

WILL OF JOHN HATCHE of Tenterden, Kent, England

This will is unique in several respects with the obviously one being additional proof that Winifred Hatch md Stephen Huckstep, their daughter Lydia Huckstep md Nathaniel Tilden and they had a daughter Sarah Tilden. It is unusual for so many family members in multiple generations to be named in a Will. Nathaniel and Lydia Huckstep Tilden, their family, and a servant, George Sutton, along with members of the Hatch family left Sandwich near Tenterden in the ship Hercules in 1634/35 and arrived in Scituate, Mass in the Plymouth Bay Colony. Although they did not arrive on the Mayflower the Tilden family is usually included in the oldest families of the Colony. Records suggest that Nathaniel Tilden and the Hatch family jointly owned the Hercules and indeed also on the boat was one William Hatch with a servant Symon Sutton. What the relationship was between George and Symon Sutton we do not know yet. The servant, George Sutton, md Sarah Tilden daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia Huckstep in Scituate on 13 March 1636. They left Scituate around 1654 and went to Huntington Long Island, New York for at least 8 – 10 years. It is possible they made another stop before arriving in Albemarle/Perquimans Prec. but the earliest date they are proven in Perquimans is 1671 despite the death date of George in 1669 listed in the records. The date is given but not the place. This is an ongoing project. An unknown daughter of George and Sarah Tilden Sutton to those of us in NC was Mary who first md in Long Island to John Gosby and 2nd Albert Albertson in Perquimans Prec. They may or may not have been ancestors of the Duplin Co Albertson family and were also out of Scituate. Another daughter of George and Sarah was Sarah who md John Barrow who may or may not have been the ancestors of one of the Pitt and Dobbs Co Barrow families. A great grandson, Thomas Sutton b 1699/1700, moved to Bertie Co where he married three times. Through his 2nd wife, Judith Hardison, he had a daughter, Mary, who md Lemuel Hardy, Jr. and that family moved to Dobbs County. Through Thomas' first wife, Elizabeth Luerton, he had a son, John, whom we are fairly certain moved to Bucklesbury, Dobbs Co and is the ancestor of all the local Sutton families.

The Hatch family is not the object of this project but I would not be surprised to discover the local eastern NC Hatch family descends from a brother of John Hatche as they were in England, Scituate, and Perquimans County together.

This will also gives us some clues from an anthropology view as to why these families left England and then left Mass. It has always been written the Sutton family of Perquimans were Quaker and some of the later family were as well as some of the allied families. A brief look at the History of the Quakers indicates the early generation was not Quaker. The Tildens had generations of records at St. Mildred's Church in Tenterden which was Church of England yet John Hatche the author of this will may have been a follower of John Calvin so it appears that some disagreement with COE was one reason for leaving England. In addition to the Sermons on Galatians by John Calvin he also left money to the Rev. Lothrop who may have been the John Lothrop who was a COE clergyman who left to join the Separatists and was one of the first settlers of Barnstable, Mass.

The religious history of these groups is very complicated and although some of the Separatists had to flee England some of the Pilgrims remained loyal to the COE they either elected to flee or were forced to. Quakers found the religious environment of Plymouth Colony unpleasant and many left. Exactly why the Suttons moved several times is not proven at this point but Perquimans County was very hospitable to those of the Quaker belief. There is a great deal of information on this subject on the internet.

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The below will was found in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register – VOL LXX p 249 1916 and also in Vol 67 p 45.

The Will of John Hatche of Tenterden in the County of Kent, yeoman, 23 March 1628/9.

