

HANNAH<sup>3</sup> CARPENTER (*WILLIAM*<sup>2-1</sup>) OF REHOBOTH,  
MASSACHUSETTS; WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND; AND  
MUSKETA COVE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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**HANNAH<sup>3</sup> CARPENTER** (*William*<sup>2</sup> of Rehoboth, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Weymouth, Massachusetts Bay Colony, on 3 2nd month [April] 1640 and died not long before 8 June 1673, probably at Musketa Cove (then a plantation in Oyster Bay Township; now the town of Glen Cove, Nassau County), Long Island, Province of New York. She married probably at Rehoboth, Plymouth Colony, ca. 1658 (not on 21 April 1659), **JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> CARPENTER**, born about 1638 (aged 26 in 1664), probably at Providence Plantation (not 1635, in England), and died intestate at Musketa Cove between 15 or 17 February 1682[<sup>3</sup>] and 15 March 1683/4, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Arnold) Carpenter of Providence (Pawtuxet section, now in Cranston), Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Joseph married second, probably at Oyster Bay, by 2 September 1674, Ann Weekes, baptized at New Amsterdam (now New York City), Colony of New Netherland, on 9 July 1651 and died at Musketa Cove after 24 4th month [June] 1713 (perhaps by 12 6th month [August] 1713), daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Weekes of Salem and Dorchester, Massachusetts; Providence; New Amsterdam; Gravesend, Long Island; and Oyster Bay (TAG 70:201, 204; RILE 1:47, 50–51; NEHGR 159:64n47, 67–68; PrTR 6:138, 141, 144, 147–48; PubRIHS 4:197; NYChR 29; WMM-MM A:24; FMM-VR 78; OBTR 1:99, 411–12, 640–41, 642–44, 2:702; see also DEATH, MARRIAGE, and COMMENTS sections, below; [Joseph<sup>2</sup> Carpenter sketch](#), BIRTH, DEATH, MARRIAGES, and COMMENTS). [Sources are cited in full in KEY TO SOURCE NOTES, at the end of this sketch. The format below is patterned loosely after that used by Robert Charles Anderson in his *Great Migration* series.]

**DEATH:** That Hannah Carpenter had died by 8 June 1673 is deduced from husband Joseph's deed of that date, in which he, “of Muskeeto Cove In Longe-Island,” conveys to “my Brother in Law Abyah Carpenter of Pawtuxet in Rhode-Island Collony . . . Lands and Commonage [there] which Fell to me by my wife . . . from her father”; Hannah is not a cosignatory (RILE 1:47). (For bequests to Hannah from her father, William<sup>2</sup> Carpenter of Rehoboth, see PCPR 2:1:80–81 or MD 14:231–32 [transcr.])

**MARRIAGE:** The secondary literature's oft-repeated date of Hannah's marriage, 21 April 1659, is highly suspect. Supporting evidence is never presented, nor has any been

found. It is, moreover, the date on which the will of Hannah's father, William<sup>2</sup> Carpenter of Rehoboth, was proved at Plymouth, presumably upon presentation by her mother, as "Exequitric" (PCPR 2:1:80, 83; MD 14:231, 233). Initial confusion and subsequent repetition have thus given Hannah's marriage a widely accepted date that actually pertains to another event—one that would have absented her mother (and probably one or more brothers) from Rehoboth on the alleged date of the marriage.

References in the will of William<sup>2</sup> Carpenter of Rehoboth to "Cozen Carpenter" and "my brother Carpenter"—presumably Joseph<sup>2</sup> and his father, William<sup>1</sup> of Providence, respectively—have given rise to claims that Hannah and Joseph were first or second cousins. Recent [Y-DNA test results](#) virtually eliminate either possibility, however, showing with 95 percent certainty that the couple's nearest common Carpenter ancestor preceded their respective fathers by between two and twenty generations (Carpenter Cousins; [William<sup>2</sup> of Rehoboth sketch](#), COMMENTS). The term *cousin* was used broadly at this time, often to denote *kinsman*, or relative by marriage. *Brother* was sometimes used similarly: in two letters written in 1636 to his namesake son, for example, Massachusetts Governor John Winthrop calls the stepfather of the younger Winthrop's then wife, Elizabeth Reade, "my brother [Hugh] Peter" (WP 269, 275; Davis 212–13, 215; NEHGR 88:301). The quoted phrases above thus almost certainly reflect relationships created by the couple's having married *before* the partially dated will was made, no later than 10 December 1658 (see [William<sup>2</sup> of Rehoboth sketch](#), WILL/ESTATE).

