

## Ancestors of Tim Farr and The Descendants of Stephen Farr

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**Joshua CONANT** [[Parents](#)] was born<sup>[1](#)</sup> in 1630 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He died<sup>[2](#)</sup> before 29 Nov 1659 in England, United Kingdom. Joshua married<sup>[3](#)</sup><sup>[4](#)</sup> Seeth GARDNER about 1657 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

Estate of Joshua Conant of Salem

Essex Probate Docket # None

Administration on the estate of Joshua Connant, who died intestate in England, granted 29 : 9 : 1659 to Mr. Thomas Gardner. Amount of inventory of his estate in New England, 32 li. 6s

Inventory of Seethe, widow of Josuah Connant, taken by John Browne and Richard Price: One bed, one Bolster, a suit of Curtayns and valiants, one Rug and a Blankett and matt, 8 li.; five p of shetts and a half shett, 5 li.; Eleven napkins, 3 table Cloths, 1 li. 7s.; fowr pilow bears, 1 li. 4s.; twelve towels, 9s.; for pewter pans and spon, 1 li. 6s.; one Cloake, 18s.; one Trunk and on owld Chest, 10s.; one spitt, one payr of Andyrns, 3s.; to Sivs, two Trays, 3s.; one payr of scals and to wayts, 2s. 6d.; one trundl Bedsted and one blankett, 6s.; for wooll, 4s.; 5 stools, 9s.; 9 Chayrs, 13s.; 3 tabls, 1 li.; for divers howshowld implements, 8s. 6d.; for bras and Iron, 1 li. 10s.; one chest, one box, 1 li.; one Carpett, two Coshens, 5s.; one looking glas and two small boxes, 10s.; mony and platt, 1 li. 4s; for 6 shep, 5 li.; one kradle, 4s.; one bedstead, 10s.; total, 32 li. 6s.

Mr. Thomas Gardner's account: a note of what was dewe to mee from Josuah Connant:

Wintering of 8 sheepe at 6s. per sheepe, 2 li. 8s.; 32 lode of wood at 4s. per lode, 6 li. 8s.; for a bushell of wheate, 5s.; 3 bushels of Indian Corne, 9s.; payde for him to Jone Cotta, 11s.; dew to Joseph Gardner for 3 yeares rent for his house at 3li.; per yere, 10li.; payd for him to Richard Prince, 13s.; payd to Mr. Browne, 10li.; payd to Mr. Crommell, 5li. 13s. 11d.; total 35li. 7s. 11d.

Hugh Jones testified that while he lived with his master Gardner, the latter wintered eight sheep for Joshua Connant, and deponent carried wood to his wife, "I gesse" upward of thirty loads, also corn and wheat, etc.

Jone (her F mark) Cotta, wife of Robert, testified, 20: 4: 1660, that she received of Thomas Gardner of Salem, eleven shillings for the keeping of Josuah Connant's sheep one summer.

Phillip Cromwell's receipt dated June 10, 1659, from "ould Mr Gardner" for a debt of 5li. 13s. 11d.

Source: Essex Quarterly Court Files, vol. 5 leaves 116, 117. Also: Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 4, leaf 39.

**Seeth GARDNER**<sup>[1](#)</sup> was christened<sup>[2](#)</sup> on 25 Dec 1636 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. Seeth married<sup>[3](#)</sup><sup>[4](#)</sup> Joshua CONANT about 1657 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

Other marriages:

[GRAFTON, John](#)

SEETH, bp. Salem 25 December 1636 [SChR 16]; m. (1) Joshua Conant, son of ROGER

**Francis ALDOUS** [\[Parents\]](#) was christened on 9 Dec 1664 in Earl Soham, Suffolk, England, United Kingdom. He was buried on 16 Mar 1730/1731. Francis married Elizabeth SMYTH on 15 Oct 1695.

**Elizabeth SMYTH.** Elizabeth married Francis ALDOUS on 15 Oct 1695.

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**John BALCH** was born about 1630. He died on 16 Jun 1662 in at Sea. John married<sup>1</sup> Mary CONANT about 1655 in Massachusetts, United States.

d. 16 Jun 1662, "at sea"

ESTATE OF JOHN BALCH of SALEM.

Administration on the estate of John Balch, intestate, granted Mar. 25, 1662, to Mary Balch, the widow, and ordered her to bring in an inventory to the next Salem court. Ipswich Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, page 104.

Inventory amounting to 159li. 17s., was allowed June 24, 1662. The whole estate was to be divided between the widow Mary and the child Mary, and was to remain in the hands of the widow until the child became of age or married. Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, page 97.

