SAVILLE<sup>6</sup>, b. 19 Apr 1785; d. 1 May 1870; m. after 2 Apr 1807 (int.), his first cousin ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> LANE (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>*). One child.
- iii. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>, b. 5 May 1787; bd. 8 Jan 1827; m. 18 Dec 1808, LUCY ANN GOTT. Three children.
- iv. AARON<sup>6</sup> (not Andrew as in Fitts), b. 5 Jun 1789. No further information.
- v. WILLIAM SAVILLE<sup>6</sup>, b. 5 Sep 1791; lost at sea, 24 Apr 1837; m. 19 Nov 1818, SALLY TARR. Four children.

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<sup>16</sup> For discussion of Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane's maritime service, see a separate MS in preparation.

<sup>17</sup> U.S. Nat. Archives, Pension application file no. S29961; *Massachusetts Pension Roll of 1835* (Washington, 1835), p. 96.

<sup>18</sup> On the family of Jesse Saville, see Richard D. Saville, "Records of the Saville Family of Gloucester," *The Essex Genealogist* 5 (1985), 17-22, 81-84, at 21-22.

<sup>19</sup> The birthdate of Caleb<sup>6</sup> was transcribed for the VRs from the family Bible; there is no difference between the format of its record (at least as transcribed for the VRs) and those of the later children, for all of whom the father and mother (with mother's maiden name) are given identically in the published VRs. Either Caleb was indeed illegitimate, or there is a simple transcription error, e.g. 1782 for 1783, which would conform better to the marriage date. Such an error must also have occurred in the transcription of either the birth or baptism date for his younger sister Eliza, unless there are two Elizas (q.v.). The younger Caleb's gravestone, which may resolve this question of his birth year, is not known to this writer.

<sup>20</sup> *Lane Genealogies* 3:241 gives the date of the intention.

<sup>21</sup> Her death, GVRs 3:279 ('\_\_ Feb 1843), appears under her maiden name 'Saville', because it is extracted from a family record ('P.R. 892') which also details her Saville siblings. Her death is not listed in the Mass. VRs.

- vi. CHARLES<sup>6</sup>, b. 30 Oct 1793; d. 7 Nov 1796.
- vii. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> '2d', b. 7 Sep 1796; possibly either he who m. at Annisquam, 6 Dec 1821, ELIZA POOL; or he who m. there 13 Dec 1826, LUCY LANE (also unattributed); or both. An unnamed child of a Charles Lane died at Annisquam 16 May 1829 (no mother named).
- viii. ELIZA<sup>6</sup>, b. 22 Dec 1799; bp. 3 Jul 1799 [*sic*: either there is a transcription error in one of these dates or they refer to more than one child]; prob. she, of Annisquam, who m. 26 Dec 1822, at the 'Free and Independent' (Universalist) Church of Gloucester, JOSEPH BURNHAM JR. of Essex (no children recorded in Gloucester).
- ix. SALLY<sup>6</sup>, died 9 May 1801 (no birth record given, so she probably d. as a newborn).
- x. HEPsIBAH<sup>6</sup>, b. 21 Nov 1802; prob. she who m. 17 Jun 1825, at the 'Free and Independent' (Universalist) Church of Gloucester, ELI GOTT, both originally of Annisquam, with several children.
- xi. ADELINe<sup>6</sup>, b. 4 Apr 1806; prob. she who m. 19 Jan 1827 at Annisquam, SAMUEL JONES, with at least four children recorded there.
- xii. THEODORE<sup>6</sup>, b. 24 Jan 1808; d. 1 Sep 1885; m. 26 Nov 1833, CLARISSA LOWE STEELE. Ten children.

**CALEB<sup>6</sup> LANE** (*Caleb<sup>5-4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James*), a mariner, also called 'Caleb Jr.,' was born 5 December 1782 and predeceased his parents on 8 June 1814; there is no probate record for him. Both dates are found only in 'Private Record 559' (*Gloucester Vital Records*) and were not known to Fitts. Caleb married, 3 May 1804, at the West Parish of Gloucester (although the church record noted that both were from Annisquam) **HANNAH BURNHAM**, daughter of Jonathan and Ruth (Haskell) Burnham; they formally joined the Annisquam parish 22 April 1805.<sup>22</sup> Hannah was born 29 October 1785<sup>23</sup> and seems to have outlived her husband; possibly she is the 'Mrs. Hannah Lane' who married a Gideon Lane on 12 December 1822, outlived him, and died his widow on 29 March 1848, aet. "62 yrs, 4 mos. 15 days" (yielding a birthdate of circa 14 November 1785).<sup>24</sup> Caleb<sup>6</sup> and Hannah Lane had three children whose baptisms were recorded at Annisquam (GVRs):

