

THE FITCH FAMILY

The Fitch (Fycche, Fytche, Fitch, Ffytche, etc.) Family was originally German and came to England from Saxony very early on. Several of the family came to America in 1638 and settled in Connecticut. One of the grand children of the immigrants, Jedediah Fitch, moved by himself to the Island of Nantucket and there married Abigail Coffin. Their son, Beriah married Deborah Gorham (giving us our Mayflower connection) and Beriah's daughter, Eunice married Benjamin Barnard. Their daughter, Matilda Barnard married Henry Canaday in North Carolina. Thus the Fitch family became a part of our heritage.

There have been three good histories of the family. John G. Fitch wrote *The Genealogy of the Fitch Family* in 1886, a *History of the Fitch Family* by Roscoe Conkling Fitch, and a new book, *A Fitch Family History* by John T. Fitch, 1990, covering the English ancestry of the four sons of Thomas Fitch who came to America in 1638.

The family dates back to the 1200s with the family living in Fitch Castle in Widdington Parish in the northwest part of Essex County in England. In those days, it was simply too hard to trace back as records were not very orderly if they existed at all.

I will begin in England with William Fytche in about 1400. The English history of the family mostly comes from John Fitch's book written in 1990.

WILLIAM FYTCHE

William was born about 1400 in County Essex, England, some fifty miles due north of London. He is listed in a court record in 1428 as William Fecche and in 1435 as William Ficche and in 1436 as William Fycche. He lived in Bonhunt, later called Wicken Bonhunt when the two manors were combined into a town.

By 1440, William had acquired new lands and moved a few miles away to the town of Widdington. By 1450, he was titled as Yeoman living in Wicken. This meant he owned his lands outright and was no longer a tenant farmer on another's land. This was a nice step in the direction of upwards mobility.

William was married, but we have no clues as to her name. He died in early 1466 and he left the two acres he owned to his son and heir John Fytche. There may have been other children, but John was the only name mentioned.

JOHN FYTCHE

In 1467, John was referred to as being *'thirty years and more.'* This would place his birth in the early to mid 1430s. He would have been born in Wicken, Essex.

He was married in the early 1460s and his wife was named Juliana. His son, Thomas was born in 1465, so he was married at least before that time. He owned five acres of farmland.

John died in the late winter of 1468. The court record on April 9th of that year stated his father was William, wife Julian and son Thomas was three years old at the time. There may have been other children, but Thomas was the eldest son if there were others, as it was he who is listed as the next heir.

Juliana remarried to a man named Richard Westeley a few years later, and she herself died about 1475.

THOMAS FYTCHE

Thomas was born in 1465 in Wicken in Essex. He was three when his father died and ten when his mother died. After reaching age twenty-one, he received the lands left him by his father. He took title in 1487 at the Widdington Court. A year or two later, he married Agnes Algore, probably in 1489 or 1490.

Agnes was born in the nearby parish of Lindsell and came from a well to do family. Her father gave Thomas and Agnes a farm called Bynwodes in 1490. Her parents were Robert and Margaret Algore. By 1497, Thomas had added another twelve acres to his estate and in 1505, he went to court and received the lands left him by his father that were by then in the hands of his step father, Richard Westeley.

Thomas Fitch (Fytche) died at age forty-nine on April 24, 1514 and he is buried in the parish graveyard at St. Mary's in Lindsell. There is today a brass commemorating the family. It depicts Thomas, Agnes, six sons and five daughters. I only have the names of four sons and three daughters. The others must have died before reaching maturity. Agnes died sometime around 1526.

The following is what I know about these children.

RICHARD FYTCHE was the eldest son, born about 1492. He was married twice, first to Ellianor Storke and then to Joane Ashe. He had two children by each wife. Tristram, John, Richard and William. Richard died in 1579.

WILLIAM FYTCHE was born about 1496. He also was twice married. Elizabeth was his first wife and Anne Wiseman his second. He and Elizabeth had Elinor and Mary, and He and Anne had Thomas, William, Francis and one other child. William acquired vast acreage in his lifetime. William died December 20, 1578 at age 82.