**RESIDENCES:** Weymouth; Rehoboth (1644); Warwick (Pawtuxet section), Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (ca. 1658); Musketa Cove (probably late 1668: husband Joseph was of Pawtuxet on 7 November and of Musketa Cove on 30 November). It was presumably when Hannah married Joseph<sup>2</sup> Carpenter that they left the homes of their respective families of origin—hers at Rehoboth, his at Providence (Pawtuxet section)—and settled on the southern, Warwick side of the Pawtuxet River, which at its mouth bisects the village that is its namesake (WarTR1 162–63, 176–77; WarTR2 153–54; RILE 50–51; OBTR 1:42–43, 629–32, 641, 2:682–83; NEHGR 159:56n4; PawWeb; Carpenter [1901] 31–32). To view an old photograph of Joseph Carpenter's Musketa/Glen Cove house (no longer standing), click [here](#) (see Glen Cove 9).

**EDUCATION:** Among the bequests to Hannah from her father are three books: "her Bible; the practice of Pietie and the Returne of Prayers" (MD 14:231–32). (Lewis Bayly's *The Practice of Piety: A Puritan Devotional Manual, Directing a Christian How to Live, That He May Please God* was first published in 1611; Thomas Goodwin's *The Return of Prayers: A Treatise, Wherein This Case, How To Discern God's Answers to Our Prayers, Is Briefly Resolved* . . . first appeared in 1651.)

**CHILDREN:** Numbers i–iv born probably at Pawtuxet (Warwick); birth order uncertain.

- i. HANNAH CARPENTER, b. between ca. 1659 (parents m. ca. 1658) and say 1661/2, living Musketa Cove 19 March 1719/20 (husband’s will); m. Musketa Cove or vicinity before 17 Feb. 1682[/3?] (probably by 14 Jan. 1681[/2?]), WILLIAM THORNYCRAFT, b. probably Warwick, d. Musketa Cove between 6 April 1720 (sold land) and 19 Dec. 1728 (will proved), son of Thomas and Jean? (\_\_\_\_\_) Thornycraft of Warwick (by 1647) and Maspeth Kills, Newtown (now Elmhurst, Queens Co.), L.I. (NYWills 11:80; MARRIAGE, above; WarTR1 1–296 passim [215, 217]; WarTR2 29, 141, 251, 252, 329; Cock–Cocks–Cox 357; OBTR 1:378, 6:654; NYGBR 64:31, citing NTR [1:]158).

On 17 February 1682 [probably 1682/3], William Thornycraft conveyed “twenty Accars of Land unto *his father in Law* Joseph Carpenter . . . for and in Consideration of fifty Accars of Land in hand and reseaved, of *his father* Joseph Carpenter” (emphases added) (OBTR 1:643; Carpenter [1901] 45 omits portion of quoted passage following ellipsis points). On the same date, Carpenter, in an exchange of fifty-acre lots with Nicholas Simkins, obtained the parcel he gave to Thornycraft, abutting the twenty acres his son-in-law gave him in return (OBTR 1:642–44). Thornycraft’s right to the twenty acres of woodland he traded to Joseph Carpenter had been granted to him on 14 Jan. 1681[/2?] by a deed from the five Musketa Cove proprietors, including Carpenter (OBTR 1:639–40). It is doubtful that this grant to Thornycraft—also including “A sartin peece or parsell of Land whare hee now Inhabitts and Builtt upon for A home Lott as within fenc Allredy InClosed” and a parcel of upland—would have been made until he had married (in which case he need not have been twenty-one to receive it). The lots Thornycraft and Carpenter exchanged were adjacent and thus presumably of comparable quality. From this, the transfers’ transaction date, and a gift of land made by Joseph Carpenter probably four days (rather than a year and four days) earlier (see no. ii, below), it is reasonable to conclude that the thirty acres Thornycraft gained from the trade was a marriage settlement from his father-in-law. The will of William Thornycraft Sr. of Musketa Cove, dated 19 March 1719/20 and proved 19 Dec. 1728, names wife Hannah; sons William, Joseph, and Thomas; and daughters Hannah Washburn, Elizabeth Pellam (Pelham), Mary Thorneycraft, Jane Carpenter [m. cousin Silas, son of William (no. iv, below)], and Phebe Thorneycraft; the witnesses were Mary Carpenter, Thomas Pearsall, and Joseph Carpenter (NYWills 11:80, 85).