- i. HANNAH<sup>7</sup>, "d. Caleb and [Hannah. in pencil.]," bp. 28 Apr 1805; possibly she who m. at Annisquam, 16 Apr 1824, JAMES ELWELL, JR. At least one child.
- ii. DAVID SAVILLE<sup>7</sup>, "s. Caleb, jr., and Hannah," bp. \_\_\_ Jun 1807;<sup>25</sup> m. 18 Apr 1830, ELIZA ANN ELWELL. Five children.
- + iii. LAZARUS<sup>7</sup>, "s. Caleb, jr.," bp. 13 Aug 1809. *See below.*

<sup>22</sup> *Lane Genealogies*, 3:242 (from Annisquam register).

<sup>23</sup> Her birthdate is from Roderick H. Burnham, *The Burnham Family* (Hartford, 1869), 348; the birth record is *not* in the published *Gloucester VRs* or the *Ipswich VRs*, and is unlikely to have come from a tombstone, since Burnham does not record her death. Burnham supplies precise birthdates for Hannah's eight siblings, also not recorded either in *Ipswich* or *Gloucester VRs*; the conclusion is that all must have come from a Bible or other private family record. Fitts, *Lane Genealogies* 3:242, had arbitrarily changed Hannah's birthdate to 1765 because he believed her husband to be at least that old.

<sup>24</sup> GVRs 3:192; Mass VRs, Deaths 32:88. On this Gideon Lane (*Lane Genealogies* 3:242), see below.

<sup>25</sup> Blank line for day of month in GVRs 1:410.

**LAZARUS<sup>7</sup> LANE** (*Caleb<sup>6-4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James*), a mariner, was born probably 8 May 1809 (if his age in months and days, but not years, in his death record is correct) or 23 May 1809 (if his apprenticeship was to end on his 21st birthday); he was baptized 13 August 1809 at Annisquam (GVRs 1:416); he died of consumption 14 August 1843.<sup>26</sup> On 16 January 1817 "Lazarus Lane, son of Caleb Lane Jr.," was bound out to "Epes Young, mariner, to learn the trade of mariner until 23 May 1830," probably the date he attained his majority.<sup>27</sup> In two records his name was corrupted to 'Lara': in his death record, and in one of the marriage records for one of his children (Elizabeth<sup>8</sup>, below).

Furthermore, in Lazarus/Lara's death record entered with the town clerk (GVRs 3:194), his parents were stated as "Joseph and Betsy Lane."<sup>28</sup> However, these parents' names were omitted from the copy which was sent to Boston and included in the 'Deaths' ledger of the Massachusetts state vital records, possibly because someone realized that the information was incorrect.<sup>29</sup> Why would his parentage have been misremembered or misreported? It is possible that after his father's death in 1814 Lazarus and his siblings had been associated with Joseph and Betsy Lane as foster children. Who knows what else may have caused confusion for an informant reporting Lazarus' parentage when he died?

Lazarus married, 24 October 1831, **RUTH MORGAN STANWOOD**, daughter of John Morgan Stanwood and Mary (Lurvey) Stanwood, born 31 October 1812 and died 6 May 1887.<sup>30</sup> Widow Ruth (Stanwood) Lane married, second, 13 December 1843, **NATHANIEL THURSTON**, and had four Thurston children.<sup>31</sup> Her youngest Lane son, Joseph, was living in the Thurston household in 1850.<sup>32</sup> Children of Lazarus and Ruth Morgan (Stanwood) Lane:

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<sup>26</sup> Contrast GVRs 3:194 with Mass. VRs, Deaths, 8:80. His age is given as "35 yrs. 3 months, 6 days", but he was actually 34--i.e. in his 35th year.

<sup>27</sup> John C. Reilly, "Gloucester Apprentices Bound Out, 1739-1852," *The Essex Genealogist* 14 (1994), 80-85, 138-42, 199-204, at 141.

<sup>28</sup> Fitts obligingly created a "Lara" in this family group (*Lane Genealogies* 3:260), and assigned him wife Ruth and daughter "Lizzie M." to correspond with the other use of the corruption "Lara" in the apparent second marriage of Lazarus' daughter Elizabeth. The family of Joseph and Betsey (Jewett) Lane is fully represented in another private register, 'Private Record 137,' incorporated in the *Gloucester VRs*, to which Fitts did not have access, and which, of course, does not mention any child 'Lara'. In addition to the spurious 'Lara', the sixth child Fitts gives them, Aaron, is also not theirs and must be identified with the second child of Joseph<sup>6</sup> (*Caleb<sup>5-4</sup>*) and Lucy (Gott) Lane (correctly placed, *Lane Genealogies* 3:299).