THOMAS FYTCHE was born about 1498 and married Margaret Meade. They had three children Thomas, Robert and Margaret.

ROGER FYTCHE was our line and is covered next.

MARGARET, KATHERINE and JOAN FYTCHE were three of the daughters.

ROGER FYTCHE

Roger, the youngest son and the ancestor of the American Fitch family, was born about 1500 at Lindsell, Essex. He married a woman named Margery in the 1520s.

He owned lands in Bocking, Panfield and Lindsell, all a few miles apart. His main home seems to have always been in Bocking, though he was buried at the church in Panfield.

Among his other lands, Roger owned the Chantry of the church at Bocking. He owned various small parcels in Braintree and other towns in this area of Essex County.

Roger died at about age sixty in early 1559. He wrote his will January 7, 1558/9 and it was proved on February 22 of that year. He died in this time frame. He was buried at Panfield and left his house in Bocking to his wife, Margery who was to administer the will.

Most of what is known of his children comes from the will.

RICHARD FYTCHE married Anne and was buried at Bocking June 13, 1603. Their children were Richard, John, William, James and Margaret.

JOHN FYTCHE married Anne Bucks. He was a clothier and merchant.

BARTHOLOMEW FYTCHE was twice married. First, to Alice Ayer in Chelmsford on February 8, 1579/80, and then later to Mary Chamberlain. He was buried at Chelmsford on November 4, 1598. There were no children in the first marriage, but with Mary he had Marie, Thomas and Richard.

THOMAS FYTCHE died July 4, 1596.

WILLIAM FYTCHE married Sarah Egiott on June 17, 1583 and he was buried December 5, 1588. He had one son, William, baptized in 1586 and died in 1597. William was a mercer or clothier in Chelmsford.

GEORGE FYTCHE is our line and is covered next.

ROBERT FYTCHE married a widow, Elizabeth (Tymm) Parker and had a daughter Sara. His will is dated December 18, 1592. He was a farmer.

JOAN FYTCHE married William Kent on September 2, 1596.

MARGARET FYTCHE may have married Thomas Preston.

CLEMENT FYTCHE was buried at Panfield on May 22, 1573.

MARY FYTCHE

GEORGE FYTCHE

George was born in Bocking in the early 1540s, about 1544 or 1545. Like three of his brothers he was a merchant and clothier. He is referred to as a *mercier* who was a dealer in fabric and clothing. Bocking was a major center of woolen manufacturing at the time. As Braintree grew as a town, George moved there.

From the 1570s on, George continued to buy land in Braintree, or Branktre as it was then called. He married Joan Thurgood in Little Canfield on September 14, 1574. Joan was a daughter of Nicholas Thurgood of Eisenham, Essex.

In 1598 he bought land in Great Henny in the eastern portion of Essex County. About 1600, George bought lands and moved to Sudbury just across the line in Suffolk County. It appears George opened a more general purpose clothing store in Sudbury.

Joan died about the time of the move to Suffolk County. About 1602, he married Bridget, widow of first John Goss and then of John French. They were married in Edwardstone just east of Sudbury. Bridget died August 29, 1603 and George married another widow, Joane Taylor about 1604.

George died in the spring of 1605. He wrote his will on May 12, 1605 and it was probated in Court on June 18th of that year. He was living in the town of Edwardstone at the time.

George and Joan Thurgood Fytche had five children.

THOMAS FYTCHE the eldest son is our line. His life is covered in the next section.

GEORGE FYTCHE JR. was born in the 1580s. He died unmarried in 1614.

JOSEPH FYTCHE was born about 1587 and graduated from Cambridge University. He was the first of the family to attend college. He graduated in 1606. I know nothing more of him.

ARTHUR FYTCHE was a child when his father died. He was apprenticed out to learn a trade according to the terms of his father's will.