- ii. THOMASIN/TAM(A)SIN CARPENTER, b. between ca. 1659 and say 1662/3, living Madnan’s Neck, Hempstead (now Great Neck, North Hempstead), L.I., 30 Jan. 1710, 9 Anne [regnal year], i.e., 30 Jan. 1710/11; m. Musketa Cove or vicinity before 13 Feb. 1682[/3], as his second wife, JOHN WILLIAMS, d. Madnan’s Neck shortly before 4 April 1705 (widow granted letters of adm.), son of Robert and Sarah (Washburn) Williams of Hempstead and Lusum (Jericho, in Oyster Bay) (HempTR 2:395–97; OBTR 1:187–88, 272, 458–60, 625–27, 641; Cock–Cocks–Cox 371; NYWills 1:118, 403–4; TAG 36:62; Washburn Gen 95–99, citing HempCTR 78–83).

The evidence that Thomasin (Mrs. John) Williams was Joseph and Hannah Carpenter’s daughter is circumstantial: On 13 Feb. 1682[/3], Joseph Carpenter Sr. conveyed by a deed of gift to John Williams, a cordwainer (shoemaker) “now Residing on ye same place[,] foure Accars of Land . . . on ye north side of the highway Against my now dwelling house” (OBTR 1:641). Taken together, the nature of the transfer, the lot’s location and Williams’s prior occupation of it, and a similar transaction made by Carpenter probably four days (rather than a year and four days) later (see no. i, above) strongly suggest that the gift was a marriage settlement. On 13 May 1686, John Williams of Madnan’s Neck sold to Joseph Carpenter fifty acres at Matinecock, “w[i]thin ye pattent & Township of Oysterbay”; John and Tamsun

Williams signed the deed by mark (OBTR 1:483–84). Letters of administration on the estate of John Williams of Madnan’s Neck, deceased, were granted to wife Tamasan on 4 April 1705; his estate inventory was exhibited by Thomasan Williams, administratrix, on 15 Sept. 1705 (NYWills 1:322, 403–4, 16:35 [corrections]). On 19 March 1705/6, Tamson Williams of Madnan’s Neck, widow, purchased fifty acres of woodland in Oyster Bay (OBTR 3:188–90). “Tamisen Williams the widow & Relick [*sic*] of John Williams of madnans neck,” purchased 300 acres of woodland on the Byram River in Rye, Westchester Co., N.Y., on 20 May 1707 (not 12 May 1706) (WeLR C:430; NYGBR 51:254; Carpenter [1901] 47 [12 May 1706]). On 30 Jan. 1710[11], the town of Hempstead quitclaimed to Thomasin Williams of Madnan’s Neck, widow, 66½ acres “in her full and peaceable posesion being” (HempTR 2:395–97).

Daniel H. Carpenter says that Thomasin “was probably named for her great-aunt ‘Tomazin’” who “came over in 1635 . . . [and] is believed to have been an elder sister of William of Providence” (see Carpenter [1901] 45–46, 46n). This statement is presumably based on the tenuous assumption that because a Carpenter woman of that forename, origin unknown, and a Thomas Carpenter from William<sup>1</sup>’s English home were recorded as emigrants about a week apart, all three [*sic*] must be closely related. On 13 April (not 15 May) 1635, Tomazin Carpenter, aged 35, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *Susan & Ellen* (Hotten 57 [13 April], 59; Carpenter [1901] 5 [15 May]). Thomas Carpenter of Amesbury [in Wiltshire], carpenter, was among those who registered at Southampton “in and aboute” 6 April 1635 for passage to New England on the *James* (PRO/TNA CO1/8/183–85, at 185; Coldham 133–34; NEHGR 14:332–33 and Carpenter [1901] 5 erroneously have 5 April). The *Susan & Ellen*’s passenger list gives no indication of Tomazin’s origin, however, and nothing more is known of her—or of Thomas, under that name. Thomas was in fact probably the eventual William<sup>1</sup> of Providence, who arrived in New England in the year stated by D. H. Carpenter but under circumstances far different from those he describes (see Carpenter [1901] 5, 9, 46n; NEHGR 159:67–68; [William<sup>1</sup> of Providence sketch](#), IMMIGRATION). But if Tomazin was closely related to William of Providence or anyone else from Amesbury, it is reasonable to suppose that she, too, was from that vicinity. In that case, one would expect her and so-called Thomas of Amesbury to have sailed together or at least to have embarked from the same port. That they did neither renders what was never more than a possibility all the more remote. Ironically, Joseph’s daughter Thomasin may well have been named after a slightly more-distant aunt on the other side of his family: his maternal grandfather, William<sup>1</sup> Arnold, had a sister Thomasine/Tamzen, who remained in England (NEHGR 33:427–28, 69:67).

