

A Summary of Some Venen and Hayward Information

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Dr. John Venen married his first cousin Nancy Hayward, as shown in the following charts.

<p>Dr. John Venen,¹ b. 23 March 1783, Fitchburg, MA, m. 4 March 1810, Danville, VT,² d. 20 March 1875, Conneaut, OH.</p> <p>(Father of Eliza Ann Venen, wife of Edward A. Stone; the latter couple are great-great-grandparents of the compiler of this Venen-Hayward summary.)</p>	<p>Joseph Venen, b. 5 August 1751, Danvers, MA, bp. 11 August 1751, Salem (Village), MA,³ m. (1) 23 or 25 Sept. 1773, Danvers or Reading, MA,⁴ d. 1824, Conneaut, OH.⁵ [See also note 6 below.]</p>	<p>John Venney, m. 10 Feb. 1746/7, Salem, MA, d. Brompton [Township], Quebec⁶ (now Bromptonville, not far north of the Vermont-Quebec border?). He is probably the John Vinning bp. 23 Feb. 1724, Marblehead, MA⁷.</p>
	<p>Susannah Hayward, b. 1756⁸, d. ca. 1797, Wheelock, VT.⁹</p>	<p>Mehitable Upton, b. 10 Dec. 1727, Salem, MA (daughter of Samuel Upton, Jr., and Ruth Whipple).</p>
	<p>Josiah Hayward¹⁰, bp. 29 June 1712, Beverly, MA (1st Parish Unitarian Ch.), m. (2) 29 May 1740, d. 1810 (son of Nehemiah Hayward and Bethia (Lovett) Shaw).</p>	<p>Elizabeth Flint [see note 10 below], b. 2 Dec. 1721, Middleton, MA, bp. 16 Sept. 1722, Beverly, MA, d. 3 Aug. 1758 (dau. of Stephen Flint and Hannah Moulton).</p>

- ¹ Note the transition from Vining (or Vinning) to Vinney (or Venney), often without the final “y”, with probably Joseph Venen restoring a final “n” to get Venen, pronounced as if it were spelled “Veenen” (at least by Ohio descendants). [On the pronunciation of “i” see [this discussion of Long-I-2 \(old-style\)](#).] Note that a similar dropping of the final “g” in Vinning occurred around 1900 for the place names Vinning Street and Vinning Square, close to the intersection of the boundaries of Salem, Marblehead and Swampscott. The names appear as “Vinning” in the 1897 *Atlas of Town of Swampscott* by George W. Stadley & Co., but appear in their modern form, “Vinnin”, in the ca. 1900 *Map of Boston Metropolitan District* and in the 1905 *Atlas of the City of Lynn, Massachusetts, including, also, the towns of Swampscott and Saugus* by L. J. Richards & Co.
- ² The marriage record identifies John Venen as of Brompton, Lower Canada. A note written by his granddaughter Laura (Stone) Putnam says, “Dr. John Venen came from Mass. to Lyndon, Caledonia Co., Vt. Married in Vermont. Then he went to Stanstead, Canada East.” (Stanstead is just a few miles north of the Vermont-Quebec border.)
- ³ “Joseph Venne” in birth record; “Joseph Venney” in baptismal record.
- ⁴ The marriage of “Joseph Vinne” is recorded in the Danvers vital records as taking place on 25 Sept.; Susannah is identified as of Reading. The marriage of “Joseph Vinne” is recorded in the Reading vital records as taking place on 23 Sept.; Joseph is identified as of Danvers. He apparently married a second time, to Miriam, probably the widow of John Lindsey. Her gravestone is in Greenlay Cemetery, Richmond Co., Quebec (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=85065162>), located somewhat northwest of Bromptonville.
- ⁵ Dr. John Venen's “Autobiographical Sketch” printed in the *Conneaut Reporter* in 1871 says his father “died of quick consumption at Josiah Brown's house in Conneaut, Ohio.” The year 1824 is from a 9-page typed “VENEN FAMILY GENEALOGY.” Josiah Brown was the husband of Dr. Venen's sister Betsey Flint Venen (1789-1871).
- ⁶ Dr. Venen's “Autobiographical Sketch” says his grandfather died of smallpox in Brompton, Lower Canada [Quebec]. The database “Land Petitions of Lower Canada, 1764-1841,” includes a record (vol. 199, pp. 93957-93958) showing Dr. Venen's father Joseph Venen leasing 297 acres of Crown Reserve land in Brompton Township in 1817; search for Venen at <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-lower-canada-1764-1841/Pages/land-petitions-lower-canada.aspx>.
- ⁷ See the discussion after the chart on the following page.
- ⁸ Henry Dutch Lord, “Memorial of the Family of Hayward: Descendants of Nicholas Hayward of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony, 1643-1899,” MS A 4085 at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, p. 89b. Josiah Hayward's will, dated 1 March 1795, was apparently not probated, but it is quoted in full in this manuscript. It includes the following (p. 86/8): “Item: I give to my daughter Susannah Vinnen, eighty-four cents to be paid her by my son William.”
- ⁹ Dr. John Venen's “Autobiographical Sketch” says, “My mother's name before marriage was Susannah Hayward, a Christian woman. She died of consumption in Wheelock, Caledonia County, State of Vermont.” Later he says, “I think my mother died when I was about fourteen years old.”
- ¹⁰ Josiah Hayward had 11 children by three wives (Susannah Putnam, Elizabeth Flint, and Dorcas Sherman), according to Henry Lord's manuscript; not all of the children's births or baptisms are in the vital records. Note that Lord's birth and baptism data for Elizabeth Flint (in the chart above) have been thought to apply to the woman who married Benjamin Hobbs on 31 Oct. 1739 in Middleton, MA. However, Stephen Flint's 1752 will mentions his son-in-law Josiah Houward, and Joseph and Susannah Hayward Venen had a daughter Elizabeth Flint Venen (usually called Betsey), evidently named for her maternal grandmother.

