

1. HENRY PHELPS, emigrated to New England from London, England, in ship *Hercules*, commanded by Capt. John Kidder, arriving 16 April, 1634, and supposed to have been accompanied by his younger brothers Nicholas and Edward Phelps. Of the name of his parents or from what part of England he came from we have no knowledge, except that he sailed from London. He appears to have married twice. Of his 1st wife we have no knowledge. He m. 2nd a daughter of Thomas Tresler. See Essex probate records, Vol. I, p. 48. Eleanor Tresler (widow of Thomas): Will dated 15 Feb., 1654, probated April, 1655, refers to her grandchild John Phelps, son of Henry Phelps. It may be inferred that by 2nd marriage with — Tresler, that he only had one child, John. This position is also strengthened by Salem Quarterly Court Records, Oct. 9, 1666 Inventory of Estate of Obadiah Antrum (who appears to be relative to widow Eleanor Tresler) late deceased, amounting to £171-0-9. His late wife, Martha, appointed administratrix. The estate was ordered divided among John Phelps, son of Henry Phelps, kinsman, and Hannah, wife of Isaac Burnapp, sister of the deceased, and his widow Probably Martha was sister of widow.

Says Essex Co. Institute Collections :

Vol. I. P. Henry and Nicholas Phelps witness will of Robert Moulton, date 20 Feb., 1654.

Vol. I. P. Henry Phelps and Robert Moulton, inventory Benjamin Butterfield, ent. 24 Feb., 1660.

Vol. I. P. Henry Phelps and others take inventory of Thomas Flint's estate, 2 May, 1663.

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From Salem Quarterly Court :

June 26th, 1660. Maj. William Hawthorn ordered to inquire after the misuse of John Phelps, son of Henry Phelps.

Sept. 27th, 1660, Henry Phelps is bound to appear at Court for keeping company in house with his brother's wife. Discharged. This was the wife of Nicholas, the Quaker.

April 4th, 1661, Henry Phelps, about his brother Nicholas' wife, appeared and was discharged of his bond.

Colonial Records, Mass. Colony, Vol. I, P. —. Henry Phelps made a Freeman, March 13th, 1639, and at the same Court, Vol. I, P. —.

"Mr. Ezekiel Rogers, John Phillips and their Company had lands granted them eight miles every way into the Country where it might not touch upon other plantations already settled."

It would appear that Henry Phelps was interested in this grant. This is confirmed by Dr. Moses Phelps, a descendant of the sixth generation, who says he has papers confirming this in his possession.

Mr. Phelps, as it appears, settled in Salem, Mass., where he died. He may have had other children. The record is very unsatisfactory.

Children by 1st wife:

- + 4. I. Christopher, b. probably Salem, Mass., m. Elizabeth Sharp.
- + 5. II. Samuel, b. probably Salem, Mass., m. Widow Elizabeth —.
- + 6. III. Thomas, b. probably Salem, Mass., m.

Children by 2nd wife:

- + 7. IV. John, b. probably Salem, Mass., about 1664, m. Widow Abigail Upton.

2. NICHOLAS PHELPS, would appear to have emigrated to New England with his brother, Henry Phelps, in ship Hercules in 1634. Colonial Records, Mass. Colony, say that Nicholas Fellips made Freeman 13 March, 1640. (The name is spelled variously, Fellips, Phellipes, Phellips and Phelps in different records). He m. Hannah Bassett or (Bashet) in 1652, and settled in Salem. We find no record of children. They appear to have been Quakers, as the following extracts will show, and later banished from the Colony and with others returned to England.  
Salem Quarterly Court Records:—

3. EDWARD PHELPS, supposed to have been a brother of Henry and Nicholas Phelps, who arrived in New England in ship Hercules in 1654. First heard from as residing in Newbury, near Salem, and referred to by Savage.

Says Salem Quarterly Records :

Sept. 25, 1651, Robert Collins persecuted for uncleanness with Lydia Fforderem, who is as she says with child by him. He is ordered to give bonds to John Alcock of Agamenton, to appear at Court at Ipswich. She is fined 40 shillings and her Master Henry Archer promises payment, and Edward Phelps binds himself to pay it.

Sept. 30, 1652. Edward Phelps confessed judgment for a servant he bought of Henry Archer, 40 shillings.

His will in Essex Probate Records, makes his sons Samuel and Edward Phelps, of Andover, his administrators. March 31, 1690, they give bond of £500 with Capt. Thomas Chandler and others. Inventory of real estate £200, personal £61, 10s. Total £261, 10s.

His widow Elizabeth says that "he died lately and so suddenly after his sickness seized him that he had no time to set his house in order." She also mentions her own weaknesses and bodily infirmities. Agreement of division of estate on file dated 17 Jan., 1689-90. His sons-in-law were Joseph Ballard and William Chandler.

He married Widow Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Adams, about 164—, and probably widow of son of Samuel Sharp of Salem. He is called brother Edward by Eleanor Tresler's executors in 1655. She speaks of him also as brother. From this it would appear that she, widow Eleanor Tresler, was also a daughter of Samuel Sharp, and that Elizabeth Adams's 1st husband was her brother. This same reference is made to Christopher Phelps, who also married a Sharp. Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps's father, Robert Adams, left her in his will dated 7 Nov., 1680, one cow.

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to have come from Bolton, Eng., but there is no positive evidence of this.

Children, b. Newbury, Mass.:

- + 8. I. Elizabeth, b. about 1646, m. Joseph Ballard.
- + 9. II. Samuel, b. 1651, m. Sarah Chandler.
- 10. III. John, b. 15 Dec., 1657, unm. Killed by Indians on a survey at Scarborough or Black Point, June 29, 1677.
- + 11. IV. Eleanor, b. 1660, m. William Chandler.
- + 12. V. Edward, b. 1663, m. Ruth Andrews.