- iii. JOSEPH CARPENTER, b. between ca. 1659 and 9 July 1663 (perhaps by 13 Feb. 1661/2), d. Musketa Cove between 9 Sept. 1687 (quitrent payment) and 6 Jan. 1691 [probably 1691/2]; m. by 1685 (1st known child b. 16 Oct.) (OBTR 2:337, 350–51).

That records dated in mid-Feb. 1682[3] call his father Joseph “Sr:” or “Sen:” suggests that Joseph (Jr.) was by then of age (OBTR 1:640–41; [Joseph<sup>2</sup> sketch](#), DEATH, par. 3). He was certainly so by 9 July 1684, when he and his mother were named administrators of his father’s estate (Hist Mss 130). He was “late deceased” when a “memorandum” of the birth, on 16 Oct. 1685, of his “Eldest son and Heire,” Joseph, was recorded at the top of a page also containing a record dated 6 Jan. 1691 (OBTR 2:350–51).

The identity of Joseph’s wife is at best uncertain. The wife Ann(e) that D. H. Carpenter attributes to him was probably his stepmother, Ann (Weekes) Carpenter (see Carpenter [1901] 44; OBTR 1:644–47, 2:127–29, 650–51). Hinshaw gives Joseph’s namesake son’s mother as Anne, but while his main sources are original Quaker records, they are supplemented by others, some secondary (see Quaker Gen 1, 391). The younger Joseph’s Musketa Cove birth record does not name his mother, and the

otherwise informative Quaker record of his death names neither parent (see OBTR 2:350; Carpenter [1901] 64n and Hazard Index, both citing WMM-VR A:159). It is therefore probable that Hinshaw's identification of the younger man's mother as Anne derives ultimately from the D. H. Carpenter volume. (Note, however, that the younger Joseph's first daughter was named Ann [Quaker Genealogy 391; Carpenter [1901] 66, 93].) D. H. Carpenter's further supposition concerning the elder Joseph's wife—(having previously thought she was a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Weekes) Simpkins) “we now think she was daughter of Thomas Thornycraft and sister to William Thornycraft”—is unsupported, as is the assertion of another author (whose Carpenter section builds upon Carpenter [1901]) that she was probably Mary Thornycraft (see Carpenter [1901] 44; Cock–Cocks–Cox 357).

The subject Joseph had a second son, Thomas, who is said by D. H. Carpenter to have been born on 16 Aug. 1687 (OBTR 3:344–45 [1708 quitclaim, Joseph to “my Brother Thomas”]; Carpenter [1901] 44 [b. 15 Aug.], 67; Haviland Gen 110). Seeming to confirm this is the 1 Jan. 1859 account by Sarah C. Field (1797–1879) of a family record then in her possession or that of her mother, Jane (Haviland) Field (1765–1860), giving Thomas's birth date as “8 mo., 16th day, 1687” (Haviland Gen 186). Prior to 1752, however, the eighth month was not August but October (as consistent with the latter's Latin origin). Without informing the reader of his translations, D. H. Carpenter expresses with named months many dates that are actually recorded with numbered ones (including all those from Quaker records). Because his conversions of pre-1752 numbered-month dates are mistakenly based on modern reckoning, they are consistently off by two months. Note, however, that Thomas's corrected birth date, 16 October 1687, contains the same day and month as his brother Joseph's (see above). So while the October date is more reliable than the August one, the former should nevertheless be regarded with some caution. Thomas certainly had been born by 26 Nov. 1687: he and brother Joseph sold land to their uncle Nathaniel on 26 Nov. 1708 (OBTR 3:310–12).