To my wife Dorothy Hatch 100 pounds, wearing apparel, plate, furniture, cattle, poultry, grain, cloth, and all my books. To my brother William Hatch's children as follows: to his second son Thomas Hatch 10 pounds and all sums he owes me, and at his death to all his children 50 pounds equally divided, at twenty-one. To his now youngest son William Hatch 50 pounds, and if he die before receiving his legacy reversion to his children at twenty-one, equally divided. To his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Robert Soan of Brasted, 10 pounds, and at her death to her children 40 pounds, equally divided. To his second daughter Judith, wife of Joseph Osborne of Ashford, 60 pounds, and to her son Jeremy Osborne at twenty-one 5 pounds. To his third daughter Margaret, widow of William Wood of Tenterden 20 pounds. To his fourth daughter Mary, wife of William Shusall of New Romney, 22s. To his youngest daughter Anne Hatch 30 pounds at twenty-one, she not to marry without the consent of her brothers John and William Hatch. If she do as her sister Shusall did, without their and my consent, then she shall have only 22s. To my sister Winnifrithe's children as follows: To her eldest son Thomas Huckstepp 15 pounds, and to her other son John Huckstepp 30 pounds. If John die, reversion to his sons Stephen and Nathanaell, equally divided, at the age of twenty-one. To her eldest daughter Joane, widow of Robert Numan late of Crayford deceased, 20s. and a silver spoon which I had of Mr. Chapman, and to her children at twenty-one 10s. each. To her second daughter Anne, wife of William Snatte of Hunton, 20s., and to Anna Snatte her daughter 20s. at twenty-one. To her third daughter Susan, wife of Benjamin Robus of Kennarton, 5 pounds, and to her sons and daughters Thomas Ramkyn, William Ramkyn, and Mary Rankin, Katherine Robus, Lidia Robus, and Susan Robus 20s. each at twenty-one. 'Alsoe I do giue vnto Lidia Tilden wiffe of Nathaniell Tilden my sister's Youngest daughter' 10 pounds and to her children Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Sarah, Judeth, and Lidia 20 pounds equally divided, to be paid at twenty-one. To my sister Katherine's children as follows: to her eldest son John Dunke 10 pounds and to each of his children 40s. at twenty-one. To her second son, William Dunke, 20 pounds. To her youngest son, Daniel Dunk, 30 pounds. To her daughter Ann, wife of Robert Glover, a silver spoon and to each of her children 40s. each. To Katherine May, daughter of Martin Maye of Ould Romney, that he had by Margaret Donck, my sister Katherine's daughter, 10 pounds. To her daughter, Elizabeth Hubbard, wife of ____ Hubbard, 20 pounds. To my sister, Ellynor Chittenden, 22s, and to her children as follows: To her eldest son, Thomas Chittenden 30 pounds, to her second son John

Chittenden 50 pounds, to her youngest son, William Chittenden 30 pounds. To her son Nathaniel Chittenden's son, Nathaniel, 20 pounds at twenty-one. To my wife's sister's daughter Elizabeth Pargiter a silver spoon and a 'spurr Ryall.' To Peeter Philpott, my wife's brother, a 'spurr Royal' and to Thomas Philpott, her half-brother, 10s. To Stephen Huckstep 'my books of Mr. Caluins [Calvin's] sermons upon Galathians.' To Robert Chittenden, 10s. To Nathaniell Tilden, William Snatte, Benjamyn Robus, Robert Glover, Robert son of Joseph Osbane, and Thomas Smith that have married my kinswomen, 10s. each as a token of my love. To Mr. Warren of Sandwich late lecturer of Benenden 3 pounds. 'Alsoe I doe giue vnto Mr. Lotropp late mynister of Eggerton fforty shillings.' To Thomas Brattell my wife's half-brother. To James Willes 10s. and to his wife Mary my wife's brother's daughter 20s. and to their daughter Dorothie Wills 10s. at the age of twenty-one. To brother Peeter Philpott's sons Thomas Philpott of Arundell and John Philpott of Tenterden 5s. each. To Thomas, son of my brother Thomas Philpott of Rochester, 20s. To my uncle Peeter Ware 5 pounds. To John Hatch of Mayfile [Mayfield, Sussex], my brother William Hatch's eldest son, certain household goods [named] and a feather bed which was my own father's. The residue of all my goods to the said John Hatch, sole executor. [Signed] John Hache Witnesses: Francis Smith, Daniell Benison, and Job Cushman.

My Will regarding all my lands. My messuage, buildings, and lands in Tenterden on the dens of Elarinden, Ealvinden, Shrobcot, Donny, and Preston, and my gardens and lands in Tenterden to John Hatch, son of my brother William, he paying my debts, legacies, and the following annuities: To wife Dorothy 4 pounds a year jointure and a further twenty pounds a year for life. To my brother William Hatch's son Thomas and his daughter Elizabeth Soane 4 pounds a year each for liffe. To Joane Numan, sister Wynifrith's daughter, 40s. a year for life. 'To Liddia Tilden wife of Nathaniell Tilden forty shillings a yeare during the tearme of her naturall life.' To Anna wife of Robert Glover, my sister Katherine's daughter, 40s. a year for life. If John Hatch die before the legacies be paid, my loving cousins John Huckstepp, William Hatch, William Donck, and John Chittenden to sell my lands on the dens of Donny and Shrobscot, and to each of them for their pains 10 pounds : After the legacies and annuities are paid, the remainder of the money to John Hatch, son of my said cousin [nephew], John Hatch. [Signed] John Hatch Witnesses: Fraunces Smith, Daniell Benison, and Job Cushman. Record of probate unfinished. (Consistory of Canterbury, Vol. 49, 279).

NOTE: There is also the Will of Dorothy Hache who was a Philpot and numerous other members of the Hatch family

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