Whereas administration was granted to Mary Balch on the estate of her late husband Jo. Balch, and the Salem court in the fourth month, 1662, divided the estate between said Mary Balch and Mary, the daughter of John Balch, deceased, and now said daughter being deceased, it was ordered Mar. 31, 1663, that Benjamine Balch, after the end of seven years, should enjoy all the lands that belonged to said John Balch, 50 acres more or less, the said Mary to enjoy all the improved land, upland and meadow, during the term of seven years. Ipswich. Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, page 115.

William Dodge acknowledged judgment Sept. 26, 1665, to Capt. Walter Price for a debt of John Balch, deceased, said Dodge s wife being executrix of the estate of said Balch. Ipswich Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, page 146.

The agreement of Benjamin Balch and William Dodge that the first settlement at Salem court should stand, the land and moveables to be divided equally, and the debts due ~ when John Balch died to be paid by them equally, provided that all later settlements be made void and that each shall \_ hold that part which is now in his possession. The three acres of meadow expressed by deed of gift to William Dodge, also the 2 1-2 acres of marsh at Salem shall be accounted ~ as part of Benjamin Balch's estate and there shall be 16li. allowed for time debts. Signed 1: 2: 1682.

Sworn to in Ipswich court Mar. 28, 1682 by Benjamin Balch and William Dodge, and allowed. Ipswich Deeds, vol. 4, page 438.

**Mary CONANT** [[Parents](#)]<sup>1</sup> was born<sup>2,3</sup> about 1632 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. She died in 1705/1706 in Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. Mary married<sup>4</sup> John BALCH about 1655 in Massachusetts, United States.

Other marriages:

[DODGE, William](#)

MARY, b. Salem say 1632; m. (1) say 1652 John Balch, son of JOHN BALCH (his estate showed a large debt to Lot Conant of Marblehead and was appraised by Roger Conant [EPR 1:365]); m. (2) by 1663 William Dodge, son of WILLIAM DODGE ("my son William Dodge" named in Roger Conant's will; called "Mary Balch, widow of John Balch, now wife of William Dodge" on 4 June 1679 [EQC 7:390]).



**William DODGE** [[scrapbook](#)]<sup>1</sup> was christened<sup>2,3,4</sup> on 19 Sep 1640 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He died<sup>5</sup> on 24 Mar 1720 in Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. William married<sup>6,7,8</sup> Mary CONANT about 1663 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

Other marriages:

[LARKIN, Joanna Hale](#)  
[CREATTY, Mary](#)

WILLIAM, bp. Salem 19 September 1640 [SChR 18]; m. (1) by 1663 Mary (Conant) Balch, daughter of ROGER CONANT and widow of John Balch, son of JOHN BALCH (eldest child b. Salem 20 March 1663/4; William Dodge's wife was executrix of the estate of John Balch in September 1665 [EQC 3:273]); m. (2) Charlestown 26 May 1685 Joanna (Hale) Larkin [ChVR 127 (also recorded Beverly)], daughter of ROBERT HALE and widow of John Larkin [Wyman 452, 599]; m. (3) Marblehead 27 October 1698 Mary Creatty (recorded Beverly).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WILLIAM DODGE OF BEVERLY 1629 - 1692  
by Donald R. Dodge \*  
<http://go.to/heywoods>

In the approximate year of our Lord 1604, John and Margery Dodge of Middle Chinnock, County of Somerset, England, had born to them William, their first of three sons. John Dodge and his sons William, Richard, and Michael were linearly descended from that Saxon race of warriors who served as steel clad barons in wars waged for the Norman kings of England.

On April 25, 1629, Mr. William Dodge joined a company of Puritan planters and craftsmen and journeyed to America on the Lion's Whelp, a small ship of 120 tons displacement. The Lion's Whelp and her sister ships the Talbot and

the George carried their goods and passengers to Naumkaeg, the Indian name for the North American territory settled by England's Massachusetts Bay Company at Salem.

William Dodge, aged 25 years, or thereabouts, was described as well over usual stature, with a well formed athletic physique, with the dark hair, eyes, and complexion typical of the ancient Britons. Reverend John White of the Massachusetts Bay Company called Mr. William Dodge a "skillful and painful husbandman" in reference to his skills as a farmer. He recommended that Governor Endicott give William the charge of a team of horses to facilitate his work efforts in the expanding Puritan settlements in the Salem area. The records indicate that William returned to England on October 15, 1635 to be present at his father's deathbed. William was one of three witnesses to John Dodge's will which gave him a sum of 40 pounds and a team of oxen. This inheritance was described as supplemental to whatever gifts his father had given him before he first emigrated to the New World in 1629.