The aforementioned family record gives the date of Joseph's son Thomas's marriage as “10 mo., 14th day, 1708” [14 Dec. (not Oct.) 1708] (Haviland Gen 110 [Oct.], 186 [10 mo.]; see also Carpenter [1901] 67 [Oct.]). While his wife is identified therein only as Hannah, several secondary sources have her as Hannah Alsop, daughter of Thomas [*sic*] and Hannah (Underwood) Alsop (see, for example, Haviland Gen 110; Carpenter [1901] 67). This is doubly incorrect, however: First, the secondary literature has long accepted (albeit without documentation) that Hannah Underwood married the immigrant Richard Alsop; the earliest Thomas Alsop was their son, born in 1687 (also Thomas Carpenter's birth year), who married Susannah Blackwell (GMB 3:1862, 1863; Alsop Gen 3, 4; Underhill Gen 65). And second, Richard and Hannah Alsop's daughter Hannah married Joseph Sackett (Alsop Gen 2 [Richard Alsop will (transcr.), naming dau. Hannah Sackett], 4; Underhill Gen 66). There was a marriage between a Thomas Carpenter, son of Joseph, and a Hannah Alsop, daughter of Richard, but it occurred in 1777 (Hazard Index, citing WMM-VR A:250). The identity of Hannah, wife of the subject Thomas Carpenter, is unknown.

- iv. WILLIAM CARPENTER, b. by 3 Sept. 1666 (freeholder by 3 Sept. 1687), living Oyster Bay Township 5 Aug. 1734; m. ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ (OBTR 2:337, 3:429–31, 5:623–25; Carpenter [1901] 49n, 73).

On 13 May 1720, William sold his 81-acre Musketa Cove farm, “Reserveing to my Self Three Acres” (OBTR 3:429–31). On 8 May 1722, with son Silas (about whom more below), William purchased 375 acres on the Byram River at North Castle and Rye, Westchester Co., N.Y., of which William was then “in possession” (Carpenter [1901] 49n, 73, both citing WeLR G:215–17). Subsequent records put William on Long Island in 1728/9 and in Oyster Bay Township from 1730/1 to 1734 (NYWills 11:85 [William Jr. of Long Island (implies presence at same place of

Wm. Sr.], 3 Jan. 1728/9]; OBTR 4:366–68 [William Jr., 5 March 1730/1], 5:75 [William Jr., 5 Aug. 1734], 623–25 [William Sr., 2 April 1734].

William sold his farm (see above) “with ye ffree will and Consent of my Wife Elizabeth Carpenter,” who added her signature (by mark) to his (OBTR 3:431). D. H. Carpenter calls it “a *possibility* amounting to a *probability*” (his emphases) that Elizabeth was the daughter of William’s uncle Ephraim Carpenter and says that she died about 1743 (Carpenter [1901] 50); he fails to support either assertion, however. G. W. Cocks says that Elizabeth’s parentage is “not certainly known, but may have been Moses and Elizabeth (Weeden) Mudge, then of Musketa Cove, who had a dau. Elizabeth, b. 28/12 mo. (Feb.) 1674” (Cock–Cocks–Cox 358, 385). Note that this is expressed as no more than a possibility. There is, moreover, no known basis for the assertion that Moses and Elizabeth Mudge had a daughter Elizabeth, let alone that she was born on the date stated (which is not to say that either is necessarily false). An Elizabeth Mudge was born at Northampton, Mass., 10 Oct. 1673 and another at Charlestown, Mass., 12 March 1674, but their respective parents and husbands are not those of the same-named woman mentioned by Cocks (see Mudge Gen 46, 49; TAG 81:25; Charlestown Gens 2:693). In the most recent and authoritative account of Moses Mudge and his family, Gale Ion Harris, FASG (citing an unpublished typescript by Harry Macy Jr., FASG) presents Mudge’s issue as consisting of two sons and no daughters (see TAG 81:18–30, at 24 [24n38 corrects Mudge Gen 48]). Elizabeth (Mrs. William) Carpenter’s maiden name is unknown. And in any case, since the one known record in which her forename appears as William’s wife is dated in 1720 (see above), it is not certain that she was the mother of his children.