FRAUNCES FYTCHE seems to be the only daughter. She married James Stracey.

THOMAS FITCH

Thomas was the eldest child and inherited his father's properties in the town of Edwardstone. He was born about 1580 in Braintree, Essex.

Thomas, like his father, was a clothier and merchant. Bocking was the center of the wool making industry in England.

He lived in Bocking and married Anne Reve of Gosfield on August 8, 1611. They were married in the church of Saint Mary in Bocking. Anne was a daughter of John Reve or Reeve and Mary Brock.

Thomas not only was a merchant and cloth manufacturer, but by 1630 had fairly large holdings in lands around Bocking and Braintree.

He died in early 1633. He wrote his will December 11, 1632 and it was proved in court on February 12, 1632/33. He probably died in late December or early January.

Anne never remarried and went with three of her sons, Thomas, Samuel and Joseph to America in 1650. She was still living in Hartford, Connecticut in 1669, but probably died soon afterwards.

The above three sons and James Fitch went to America. James in 1638, the others with their mother in 1650. The other sons, Jeremy, John and Nathaniel remained in England. There were three or possibly four daughters as well.

The children were:

THOMAS FITCH was born in Bocking on October 14, 1612. He was married in Bocking on November 1, 1632 to Anne Stacie. He went to America with his mother and brothers in 1650. He settled in Norwalk, Connecticut where he remained for the rest of his life. His great grandson, Thomas Fitch, was Governor of the Connecticut Colony from 1754 to 1766.

JOHN FITCH remained in England where he was a clothier in Braintree. He was a Captain in the Civil War against the King. He died in the Plague of 1666 in Braintree.

JAMES FITCH was born in Bocking December 24, 1622 and went to America. He became a minister. He is our line and is covered in the next section.

NATHANIEL FITCH was born in Bocking on December 26, 1623. He remained in England and died unmarried in late 1648. His will was dated August 15, 1648 and proved May 1, 1649. He was only in his mid twenties at the time.

JEREMY FITCH was born August 5, 1625. He moved to London where he was a merchant. He remained in England all his life.

MARY, ANNE, SARAH FITCH These women along with possibly an Elizabeth were the daughters. Nothing is known of them. They may have remained in England or sailed to America.

REV. JAMES FITCH

James Fitch was born in Bocking on December 24, 1622. His father died when he was only ten years old. He was left money in the will so that he could go and study at Cambridge. Instead, it seems, he was taken under the wing of Rev. Thomas Hooker of Chelmsford, a friend of Thomas Fytche who was also mentioned in the will. He probably began studying to be a minister at the church in Chelmsford under Hooker. Rev. Hooker decided to go to America and establish a church there.

As a lad of only sixteen, he sailed to America in 1638 with Reverend Hooker. He finished his theological study in Hartford, Connecticut under the Reverend Hooker and Reverend Samuel Stone, also of Bocking, England. A new Church was built in Saybrook, Connecticut and James Fitch was ordained as its first minister in 1646.

On October 1, 1648, James married Abigail Whitfield of nearby Guilford, Connecticut. The ceremony was performed by her father, Reverend Whitfield. Abigail Whitfield was born in August 1622. There is a **WHITFIELD FAMILY HISTORY** that follows this Fitch History.

James must have told his mother and brothers about America, and in about 1650, Anne Fitch and her sons Thomas, Samuel and Joseph sailed for America to join James.

In 1659, the congregation at Saybrook received permission to establish a new settlement at Norwich, Connecticut and Rev. James Fitch accompanied them as their leader along with Major John Mason.

Just before leaving, Abigail died on September 9, 1659. James and his six children, James II, Abigail, Elizabeth, Hannah, Samuel and Dorothy, went alone to Norwich the following month.

Uncas, the Indian chief made famous by James Fenimore Cooper in *The Last of The Mohegans*, was the chief who sold the lands of Norwich to Fitch and Mason and the others. Now it's all gambling casinos. Not quite the same.