William returned to Salem, presumably with his inherited money and farm animals to resume his life as an English Planter. As a freeman of the Salem settlement, William was given two lots of land comprised of 80 acres and 20 acres each, on September 3, 1637. In May, 1641, William purchased 200 more acres of good, farmable land from John Palfrey. The land was located in an area of Salem near the headwaters of the Bass River. This land area later became part of the new town of Beverly where William made his permanent residence in 1645.

William Dodge's 280+ acres of land made his land holdings the largest of the early 17th century Planters according to the recorded land deeds of the Salem/Beverly area. Records show that on December 3, 1641 he gave 40 acres of his land to his brother Richard Dodge who had emigrated to Salem in 1638, nine years after his older brother William.

William Dodge was a well respected farmer and citizen of the Salem/Beverly community. The area's historical texts and records show over 35 instances where Farmer William was appointed or elected to public services for his community. He held such offices as selectman, grand juryman, and surveyor of roads and properties. He is noted as one of the founders of the First Church in Beverly in 1667. He was a neighbor and close friend of the Reverend John Hale.

William Dodge was a family man. According to historical records, he married Mary Conant, the widow of John Balch of Beverly, in his later life. However, the maiden name of the wife and mother of his four children is not recorded. His children, in order of birth were;

\* John Dodge Baptized December 25, 1636

\* William Dodge Baptized September 19, 1640

\* Hannah Dodge Baptized July 24, 1642

\* Josiah Dodge ( Baptismal date not recorded)

Farmer William Dodge Sr. died in his 80's at some time between the years 1685 and 1692. He deeded most of his property to his second son Captain William Dodge. No mention is made in Farmer William's will , or in other records, of his bequests to his eldest son Captain John Dodge, who outlived his father by more than 30 years. It is recorded that Captain John Dodge and his two brothers fought in the Puritan community's wars with the Naragansett indians. Farmer Dodge's youngest son Josiah was killed in battle at Bloody Brook, South Deerfield, along with the sons of Benjamin Balch and Humphrey Woodberry.

Farmer William Dodge's surviving sons John and William lived long and prospered in their Puritan community of Beverly. Captain John owned and operated a successful grist mill at the head waters of the Bass River while Captain William continued as a prosperous farmer on his father's original family homestead in Beverly. Both Farmer William's sons served, at different times, as Beverly's representative to the General Court. Today, the descendants of Farmer William and his two sons still reside in the New England area and, indeed, the whole breadth of the United States. Farmer William and his brother Richard have a posterity of which they would be proud: a posterity in keeping with the traditions of their race.

\* The author, Donald R. Dodge is a 12th generation lineal descendant of English Planter William Dodge of Beverly, Mass. through his son Captain John Dodge. Donald currently resides in Munhall, Pennsylvania with his wife Ruby Elizabeth (Phillips) Dodge, his children, and grandchildren. Donald Dodge's family genealogy is accurately presented in the DODGE FAMILY GENEALOGY, 1898-1998 by Robert Livingston Dodge

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**Mary CONANT** [[Parents](#)]<sup>1</sup> was born<sup>2,3</sup> about 1632 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. She died in 1705/1706 in Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. Mary married<sup>4,5,6</sup> William DODGE about 1663 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

Other marriages:

## [BALCH, John](#)

MARY, b. Salem say 1632; m. (1) say 1652 John Balch, son of JOHN BALCH (his estate showed a large debt to Lot Conant of Marblehead and was appraised by Roger Conant [EPR 1:365]); m. (2) by 1663 William Dodge, son of WILLIAM DODGE ("my son William Dodge" named in Roger Conant's will; called "Mary Balch, widow of John Balch, now wife of William Dodge" on 4 June 1679 [EQC 7:390]).

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**Stephen ALDOUS** [[Parents](#)] was christened on 6 Nov 1662 in Eye, Suffolk, England, United Kingdom. Stephen married Elizabeth VINCENT on 18 Oct 1694.

**Elizabeth VINCENT.** Elizabeth married Stephen ALDOUS on 18 Oct 1694.

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A front entry facing Cabot Street was added to the house in the mid-1700s as part of a renovation. Sign, above, explains Conant's importance.