The will of William’s son Silas Carpenter of North Castle, dated 3 Jan. 1728/9 and proved 13 Feb. 1728[9], names wife Jane [his cousin, dau. of William and Hannah (Carpenter) Thornycraft (see no. i, above)]; daughters Hannah and Phebe; sons William, Timothy, and Silas; and executors [brother-in-law] William Craft [formerly Thornycraft], [brother] William Carpenter Jr., both of Long Island, and wife Hannah [*sic*]; witnesses include [uncle] Nathaniel Carpenter (no. v, below) (NYWills 11:80, 85 [*Silas* transcr. as *Giles*]). The will of William’s son Joseph Carpenter of Oyster Bay, dated 25 Feb. 1727[8?] and proved 21 March 1727/8, names wife Abigail [nee Robbins]; sons Joseph and John; and executors “my wife and her brother, John Robbins” (NYWills 11:101).

- v. NATHANIEL CARPENTER, b. Pawtuxet (Warwick) or Musketa Cove between say 1668 and 10 Feb. 1672[3?] (grantee 10 Feb. 1693[4?]), d. North Castle 25 2nd mo. [April (not Feb.)] 1730; m. Musketa Cove 5 Nov. 1690, TAMAR COLES, b. 18 May 1673, dau. of Robert and Mercy (Wright?) Coles (OBTR 1:652–53, 655, 2:101–3; FMM-VR 220; MacDonough–Hackstaff 455).

Nathaniel is said to have been probably the first white child born at Musketa Cove (see Carpenter [1901] 43, 50). This, however, is based on the unsupported assertion that he was born in the summer of 1668 and the questionable assumption that both parents had settled on Long Island by that time (see Carpenter [1901] 50; OBTR 2:682; RESIDENCES, above). The record of his death calls him Nathaniel “Juner,” but the only other man of that name known to have been residing at North Castle at the time was his son, who died in late 1758 (see FMM-VR 220; Quaker Gen 63; NYWills 5:274; Carpenter [1901] 85). An item in the 1 Jan. 1759 issue of the *New-York Mercury* is often said online to refer to the elder Nathaniel but in fact concerns the estate settlement of his recently deceased son. Naming “Captain Nathaniel Carpenter, deceas’d, of North-Castle, in Westchester County, and Province of New-York,” the notice was placed by Caleb Fowler and Caleb Green, “Executors, in said County” (Hist Newspapers). The latter two men were brothers-in-law of the younger Nathaniel, whose will names them as executors (NYWills 5:274; Carpenter [1901] 85–86).

D. H. Carpenter gives Joseph and Hannah a sixth child: Hannah, “born 1672–3, married Jacob Hicks in 1690” (Carpenter [1901] 43). A few secondary sources state that the maiden name of Jacob Hicks’s wife was Carpenter, but not all give her parentage, and none presents supporting evidence (see, for example, Mott Gen 372; Shotwell Gen 237, 280; Cornell Gen 383; Seaman–Husband 84). In his will, dated in 1751, Jacob Hicks’s bequests to wife Hannah include “all the goods she brought with her when married” (NYWills 5:93–94). The quoted phrase implies that Hannah (whatever her maiden name) was not Hicks’s first wife and probably married him long after his children were born (at Hempstead between 1702—making a 1690 marriage date unlikely [see above]—and about 1718) (see Colonial Fams 3:1330). More to the point, however, the Carpenter daughter whom D. H. Carpenter is unable to identify by forename but correctly describes as having married William Thornycraft is almost certainly the woman whom Thornycraft’s will calls “my wife Hannah” (see Carpenter [1901] 43; NYWills 11:80; child no. i, above).

For Joseph’s children with Ann Weekes, see [Joseph<sup>2</sup> Carpenter sketch](#).

**COMMENTS:** On 3 May 1656, Joseph<sup>2</sup> Carpenter witnessed a deed of Pawtuxet (Providence) land from his maternal uncle Stephen Arnold to Joseph’s father, William<sup>1</sup> Carpenter (PrTR 1:44–45). It has been supposed that Joseph was then an adult and thus was born about 1635, prior to his parents’ emigration from England (see, for example, Carpenter [1901] 8–9, 30, 31; Arnold Mem 9, 52; RI Roots 13:75). It is wrong, however, to assume that Joseph was an adult when he witnessed the deed. Witnesses as young as fourteen (the *age of discretion*) are found in early New England records. When on 9 February 1657 Joseph, his brother Ephraim, and sister Lydia witnessed a deed of Pawtuxet (Warwick) land from an Indian sachem to their father, at least two and probably all three siblings were minors (see WarTR2 80–81). The most reliable approximation of Joseph’s birth date comes from a deposition that he and Benjamin Smith gave on 16 October 1664 (HP 72–73). Its description of Joseph as “Aged 26 yeeres” implies a birth year of about 1638 and Providence as his probable birthplace (see [William<sup>1</sup> of Providence sketch](#), RESIDENCES). For a detailed discussion of this and related issues—the immigration of William<sup>1</sup> Carpenter of Providence (ca. 1636, as a single man) and his marriage to Elizabeth Arnold (ca. 1637, probably at Providence)—see NEHGR 159:67–68.