James Fitch married Priscilla Mason, daughter of Major John Mason in October of 1664. This marriage produced eight more children, Daniel, John, Jeremiah, Jabez, Ann, Nathaniel, Joseph and Eleazer.

When King Philip's War began in 1675, Rev. Fitch was instrumental in getting Uncas and the Mohegans and the Pequot Indians to side with the English against King Philip's Narragansett tribes. Their fair dealings with the Indians spared these settlers who were on the very frontier at that time.

In 1695, James founded and settled a new town nearby, Lebanon, Connecticut. He moved there in 1701 when he retired from the church in Norwich. He remained in Lebanon until his death at age eighty on November 18, 1702. He is buried at the churchyard there and his stone remains in the old cemetery.

Priscilla Fitch was alive in 1710 when she sold land that was given her by her father. She died sometime afterwards.

The children by James Fitch and Abigail Whitfield, all born in Saybrook, Connecticut were:

MAJOR JOHN FITCH II, born August 2, 1649, is our line and is covered in the next full section.

ABIGAIL FITCH was born in August 1650. She married Capt. John Mason Jr., son of Major John Mason. They had two children and lived in Norwich.

ELIZABETH FITCH was born in January 1651/52. On September 5, 1674, she married Rev. Edward Taylor. He was a theology student of her father. They were married and then moved to Westfield, Massachusetts. She had eight children, most of whom died young. Elizabeth died in 1689. Edward later remarried with Ruth Wyllis of Hartford, Connecticut.

HANNAH FITCH was born in September of 1653. She married Thomas Meeks of New Haven, Connecticut on June 30, 1679. They lived in Norwich and had nine children.

SAMUEL FITCH was born April 16, 1655. He married Mary Brewster on November 28, 1678. Mary was descended from the *Mayflower Pilgrim* William Brewster. They lived in Norwich and Preston, Connecticut. Their children were: Mary, Samuel, Hezekiah, Elizabeth, Abigail, Benjamin, John, Jabez and Pelatiah.

DOROTHY FITCH was born in April, 1658. She was the second wife of Nathaniel Bissell of Windsor, Connecticut. They had two children. Dorothy died June 28, 1691.

The following children were by Reverend James Fitch and his second wife, Priscilla Mason. All were born in Norwich, Connecticut.

CAPT. DANIEL FITCH was born August 16, 1665. He married Mary Sherwood of Fairfield, Connecticut. He was active in the Indian Wars and settled near New London, Connecticut at a town called Montville. Their children were: Adonijah, James, Lemuel, Mary and Daniel.

CAPT. JOHN FITCH was born in January of 1667. He lived in Windham, Connecticut and was active in local government. He married Elizabeth Waterman of Norwich on July 10, 1695. John died May 24, 1743 and Elizabeth died June 25, 1751. Children were: Elizabeth, Miriam, Priscilla and John Jr.

CAPT. JEREMIAH FITCH was born about 1670. He moved from Lebanon to Coventry, Connecticut about 1703. He was a soldier, surveyor and town official. He married Ruth Gifford of Norwich. He died in Coventry on May 22, 1736 and Ruth died after 1756. The children were: Jeremiah, Lucy, Ruth, Hannah, Abner, Gideon, Elisha, James, Joseph and Stephen.

REV. JABEZ FITCH was born in April, 1672. He graduated from Harvard in 1694. He became a Fellow at Harvard and then was ordained minister in Ipswich, Massachusetts in 1703. He took over a church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire (then part of Massachusetts) in 1725 and remained there until his death on November 22, 1746. He married Elizabeth Appleton of Ipswich on July 26, 1704. Their children were: Elizabeth, John, James, Margaret, Anne and Mary.

ANNE FITCH was born in April, 1675. She married Lieut. Joseph Bradford of Plymouth. They settled in Norwich and then Lebanon where she died October 17, 1715.