Nancy Hayward, b. 24 Sept. 1791, Danville, VT, ¹¹ d. 9 Aug. 1878.	Ephraim Hayward, bp. 1752, North Reading, MA, m. 29 Nov. 1779, Reading, MA.	Josiah Hayward, bp. 29 June 1712, Beverly, MA, m. (2) 29 May 1740, d. 1810.
		Elizabeth Flint [see note 10 above], b. 2 Dec. 1721, bp. 16 Sept. 1722, Beverly (2nd Cong. Ch.), d. 3 Aug. 1758.
	Edith Fox, b. 22 May 1757, Billerica, MA.	Abel Fox, ¹² b. 4 June 1719, Concord, MA, m. 20 Nov. 1754, Lexington, MA (son of John Fox and Susannah Merriam).
		Abigail Perry, ¹³ b. 10 Aug. 1735, Lexington, MA (daughter of John Perry and Deborah Wilson).

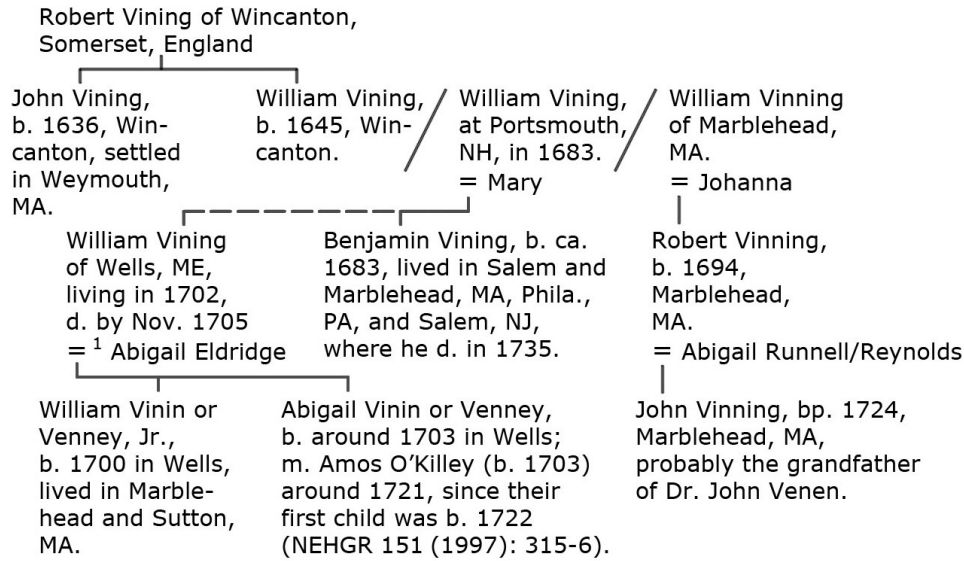
Dr. John Venen's grandfather John Venney was married in 1746/7 in Salem, MA, to Mehitable Upton, a native of that place. No record is known of John's birth or baptism in Salem. However, a John Vinning was baptized 23 Feb. 1724 in the Second Congregational Church (later Unitarian) in Marblehead, MA (which is immediately east of Salem), the son of Robert Vinning and Abigail Runnell/Reynolds. (See chart on next page.) Robert Vining was b. 9 Feb. 1694 in Marblehead, son of William and Johanna Vinning. In *The Vining Family* (1980) Dorothea Vining Barnes suggests (p. 773) that this William may be a brother (b. 1645, Wincanton, Somerset) of John Vining of Weymouth (b. 1636, Wincanton, Somerset) and may be the William who was at Portsmouth, NH, in 1683. Wells, ME, is not far north of Portsmouth, NH, and I think it is fairly likely that William Vining of Wells was a son of William Vining of Portsmouth, perhaps by an earlier wife than Johanna, making him a half brother of Robert Vining of Marblehead. Note that William Vining of Portsmouth was the father (or possibly uncle and adoptive father) of Benjamin Vining of Salem and Marblehead and later of Philadelphia, PA, and Salem, NJ; Benjamin's gravestone identifies his parents as William and Mary Vining of Portsmouth (Barnes, *Vining Family*, pp. 773-4). Note also that William Vining, "Jr.", son of William Vining of Wells, lived for a while in Marblehead before moving to Sutton. For more information on these Vining/Venneys see "Enigmas #21" by Martin E. Hollick, *The American Genealogist*, 80 (2005): 304, which says "*Venney* is variously rendered as *Vinney*, *Vinen*, etc.," and also says that William Venney of Wells, ME, "was alive on 29 May 1702 ... and was dead when his wife [Abigail] was remarried on 19 Nov. 1705 [to Zachariah Rider]." "Enigmas #21, Part Two," *The American Genealogist*, 81 (2006): 152, reports that this wife Abigail was an Eldridge.

