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COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY

SAMUEL COFFIN #1568

5th child of John Coffin and Deborah Austin

Born: 12-12-1680 at on Nantucket Island  
Died: - - at

Aged:  
Married: Miriam Gardner on (about 1706 or 1707)  
at (either Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket Island)

Daughter of: Richard Gardner and Mary  
Born: --- at Nantucket Island?  
Died: ---  
Aged:

Children

- 2 1. Deborah Born: <sup>6-4-</sup>1708, at  
Married: Tristram Starbuck
- 3 2. John (twins) Born: <sup>10-4-</sup>1710, at  
Married: Katurah Folger
- 1 3. Parnell no ch Born: <sup>10-4-</sup>1710, at  
Married: Robert Coffin # 15136
- 5 4. Sarah 12-14-1718 - 1718 Born: <sup>12-14-</sup>1718, at  
Married: (1) Samuel Stanton  
(2) James Pinkham
- 6 5. David 12-4-1741 Born: <sup>12-4-</sup>1741, at  
Married: (1) Ruth Coleman  
(2) Christine Allen  
(3) Eliza Clasby
- 7 6. William 10-4-1740 Born: 11-4-1720, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Priscilla Paddock  
(these records in New Garden M. Mtg.  
(of North Carolina)
- 8 7. Miriam 11-13-1702 <sup>9-10-</sup> Born: 1723, at  
Married: Richard Pinkham
- 9 8. Mary 11-5-1728 Born: - - 1724, at  
Married William Barnard
- 10 9. Priscilla 2-4-1748 Born: <sup>12-2-</sup>1730, at  
Married: Christian Coleman
- 4 10. Libra Born: - - 1710, at  
Died: - - - at  
(dropped dead in a cellar)

COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY

SAMUEL COFFIN #1585<sup>6</sup>

Samuel Coffin was born on Nantucket Island, on 12-12-1680, the <sup>6</sup>5th child of John Coffin and Deborah Austin.

He must have moved to the Island of Martha's Vineyard, off the shores of Massachusetts, in 1682, when his father, John Coffin, moved there as Samuel would have been only about two years old at this time.

From the data <sup>6</sup>given regarding his father, it is possible that Samuel Coffin #1585, returned to Nantucket, at New Garden Monthly Meeting, of Guilford Co., North Carolina, records his son, William Coffin #15856, <sup>6</sup>16857 as being married to Priscilla Paddock on Nantucket Island, at the Sherbon Monthly Meeting, on 10-4-1740.

Have nothing at this time as to whether Samuel and his wife, Miriam went to North Carolina, or not, as their death date, nor place is not given.

Do have data regarding the son, William Coffin, #15856, as going to the New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., North Carolina, in 1773. Other members of William's family went there also in the years 1771-1773-1790.

COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY

WILLIAM COFFIN #153<sup>67</sup>~~58~~

6th child of Samuel Coffin and Miriam Gardner

Born: 11-4-1720 (OS) on Nantucket Island

Died: 11-10-1803 (NS) at New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina

Aged: 83 years, 9 months, 15 days

Married Priscilla Paddock on 10-4-1740  
at Sherbon N. Mtg., on Nantucket Island

Daughter of Nathaniel Paddock and Ann

Born: 7-18-1722 (OS) on Nantucket Island

Died: 7-15-1803 (OS) at New Garden Monthly Mtg., North Carolina

Aged: 80 years, 9 months, 16 days

Children

1. Deborah <sup>1-2-1766</sup> *to D. Matthew Bernard*  
Born: 3-31-1745, on Nantucket Island  
Married: (1) Abel Gardner  
          (2) Micajah Farrel
2. Libni <sup>1-2-1767</sup>  
Born: 8-7-1745, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Hepabeth Starbuck
3. William Jr. <sup>9-28-1787</sup> *to D. Lucretia Coleman on 12-19-1788*  
Born: 7-25-1747, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Esther Hunt (2) 2  
          Elizabeth Bestal (2) 3
4. Samuel <sup>11-29-1770</sup>  
Born: 10-8-1749, on Nantucket Island  
Married: (1) Diana Carr  
          (2) Mary Macy #6542
5. Barnabas <sup>1-7-1773</sup>  
Born: 12-25-1751, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Phcebe Marshall
6. Matthew (NS) <sup>12-11-1822</sup>  
Born: 2-13-1754, on Nantucket Island  
Married: (1) Hannah Kendenhall  
          (2) Mrs. Hannah (White) Macy #6152
7. Bethuel <sup>1-31-1822</sup>  
Born: 2-6-1756, on Nantucket Island  
Married: (1) Hannah Dix (or Dicks)  
          (2) Catherine Macy # 67175
8. Abigail <sup>3-31-1781</sup>  
Born: 5-22-1760, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Elizabeth Robinson
9. Levi <sup>1-4-1786</sup>  
Born: 10-10-1753, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Prudence Williams
10. Priscilla <sup>2-2-1785</sup>  
Born: 10-11-1765, on Nantucket Island  
Married: Asa Hunt (CNC = 1822)

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WILLIAM COFFIN #15955

William Coffin was born on Nantucket Island on 11-4-1720, the 6th child of Samuel Coffin and Miriam Gardner.

William Coffin and wife, Miriam, moved to the New Garden Monthly Meeting, of Guilford Co., North Carolina, in 1773.

All his children's birth dates were recorded in this Monthly Meeting Records, and recorded as being born on Nantucket Island. The birth dates of William and Miriam were also recorded there as born on Nantucket Island, and both dying at the New Garden Monthly Meeting.

Levi Coffin of Under-ground Railroad days, before the Civil War, was a son of Levi Coffin, the ninth child of the above William Coffin.

Levi Coffin Sr. married Prudence Williams, and Levi Coffin Jr. married Catherine (White?).

Levi and his wife, Catherine, were Quakers, who sheltered Eliza Harris, the fugitive slave woman, mentioned by Harriet Beecher Stowe, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," who crossed the Ohio River near Ripley (Ohio?) with her baby, on the floating cakes of ice.

Levi said the book was a true story, it being necessary to use fictitious names in some instances. At that time, (?) Levi Coffin claims to have sheltered more than 3,000 fugitive slaves, during his life, and never was caught with a slave in his possession, nor never told a lie to shield one.

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BETHUEL COFFIN #158567

7th child of William Coffin and Priscilla Paddock

Born: 2-6-1756 on Nantucket Island

Died: - -1837 near Greensboro, Henry Co., Indiana

Aged: About 81 years

Married: (1) Hannah Dix (or Dicks) on 5-1-1776  
at New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., North Carolina

Daughter of

Born: -- at

Died: 10-10-1820 at New Garden Monthly Mtg., North Carolina

Aged:

Children:

- 1. Elisha Born: 11-23-1779, at Deep River MI, North Carolina  
4-25-1807 Married out of unity, No name.
- 2. Zacharias Born: 4-5-1782, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Phoebe Starbuck on 9-29-1805
- 3. Paul Born: 3-23-1784, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Elizabeth W. Moody
- 4. Rebecca Born: 2-27-1785, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Robert White
- 5. Hannah Born: 5-15-1788, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Thomas Symons on 5-1-1811
- 6. Mary Born: 11-18-1792, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Micah Newby
- 7. Elijah Born: 11-17-1793, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Married: Naomi Hyatt on 2-2-1820
- 8. Bethuel Born: 8-20-1795, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Died: 7-2-1799, at New Garden MI, North Carolina  
Aged: 3 years, 10 months, 12 days

Married (2) Catherine Macy #167175 on 1-31-1822  
widow *Inadine Macy #17* at New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., North Carolina

Daughter of (parentage unknown)

Born: -- at

Died: -- at probably Henry Co., Indiana

Aged: --

No children