CAPT. NATHANIEL FITCH was born in October of 1679. He operated a grist mill and a fulling mill in Lebanon. He married Ann Abel of Norwich on December 10, 1701. After her death in 1726, he married Mindwell Tisdale of Lebanon on September 17, 1729. He died May 4, 1759 at age seventy-nine. The children by Ann were: Anne, Joshua, Nathan, Nehemiah, James, John, Nathaniel, Mehitabel, Elizabeth, Rachel, Abel and Caleb. With Mindwell, he had: Jabez, Ezekiel and Isaac.

JOSEPH FITCH was born in November 1681. He married Sarah Mason in Saybrook and lived in Stonington, Connecticut. She died and he married Ann Whiting of Windham in 1729 and they moved to Lebanon. Joseph died in Windham on May 9, 1741 and Ann died there September 18, 1778. The children by Sarah were: Judith, Sarah, Mason and Joseph. By Ann, he had: Samuel, Eleazer, Azel, Ichabod, Ann and Thomas.

DEACON ELEAZER FITCH was born May 14, 1683. He married his cousin Martha Brown of Swansey (Swansea), Massachusetts and they lived in Lebanon where he died in 1747. He had no children.

MAJOR JAMES FITCH II

James was the eldest son of Reverend James Fitch and Abigail Whitfield. He was born in Saybrook, Connecticut on August 2, 1649.

He figured very prominently in Eastern Connecticut. He was active in the Indian Wars, a large landholder, surveyor, benefactor of Yale College, '*Father of Windham County, Connecticut*' and a strong influence with the local Indian population.

He served as a Major (sometimes referred to as Major-General) in King Philip's War in 1675. He helped form Norwich and did surveying in the 1680s. He was very active in Norwich affairs and was a Commissioner in 1678, 'Townsmen' in 1679 and 1680. In 1697, he left Norwich to found the town of Canterbury, Connecticut.

He was perhaps the most influential man in eastern Connecticut. He was called on several times to lead troops against the hostile Indians in Western Massachusetts and eastern New York State.

He supplied money, land and materials to help found a church college in New Haven, Connecticut that was to become Yale College in 1701. Fitch Gateway in the Harkness Quadrangle memorializes James Fitch.

James was married twice. He first married Elizabeth Mason in January, 1676. Elizabeth was the youngest daughter of Major John Mason and his second wife, Ann Peck of Hingham, Massachusetts. Elizabeth was a sister to her stepmother Priscilla Mason Fitch. Elizabeth was born in August of 1654 in Norwich.

They had four children, James and James both of who died young, Jedediah (our line) and Samuel.

Elizabeth died October 8, 1684 at age thirty-one. On May 8, 1687, James married a widow Alice Adams. Alice was one of eleven daughters of Governor William Bradford of Plymouth. She was the widow of William Adams of Dedham, Massachusetts. James and Alice had nine more children: Abigail, Ebenezer, Daniel, John, Bridget, Jerusha, Theophilus, Lucy and Jabez. Alice previous had three daughters by her first marriage.

James Fitch died in Canterbury, Connecticut at age eighty on November 10, 1727. The children of Major James Fitch II are as follows. The first four by his first wife, and the remainder by his second.

JAMES FITCH was born in January 1678 and died within the week.

JAMES FITCH was born June 7, 1679 and died as a child.

JEDEDIAH FITCH was born April 17, 1681. He moved to Nantucket and there married Abigail Coffin. This is our line and Jedediah's life is covered in the next section.

SAMUEL FITCH was born July 12, 1683. He married but I have no details at this time.

ELIZABETH FITCH was born in 1684.

ABIGAIL FITCH was born February 22, 1687. She married Col. Dyer of Canterbury.

EBENEZER FITCH was born January 10, 1689/90. He married Bridget Brown.

DANIEL FITCH was born in February 1692/3. He married Anna Cook.

JOHN FITCH was born in about 1694 or 1695.

BRIDGET FITCH was born in 1697.

JERUSHA FITCH was born in 1699. She married Daniel Bissell.