<sup>29</sup> Mass. VRs, Deaths 8:80.

<sup>30</sup> Ethel Stanwood Bolton, *A History of the Stanwood Family in America* (Boston, 1899), 132-134. Ruth's death: Mass. VRs, Deaths 382:207.

<sup>31</sup> Brown Thurston, *Thurston Genealogies, 1635-1892*, 2d ed. (Portland, 1892), 197-198.

<sup>32</sup> 1850 US Census: Massachusetts: Essex Co.: Gloucester, p. 90.

- i. ELIZABETH A. or M.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1832 or 1833;<sup>33</sup> m. firstly, in Gloucester, 25 Oct 1850,<sup>34</sup> ALFRED A. BURNHAM, son of Gorham Burnham of Essex, with no issue recorded.<sup>35</sup> This marriage was soon ended, because Burnham seems to have married again, 15 Apr 1854, one MARGARET WRITER;<sup>36</sup> while Elizabeth married second, 3 Jul 1864 in Rockport, REUBEN H. ELLIS of Harwich, using her maiden name and stating that it was her first marriage.<sup>37</sup> Ellis, a fisherman, was lost at sea with his brothers-in-law on the *George B. Loring*, 20/21 Feb 1879.<sup>38</sup> No Ellis children are recorded in Essex county for this couple between 1864 and 1870.
- ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>8</sup>, b. 1834; a mariner; lost on Georges' Bank with the fishing schooner *George B. Loring*, of which he was master, in the gale of 20/21 Feb 1879, with his brother Joseph Lane and brother-in-law Reuben Ellis. Served in the Civil War as an infantry private in Co. D., 32d Mass. Volunteers, 14 Nov 1861 - 28 Dec 1864.<sup>39</sup> Married, 14 Nov 1858, ANN ELIZABETH ANDREWS, daughter of Isaac and Christine Eleanor (Torrey) Andrews, of Guysborough, Nova Scotia.<sup>40</sup> Eight children.<sup>41</sup>
- iii. AUGUSTA<sup>8</sup>, b. 1837; m. 9 Dec 1856, FREDERICK CROSSMAN of Weymouth, Nova Scotia.<sup>42</sup> No Crossman births were recorded on Cape Ann, 1856-60.

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<sup>33</sup> These and the birth years for her siblings computed from stated age at time of marriage. 'Elizabeth A. Lane' stated herself to be 18 on her marriage to Burnham in 1850. 'Lizzie M. Lane' stated herself to be 31 on her marriage to Reuben Ellis in 1864.

<sup>34</sup> Mass. VRs, Marriages 45:123. Not recorded by Roderick Burnham, *Burnham Genealogy*, 394.

<sup>35</sup> A search of all Essex County Burnham births in the Mass. Vital Records, 1851-54, has yielded no children recorded for this couple.

<sup>36</sup> *Burnham Genealogy*, 394. The Burnham/Writer marriage is not recorded in the Mass. VRs.

<sup>37</sup> Mass. VRs, Marriages 171:159. She is listed as "Lizzie M. Lane," age 31, daughter of "Lara and Ruth." It is indicated that this was their first marriage (several marriages reported together bear ditto marks down the 'marriage number' column on the ledger page). However, she must have been the same person as the "Elizabeth A. Lane," daughter of Lazarus and Ruth, age 18 in 1850 at the marriage to Alfred Burnham, despite the discrepancies. Fitts separated the two, assigning Elizabeth A. Lane to Lazarus and Ruth Lane, and assigning Lizzie M. as the only child of the separate family of "Lara and Ruth" Lane (*Lane Genealogies* 3:260).

<sup>38</sup> *Fishermens' Own Book* (Gloucester, 1882), 77-78, listing thirteen vessels and 143 men lost from Gloucester in that storm.

<sup>39</sup> His service is shown incorrectly by Fitts, who confused him with a New Hampshire man of the same name, *Lane Genealogies* 3:303. His identity, parentage, and career in the 32nd Mass. Volunteers are proved by the pension papers on file for his widow (U.S. Nat. Archives, Civil War pension file no. 276952); his war service is illuminated by a series of seven letters in possession of a descendant, Mrs. Anne V. Middleton of Yarmouthport, Mass.

<sup>40</sup> Mass. VRs, Marriages 117:147; groom shown as son of 'Lazarus and Ruth'.

<sup>41</sup> Their first daughter, Anna E. Lane, b. 29 Aug. 1859 and d. one month later, is listed twice by Fitts, correctly in *Lane Genealogies* 3:303, and erroneously attributed to another George Washington<sup>7</sup> Lane (*David*<sup>6,5,4</sup>, *John*<sup>3,2</sup>, *James*) on 3:296.