In his "Autobiographical Sketch" Dr. John Venen says, "My grandfather told me that his father was killed by the Indians." So far as I have been able to determine, there was no Indian trouble in Marblehead that might have led to Robert Vining (probable father of Dr. Venen's grandfather John) being killed there by Indians. However, Robert's possible half brother William Vining (of Wells or formerly of Wells?) was apparently killed by Indians in Casco [Portland], ME, on 10 Aug. 1703, one of 73 citizens of various towns in Maine massacred by Indians that day. As a result, there was "a burning memory of this treacherous day" (Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary*, p. 7, List 39), a memory that could well have been conveyed by a nephew (John) to the latter's grandson many years later. Perhaps nephew/grandfather John said, "My father's *brother* was killed by the Indians." Since grandfather John was, if baptized in 1724, nearly 60 years older than his grandson, the grandson might well have been a child or perhaps a teenager when told about this death at the hands of Indians.

¹¹ Her birthplace comes from a 1912 *Conneaut News-Herald* article.

¹² George H. Fox, *Descendants of Thomas Fox, c. 1620, of Concord, Mass. Part I. Descendants of II Eliphalet Fox, -1644, of Concord, Mass. (First Son of Thomas Fox): five generations* (1931).

¹³ Bertram Adams, *An Incomplete History of the Descendants of John Perry of London, 1604-1954* (1955).



Postulated relationships among early Vinings

Notation: the two diagonal lines represent postulated identity; the dashed line leading to William Vining of Wells indicates a tentative connection; the "1" between Abigail Eldridge and the marriage "=" indicates her first marriage.

For more information on William Vining/Vinin/Venney, Jr., see:

Ruby Daniels Gordon, "Report on William Vining 'of Marblehead' Massachusetts, Son of William Vining 'of Wells' Maine," *The Essex Genealogist* 26 (2006): 123-132.

Children of Wm. and Johanna Vinning, as given in *Vital Records of Marblehead, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Essex Institute, Salem, 1903):

1. Mary, b. 7br. 20, 1686; [7br. = September, according to the list of abbreviations on p. 6 of the printed vital records]
2. [Ba]thsheba, b. Apr. 12, 1691;
3. [Ro.T.C.]bert, b. Feb. 9, 1694; [T.C.= town copy of records made in 1864 by Capt. Glover Broughton, town clerk]
4. Hannah, b. 10 br. 2, 1697. [10br. = December]