WILLIAM FITCH was born in 1701.

JABEZ FITCH was born on January 30, 1703/4. He married Lydia Gail.

The following two children were found in another book. They may have been children of James and Alice Fitch.

THEOPHILUS FITCH was born in 1701 and married Mary Huntington. This may be the same person as WILLIAM FITCH above.

LUCY FITCH was born in 1702 and she married Henry Cleveland.

JEDEDIAH FITCH

Jedediah Fitch was born in Norwich on April 17, 1681. He was the eldest surviving son of Major James Fitch and Elizabeth Mason Fitch.

Jedediah is our line, but he is the most troublesome of the family to figure out. All his brothers were soldiers fighting Indians and such. As a young teenager, Jed moved to the north shore of Massachusetts and settled in Newbury, and then later went to Nantucket Island off the coast of Massachusetts. Nantucket was a Quaker colony at the time and in 1701 he married into an established Quaker family. His father had been quite friendly with the local Indians, the Mohegans and Pequots, yet fought against other tribes. Perhaps Jedediah became a pacifist and wanted no part of fighting the Indians he grew up with and so left for Nantucket. Perhaps he simply wanted to go to sea. I just do not know at this time.

At any rate he was in Newbury before 1701. There he married Abigail Coffin on September 13, 1701. Abigail was a daughter of Peter Coffin, Jr. and Elizabeth Starbuck. She was born in Nantucket, Massachusetts on July 9, 1683. A complete story of these families are in the preceding **COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY**, and **STARBUCK FAMILY HISTORY**.

Jed and Abigail remained on Nantucket Island all their lives. He died November 20, 1756 and she died July 25, 1736. They had four children, all of which seem to have been born on Nantucket. If this is indeed the case, Jedediah must have been on Nantucket by 1706 when his son Peter was born, as this birth is listed in the *Vital Records of Nantucket*.

PETER FITCH was born in 1706. He married Rachel Chase on February 18, 1731/32. Rachel was a daughter of James and Rachel Chase. He died January 21, 1793 and she died March 23, 1801. Their children were: **Peter** who married Anna Gardner, **Rachel** who

married Joseph Glazier, **Seth** who died as a child, **Benjamin** who married Anna Osborne, **Abigail** who married Thomas Gwinn, **Ebenezer** who married Abigail Gardner, **Sally** who married Samuel Palmer and later Samuel Osborn and Latham Barker, **James** who married Judith Bunker and **Coffin** who was single and died at sea.

MARY FITCH was born on August 22, 1708. She married Thomas Bailey on June 5, 1729. She died April 21, 1794.

ELIZABETH FITCH was married to Ebenezer Calfe (Calif) on June 8, 1722 and she died on July 22, 1777.

BERIAH FITCH is our line and is covered next.

BERIAH FITCH

Beriah was born on Nantucket on October 30, 1713. He married Deborah Gorham on December 11, 1735. Deborah was born in Hyannis Port in the town of Barnstable on Cape Cod in 1715. I believe they were married in Hyannis Port, but most records indicate they were married on Nantucket. At any rate, they lived on Nantucket after the marriage.

Deborah Gorham was a daughter of Shubael Gorham and Puella Hussey. Shubael was a son of Captain John Gorham and Desire Howland. Desire was a daughter of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, both of whom came on the Mayflower to Plymouth in 1620. More on all these families is contained in this addendum.

Beriah and Deborah remained on Nantucket for the rest of their lives and all their children were born on the Island. Beriah died on May 4, 1785 and Deborah died on April 21, 1787, both at age seventy two.