<sup>42</sup> Mass. VRs, Marriages 99:152.

iv. JOSEPH M.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1841; a mariner; lost at sea with his brother and brother-in-law on the *George B. Loring*, 20/21 Feb 1879; m. 7 Jun 1866, CLARA L. CHANDLER.<sup>43</sup> U. S. Navy seaman in the Civil War. Four children.

Unfortunately this reconstitution of one branch of Gloucester/Annisquam Lanes leaves at least one Lane orphaned. Gideon Lane, husband of the 'Mrs. Hannah Lane' who was probably the widow of Caleb<sup>6</sup> Lane, was the second of the two children (the other being Caleb<sup>5</sup>) mistakenly assigned by Fitts to Joseph<sup>4</sup> Lane (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *James*), who died in 1776 with no probate record, and Joanna (Haraden) (Haraden) Lane.<sup>44</sup> Joseph and Joanna actually have no children listed in the vital records, though, as Fitts noted, Joanna did have several Haraden children by her first marriage. The Gideon Lane in question may be he who was baptized at Annisquam in 1780--though possibly not as an infant, as the record does not name his parents.<sup>45</sup> Who were they?

It might also be of interest that each of these four Lanes (three Calebs and Lazarus) married a woman with demonstrable royal descent. Lydia Riggs, wife of Caleb<sup>4</sup> Lane, was a great-granddaughter of Elder William<sup>1</sup> Wentworth of Exeter, New Hampshire.<sup>46</sup> Abiah Saville, wife of Caleb<sup>5</sup> Lane,

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<sup>43</sup> Mass. VRs, Marriages 189:175.

<sup>44</sup> *Lane Genealogies* 3:241-42.

<sup>45</sup> *GVRs* 1:413. He is probably the Gideon Lane who married, 8 Mar 1796, Anna Griffin, and had several children with her in Annisquam. He was known as 'Gideon Lane Jr.' to distinguish him from his elder cousin Capt. Gideon Lane (b. 1764), who with wife *Hannah* Griffin (John James Babson's maternal aunt), whom he had married in 1790, was having children in the same parish at the same time. Fitts sorts their children out satisfactorily (*Lane Genealogies* 3:241-42 and 3:248-50) but must be in error with the unattributed Gideon's parentage and approximate age. An unattributed Gideon Lane was buried at the Universalist Church in Gloucester 27 Mar 1838, age 76 (*GVRs* 3:192), while the Capt. Gideon Lane who was born in 1764 died 28 Nov 1821, aet. 57. Unless this older phantom Gideon, born in 1761 or 1762, was baptized at age 18 and married two women both twenty years his junior (Anna Griffin and then Hannah (Burnham) Lane), is it not too devilish to suggest that he might have been the father of the phantom known as 'Gideon Jr.', husband successively of Anna Griffin and Hannah (Burnham) Lane (but not *Hannah Griffin*, who had married Capt. Gideon)?

<sup>46</sup> On Wentworth see Meredith B. Colket, Jr., *The English Ancestry of Anne Marbury Hutchinson & Katherine Marbury Scott* (1936), and my article on his ancestress, Sancha de Ayala, co-written with Todd A. Farmerie, in the

and her daughter-in-law Hannah Burnham, wife of Caleb<sup>6</sup> Lane, were sixth cousins who shared descent from the Lawrence sisters of Ipswich--Hannah through Marie Lawrence, wife of Lieut. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Burnham, and Abiah through Marie's sister, Jane Lawrence, wife of George<sup>1</sup> Giddings.<sup>47</sup> Finally, Ruth Morgan Stanwood, wife of Lazarus<sup>7</sup> Lane, was a descendant of Elizabeth (Stratton) Thorndike, wife of John<sup>1</sup> Thorndike of Salem.<sup>48</sup>

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*Register* 103 (1998), 36-48. Gary Boyd Roberts, *Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants* (1993), 350-51, shows a royal descent for Wentworth (and Richard More of the *Mayflower*) which I believe to be false, though the ongoing work of Paul C. Reed of Salt Lake City into his ancestry, of which a portion is forthcoming in the *Register*, may discuss other royal descents for William Wentworth in addition to those provisionally suggested for Sancha de Ayala.

<sup>47</sup> See David L. Greene, "The Royal Ancestry of the Ipswich (Massachusetts) and Long Island Lawrence Families," *The Genealogist* 10 (1989), 3-30.

<sup>48</sup> On whom see Roberts, *Royal Descents*, 425-26.