**Exercise CONANT** [[Parents](#)] [[scrapbook](#)] was born on 24 Dec 1637 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He was christened<sup>1</sup> on 24 Dec 1637 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He died on 28 Apr 1722 in Windham, Connecticut, United States. Exercise married Sarah ANDREWS on 28 Apr 1663 in Mansfield City, Tolland, Connecticut, United States.

Exercise CONANT born: 1637; chr. 24 Dec 1638 1st Church Salem; married: 28 Apr 1663 Sarah ANDREWS in Beverly MA; died: 28 Apr 1722 in Windham CT; Son of Roger CONANT and Sarah HORTON

Children:

1. Sarah b. 1668 (Salem MA) m. John MOULTON - 2. Abiah m. Josiah WALLIS - 3. Jane m. William MOULTON - 4. Elizabeth m. Richard HENDEE - 5. Josiah m. Joanna DIMMICK - 6. Caleb b. 29 Apr 1682 in Salem MA m. 1714 Hannah CRANE in Windham CT d. 1727 in Windham CT

Exercise was granted Freeman status in 1663 in Beverly MA. He purchased his house in Windham CT in 1694 and was admitted as an inhabitant of that town in Nov 1694. He was one of the pioneers of the Lebanon CT settlement. In 1701, he sold his holdings in Windham and returned to the Boston area where he remained until 1718. He returned to Windham where he died.

I love these tidbits about Exercise sent to me by my "cyber cousin" Betty I. Ralph:

Here are a few misc. items from "History and Genealogy of Conant Family in England and America" published 1857, written by Frederick Odell Conant that I found interesting ..from Boston Record Commissioner's Reports "June 30, 1701, Exercise Conant his Petition for a License to Sell all Sorts of Strong drink out of door by Retaile is approved by the Select men" Sep 15, 1702 "Ordered that Exercise Conant shall be joynd with the watch he to take his turn with the eight watch men to watch one night in eight in each of their Sted

and to be allowed out of their pay twelve pence p' night for each night sch he Shall watch in their Sted" June 24, 1706 "At a meeting of the Select men, Mr. Exercise Connunt is nominated and appointed to Inform against and prosecute all persons who shall thereafter Transgress the Town order relating to Regulateing of buryalls, and the Select men will take care that he shall be allowed a competent recompence for his Service therein. Ordered that the Several bell ringers within this Town at their Tolling of Bells for funeralls, Shall Turn up an Hour glass at the beginning of the Second bell for funeralls on week dayes, and at the beginning of the first bell for funeralls on Lords dayes and by their Information to assist Mr. Exercise Connunt or whom else the Select men Shall appoint of what they shall know relating to the breach of the Town order regulating buryalls"

"Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the 17th Century Conflicts" edited by Carole Doreski lists Lt. Exercise Conant serving from Beverly in 1690 (at the time of King Williams' War) so that must be why he was known as Lt. Conant."

Sources: Tolland and Windham Counties, Conn, Biographies - 1903; LDS Ancestral File; Research of Betty I. Ralph

**Sarah ANDREWS.** Sarah married Exercise CONANT on 28 Apr 1663 in Mansfield City, Tolland, Connecticut, United States.

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**Robert WALTON** [[Parents](#)] was born in 1579. Robert married Margaret FITZWILLIAMS.

**Margaret FITZWILLIAMS** was born in 1578 in England, United Kingdom. Margaret married Robert WALTON.

They had the following children.

M i [Rev. William WALTON](#) was born in 1601. He died on 6 Nov 1668.

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**Benjamin MOUNTJOY** was born in 1658 in of Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. Benjamin married Martha WALTON on 20 Apr 1692 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

**Martha WALTON** [[Parents](#)] was born on 26 Apr 1632 in Seaton, Devonshire, England, United Kingdom. Martha married Benjamin MOUNTJOY on 20 Apr 1692 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States.

Other marriages:

[MUNJOY, Walter](#)

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**Walter MUNJOY**. Walter married Martha WALTON.

**Martha WALTON** [[Parents](#)] was born on 26 Apr 1632 in Seaton, Devonshire, England, United Kingdom. Martha married Walter MUNJOY.

Other marriages:

[MOUNTJOY, Benjamin](#)

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**Samuel WALTON** [[Parents](#)] was born on 5 Jun 1639 in Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He died on 22 Mar 1717/1718 in Reading, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. Samuel married Sarah MAVERICK in 1674 in Reading, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.

**Sarah MAVERICK** was born<sup>1</sup> on 20 Dec 1640 in Reading, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. Sarah married Samuel WALTON in 1674 in Reading, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.



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