

BABCOCK

By Albert Wells, President of American College for Genealogical Registry & Heraldry:

It may be stated that the family was founded in England, Anno 449 by a Saxon warrior in the ranks of "hengist & Horsa Bro.," two great leaders of the Saxons of sixteen hundred fighting men, who came to England at the solicitation of the Britons, who were suffering at the time from the incursions of the Scot & Picts, from the North.

The name of "Babcock" is of Saxon origin, the family was seated in Essex County, England, at the time of the Norman Conquest. Sir William Seager, in his visit to the County of Essex, Anno 1612m states that Sir Richard Babcock, was the nineteenth in descent from the first holder of the family mansion there. "This same mansion was standing in 1850 in Wivenhoe".

"A younger brother of the above named Sir Richard", was James Babcock, (the first time the name of Babcock was spelled as such). He as a Episcopal Clergyman, of the Church of England, and settled in the rector of Wivenhoe, at the same time, but changed his faith, and became a Puritan Minister, and for the full enjoyment of religious liberty, he resolved to emigrate to America, and persuaded many others to follow his example. "He was one of those who have since become so famous in the world as pilgrim fathers," He embarked from Leyden Halland, in 1620, but the vessel put back, so he did not arrive until 1623. (Note: records show that James Babcock did come to America in 1620).

There were four brothers among the early Puritans who settled in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. James was at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1642 (this James is the son of James the Puritan Minister) John at Newport, Rhode Island, George and Robert at Dorchester (New Milton), Massachusetts, about the same time.

Robert Babcock who was above mentioned was our first American born ancestor, he was born in Dorchester, Norfolk, Massachusetts. In 1620 he married Joanna Phillips, he died 12 November 1694, she died 4 December 1700. They both died at Milton, Mass. I will not go into our ancestry between Robert and Dophus Babcock, they can be found in my records. My purpose of mentioning Robert was to establish the first Babcocks in America.

There is another ancestor I would like to mention at this time, he was a part of my Nauvoo ancestry. This is Nathaniel Marble who is my great, great grandfather. He was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass. 25 January 1800 to Nathaniel and Mary Faunce Marble. He married Mary (Polly) King. She was born in Monmouth, Monmouth County, New Jersey 28 February 1802 to William and Jane Harvey King. They went to Nauvoo, Illinois between 1841 and 1844. It was here Nathaniel and his first born (a daughter) Mary Almeda died in 1845.

Nathaniel died September 1845, they were both buried in Nauvoo. After his death his widow married Stephen Taylor 13 March 1852. I have found little on Mary (Polly) King Marble only that she died in Richfield, Sever County, Utah 1 Dec. 1881. They are the parents of my great grandmother Amy Ann Marble Babcock who married Lorenzo Babcock, of who you will find in later sketches. There is no doubt in my mind Nathaniel would have come to Utah with the Later Day Saints should he of lived.

THE MORMON BATALLION:

The Mormon Batallion left Council Bluff (Winter Quarters) 21 July 1846, from there to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. They then worked their way across Kansas into Santa Fe, New Mexico. They sent seventy three sick from Santa Fe to Pueblo for the winter. When they made their way into the vicinity of Socorro, New Mexico, fifty five more sick was sent to Pueblo, among them was my two great grandfathers, Lorenzo Babcock and David Frederick. In the following you will see the hardships and persecutions they had to endure, of how in the summer of 1847 the sick detachment followed the main body of Saints into the Salt Lake Valley, arriving just three days later, 27 July 1847. There they were discharged, not having to go to California as they had expected.

This will appear in the History of Lorenzo Babcock and Amy Ann Marble.