On 22 November 1682, Joseph Carpenter, on behalf of Samuel Till(i)er, paid £20 to John Robbins (OBTR 1:128–29). Two Musketa Cove proprietors’ records, respectively dated 13 and 15 February 1682[3], indicate that Joseph was still living at this time (OBTR 1:640–41). (Both follow on the same page a record dated 28 December 1682.) Three others, apparently recorded at or very near the same time as the foregoing ones, probably extend by two days the 15 February date, the latest on which Joseph is known with certainty to have been alive: all three are dated 17 February 1682 [probably 1682/3] (OBTR 1:642–44). On 15 March 1683/4, William<sup>1</sup> Carpenter of Providence added to his will a codicil in which his son Joseph is described as deceased (PrTR 6:138–48, at 147–48).

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** See, for example, Bill Bleyer, “The Daily Grind,” online at [www.newsday.com/community/guide/lihistory/ny-history-hs361,0,1312327.story](http://www.newsday.com/community/guide/lihistory/ny-history-hs361,0,1312327.story); Howard Chapin, “Early House Lots in the Town of Warwick,” *Rhode Island Historical Society Collections* 12:4(Oct. 1919):129–36; Robert Reed Coles and Peter Luyster Van Santvoord, *A History of Glen Cove* (Glen Cove, 1967); Don D’Amato, “Warwick’s Villages & Historic Places: Conimicut Village,” links to pts. 2 and 3, online at [www.warwickri.gov/heritage/damatoshistory/main.htm](http://www.warwickri.gov/heritage/damatoshistory/main.htm); Oliver P. Fuller, *The History of Warwick, Rhode Island* (Providence, 1875) (caveat [see below]); *Harris Papers*, Collections of the Rhode Island Historical Society, vol. 10 (Providence, 1902); Antonia Petrash, Carol Stern, and Carol McCrossen, “History of Glen Cove,” online at [www.nassaulibrary.org/glencove/history/historyofglencove.html](http://www.nassaulibrary.org/glencove/history/historyofglencove.html). The Fuller volume is useful but contains inaccuracies: Hannah’s mother-in-law, Elizabeth (Arnold) Carpenter, for example, is omitted from an account of the family of William<sup>1</sup> Arnold, to whom is attributed a nonexistent son Thomas (p. 16); William<sup>1</sup> Arnold and William<sup>1</sup> Carpenter of Pawtuxet village, Providence, are mistakenly listed with Robert Coles and Benedict Arnold as residents of the Warwick part of the village (p. 137).

**KEY TO SOURCE NOTES:**

Alsop Gen	Douglas Leffingwell, <i>Alsop Genealogy, Being a Brief Account of the Descendants of Richard Alsop . . .</i> (Conn., 1928)
Arnold Mem	Elisha Stephen Arnold, <i>The Arnold Memorial: William Arnold of Providence and Pawtuxet, 1587–1675, and a Genealogy of His Descendants</i> (Rutland, Vt., 1935)
Carpenter [1901]	Daniel Hoogland Carpenter, <i>History and Genealogy of the Carpenter Family in America, from the Settlement at Providence, R.I., 1637–1901</i> (Jamaica, N.Y., 1901)
Carpenter Cousins	Carpenter Cousins Y-DNA Project website, maintained by John F. Chandler (13 March 2008 update); see <a href="#">discussion of Carpenter descendant Groups 2 (Providence) and 3 (Rehoboth)</a>
Charlestown Gens	Thomas Bellows Wyman, <i>Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629–1818</i> , 2 vols. (Boston, 1879)
Cock–Cocks–Cox	George William Cocks, <i>History and Genealogy of the Cock–Cocks–Cox Family: Descended from James and</i>



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