

Townsend Genealogy

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Sir Lodovic de Townshende, a Norman nobleman b. 1290, m. Elizabeth de Hauteville, sole heiress of the manors of Raynham; daughter of Sir Thomas de Hauteville. His family was of Norman extraction, and settling in the County of Norfolk became possessed of a considerable property said to have been granted them by William the Conqueror (conquered England in 1066), a portion of which by this marriage came to the Townsend family.

<http://www.geni.com/people/Sir-Ludoric-Lodovicus-of-Townshend/6000000018607566616>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hauteville_family

Walter Atte Townshende, b. 1315, m. 1325, Matilda Scrogan,

Roger de Townshende

Roger de Townshende m. Cathrine, daughter of John Atherton

Sir Thomas Townshend m. Agnes, daughter of William Payne, d. 1421

Roger Townshend m. Eleanor, daughter of Sir Thomas Giggs

John Townesend m. Joan, daughter of Sir Robert Lunsford, d. 1466

Roger Townsend, Esq. (was a judge) m. Eleanor, d. 1493

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Townshend_\(judge\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Townshend_(judge))

Roger Townshend, m. Anne, daughter of William de Brewse, d. 1552

High Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk 1511 and 1518

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Townshend_\(died_1551\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Townshend_(died_1551))

John

Sir Robert

George

Roger

Thomas

Giles

Kathrine

Sir Robert Townshend, m. Alice, daughter of Robert Poppy, Esq., Lived in Bracon-Ash Hall, was a judge, made the King's Sergeant-at-law in 1539, knighted by Henry VIII in 1545, made Lord Chief Justice of Chester in 1545 and held that post under King Edward VI and Queen Mary. Had twelve children, six boys and six girls. d. 1555-6

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Townshend_\(judge\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Townshend_(judge))

Thomas Townsend, Esq. m. 1558 to Lady Elizabeth Styles, daughter of George Periente. They entertained Queen Elizabeth on Aug. 16, 1578 at Bracon-Ash Hall. Because of his support for the Pope, it is thought that the Queen (a Protestant) did not knight him. They had three sons but only one son survived. Elizabeth died in 1580. Thomas married Anne, daughter of Henry D'Oyly. They had several children but only two daughters lived to adulthood. d. 1591

Henry Townsend, Esq., m Margaret Forthe, daughter of Robert Forthe who was a cousin to Gov. Winthrop's first wife, Mary Forthe. Lived in Bracon-Ash Hall but sold it in 1599. Margaret had four children. Then Henry married Anne, an heir of Berthram Calthorpe and they had no children. d. 1625

Thomas Townsend (third son of Henry), born in Bracon-Ash and when it sold he lived in Gedding. As an adult he moved to London. He may have married in England and had three or four children from that marriage. He emigrated to America where he settled in Lynn, MA in 1634-5. He was part of the "Great Migration" of Puritans who left England for America, ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan_migration_to_New_England_\(1620%E2%80%931640\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan_migration_to_New_England_(1620%E2%80%931640))). In England the Townsends were a very prominent family that intermarried with many other influential families. It is interesting to note that some of the families from Norfolk, England who were connected to the Townsends also emigrated to America where these relations continued. The Mansfield, Winthrop, Newgate, and Forthe families are some examples. The first minister to the town, Samuel Whiting, was also from County Norfolk and the town of King's Lynn. In his honor, and in recognition of the many families from Norfolk who settled in the town, the name was changed from Saugus (an Indian name) to Lynn in 1637, (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lynn,_MA). m. Mary (sister of Anne who was the wife of John Newgate, a Boston merchant). They had four boys and one daughter. Was granted 60 acres of land in Lynn and in 1638 bought lands near the iron-works and at Rumney Marsh, Chelsea. Was a husbandman, made a freeman in 1639, was literate. Did not support extreme measures of Salem and Lynn Puritans and opposed persecution. d. 1677

Samuel Townsend, (second son of Thomas), born in Lynn and settled in Winnisemet, or Chelsea, MA. He leased a farm of Gov. Bellingham. Was a husbandman, made a freeman in 1683. m. Abigail, daughter of Samuel Davis. They had ten children. Was an administrator of his brother Andrew's estate when Andrew died of smallpox and was guardian of Andrew's two children. Was also the administrator of his son Jeremiah's estate. d. 1704 and his wife d.1728-8.

John Townsend, (third son of Thomas), born in Lynn and settled in Reading. He was a wheelwright. m. 1668 Sarah Pearson. They had 8 children and she died in 1689. He then married Mehitable Brown in 1690. They had 4 children. d. 1726

Deacon Daniel Townsend (fourth child of John and Mehitable), b. 1700, m. Lydia Sawyer d. 1761

Deacon Daniel Townsend (son of Daniel Townsend) b. 1738, m. Zerviah Upton, daughter of John Upton. They had 5 children. He and his brother Thomas joined the Minute Men of the Parish. Daniel was the first military casualty of the American Revolution. The minute men marched on Menotomy upon receiving news that the British regulars were marching on Concord to destroy arms. Timothy Monroe, a wounded survivor and witness recounts, "that he was standing behind a house with Daniel Townsend, firing on the British troops as they were coming down the road on their retreat toward Boston. Townsend had just fired, and exclaimed, 'There's another red-coat down,' when Monroe, looking around, saw to his astonishment that they were completely hemmed in by the flank guard of the British army, who were coming

down through the field behind them. They immediately ran into the house and sought for the cellar, but no cellar was there. All this time, which was indeed but a moment, the balls were pouring through the back window, making havoc of the glass. Townsend leaped through the end window, carrying the sash and all with him, and instantly fell dead. Monroe followed him and escaped." Daniel had been shot seven times. His body was carried back to Lynn. The Essex Gazette of May 2, 1775 said he was, "a constant and ready friend to the poor and afflicted, a good adviser in cases of difficulty, a mild, sincere and able reprover. In short, it adds, "he was a friend to his country, a blessing to society, an ornament to the church of which he was an officer." He was buried at Lynfield, April 2, 1775, where his monument now stands, with the following inscription;