Their twelve children were:

EUNICE FITCH was born September 12, 1736. She married Benjamin Barnard on January 9, 1755. Benjamin was born on Nantucket on July 30, 1735 and was a son of Timothy Barnard and Mary Bunker. Benjamin was a cordwainer. In about 1773, the family moved to Guilford County, North Carolina and settled at the New Garden Quaker Settlement. Benjamin died in October 1792 and Eunice sometime afterwards. Their children, all but the last two born on Nantucket, were: **Elisha, Eunice, Frederick, Lucinda, Libni, Lydia, Mary, Matilda, Shubael** and **Timothy**. Timothy and Shubael were born in North Carolina. This is our line and their life is told in the **BARNARD FAMILY HISTORY**.

LYDIA FITCH was born January 8, 1738. She married Simon Glover May 20, 1762. She died in October of 1804. Simon died at sea in the West Indies on September 10, 1777. Their children were: **Benjamin, Ezekiel, Jemima, Reuben, Phebe and Rachel**.

JONATHAN GORHAM FITCH was born September 3, 1740. He was married twice, first to Elizabeth Coffin on February 4, 1762 and then to Eunice Bunker on April 5, 1798. Elizabeth was a daughter of Daniel and Elisabeth Coffin and Eunice was a daughter of Paul Bunker and Hannah Gardner. He died July 3, 1814. Elizabeth died November 11, 1795 and Eunice died February 23, 1825. His children, all with Elizabeth, were: **Lydia** who married Alexander Gardner, **Gorham** who married Sarah Cove, **Elizabeth** who

married Charles Gardner, **Hepsabeth** who married Eben Coffin, **Daniel** who married Ann Burgoyne, **Beriah** who married **Sarah Delano**, **Frederick** and **Lucinda** both of whom died single.

PERNAL FITCH was born May 17, 1742. She married Samuel Whippey, son of James and Susannah, on January 13, 1763. Samuel was a furniture maker on Nantucket. He died in the 1780s, I do not know when Pernal died, but it was after 1805. There were two daughters, **Mary (Polly)** and **Christiana**.

PHEBE FITCH was born June 8, 1744. She married Thomas Turner on January 3, 1767 and later married John Burns on November 8, 1774. There were no children by either marriage.

LUCINDA FITCH was born September 19, 1746. She married John Squires on May 20, 1765. Nothing more is known, they may have moved away from the island.

BERIAH FITCH JR. was born August 17, 1748. He was single and was lost at sea.

SHUBAEL FITCH was born June 21, 1750 and died June 24, 1753.

REUBEN FITCH was born on June 21, 1750, a twin of Shubael. He married Margaret Ramsdell on June 29, 1775. Margaret was a daughter of John and Rachel Swain Ramsdell. They had no children. He died April 23, 1793.

PUELLA FITCH was born about 1752. She married Benjamin Pearce on July 7, 1774. Benjamin died in a shipwreck off Martha's Vineyard on December 26, 1778. She then married John Newcomb in Lebanon, Connecticut in January 1783. They moved to upper New York State from Willington, Connecticut after the Revolution. John Newcomb served at the Battle of Bunker Hill and other battles through the end of the War. By 1785 they moved to Stephentown, New York near Albany. They later moved to Petersburg, New York where John died on February 13, 1813. Puella died in Cayuga County, New York about 1827. Their children, all by her second husband, were: **James, Gorham, Lothrop, Cromwell, Lydia, Sally, Leonard, Hiram and Puella**.

DEBORAH FITCH was born in October 1755. She married William Wheeler on July 7, 1774 in Nantucket. He died by 1778 when she married James Torey of Weymouth. He was a doctor and died in Weymouth, Massachusetts on December 16, 1817. Deborah died there on October 23, 1844. The children were all by her second husband. They were: **James Gorham, Sarah, Susannah, Beriah Fitch, Reuben, Nancy, Belinda, Lucinda and Lavinia**.

JEDEDIAH FITCH was born October 2, 1762. He married Lydia Coffin on May 26, 1785. Lydia was a daughter of Richard Coffin and Abigail Gardner. They had no children. He died on board the ship *Reaper* on January 16, 1821. Lydia later became the third wife of Paul Gardner and died in Salem, Texas on August 8, 1836. Texas was still part of Mexico at the time.