Lie, valiant Townsend, in the peaceful shades;
we trust
Immortal honors mingle with thy dust.
What though thy body struggled in its gore.
So did thy Saviour's body long before;
And as he raised his own by power divine
So the same power shall also quicken thine.
And in eternal glory mayst thou shine.

His wife never recovered from the shock and died a few months later on Oct. 19, 1775.

<http://www.lynnhistory.com/History/HearthsHomes/HHomes24.html>

<http://www.lynnhistory.com/History/LynnInTheRevolution/LynnInRev3.html>

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=7519240>

Abraham Townsend, (tenth son of Samuel and twin brother to Isaac Townsend) b. May 20, 1682, m. Mary Eustice on Nov. 30, 1708. They had five children and four lived to adulthood. d. May 20, 1746

Nathaniel Townsend, m. Margaret Chamberlain
Either Abraham or Nathaniel moved to Maine

Isaac Townsend, m. Nancy Goodwin
Served in the Revolutionary War

Jacob Townsend, m. Abigail Foss Elden

James Foss Townsend, m. Susan Davis
Lived in Maine, joined the church, was a missionary with Wilford Woodruff, were in Nauvoo when Brigham Young was transfigured as Joseph Smith, came to Salt Lake and in the 1860s built the Townsend House hotel, served a mission in England, had three wives. d. 1866

Martha Ann Townsend, m. George Washington Lufkin

Florence May Lufkin, m. William Alexander Barron

Martha Amanda Barron, m. Elvin Jensen Norton

Marva Norton, m. Horace Fred Ralph

Adele Ralph, m. Allan Stratford Humpherys

Bryce Humpherys, m. Kimberly Shaw

Spencer, Matthew, Dallen, Jesse, Sarah Humpherys

We have some very famous relatives who descended from the first son and heir of Roger Townshend and Anne de Brewse (see above).

John Townshend, Esq., m. Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Hayden

Richard Townshend, m. Catherine, daughter of Sir Humphrey Brown, d. 1551

Roger Townshend, Esq. and heir of Sir Roger – fought against the Spanish Armada in 1588, m. Jane, daughter of Sir Michael Stanhope, d. 1590

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John Townsend, Esq. m. Anne, daughter of Nathaniel Bacon (half brother to Sir Francis Bacon), d. 1603 from a duel with Sir Matthew Brown the previous day

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Townshend_\(died_1603\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Townshend_(died_1603))

Roger Townsend, built what is now Raynham Hall, m. Mary, daughter of Lord Horatio Vere of Tilbury, d. 1636

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Roger_Townshend,_1st_Baronet

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raynham_Hall

Sir Horatio Townshend, First Viscount Townshend, b. 1630, m. Mary, daughter of Edward Lewkenor, Esq. After she died without having children he married Mary, daughter of Sir Joseph Ashe, d. 1687

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horatio_Townshend,_1st_Viscount_Townshend

Charles Townshend, Second Lord Viscount Townshend, helped negotiate the treat of Utrecht to end the War of the Spanish Succession, was Secretary of State, was a brother-in-law and competitor to Sir Robert Walpole. m. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lord Pelham. She died in 1711. They had four sons and one daughter. Their daughter Elizabeth married Charles, Earl Cornwallis and they were the parents of Charles Cornwallis who surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown. Married Dorothy Walpole in 1713, sister to Sir Robert Walpole. They had four sons and two daughters. A daughter, Mary, married Edward Cornwallis and brother of Charles Cornwallis. When he retired he focused on developing new cultivation techniques and earned him the nickname “Turnip” Townshend. d. 1738

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Townshend,_2nd_Viscount_Townshend

Charles Townshend, Third Lord Viscount Townshend, b. 1700, m. Audrey, daughter of Edward Harrison, d. 1764

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Townshend,_3rd_Viscount_Townshend

Thomas Townshend (Son of Charles, Second Lord Viscount; brother of Charles, Third Lord Viscount) – father of Thomas Townshend, First Viscount Sydney, established the idea of creating a penal colony in Australia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Townshend,_1st_Viscount_Sydney

George Townshend, Fourth Viscount and first Marquis, b. 1723-4, In the Seven Years War during the siege of Quebec when General James Wolfe was killed, he took command of the British forces. He was appointed lord lieutenant and general governor of the Kingdom of Ireland from 1767-1772. His descendants retained the title of Marquis to this day!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Townshend,_1st_Marquess_Townshend
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marquess_Townshend (hereditary family titles)

Charles Townshend (son of Charles and brother of George), Was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer (a cabinet position and one of the four most powerful positions in the government) from 1766-1767. Supporter of the Stamp Act and author of the Townshend Acts. m. Lady Caroline, daughter of John, Duke of Argyll and Greenwich. They had five sons and one daughter. No sons had children and one, named Roger, was killed in 1759 at Ticonderoga by a cannon shot.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Townshend