

**323. Documentation for Pricilla Puella Hussey
(10th 10 mo. 1677 to Bef. Sept. 23, 1748)
mother of Lydia Gorham
(May 14, 1701 to Mar 1, 1763)**

(The following was taken from *John Howland of the Mayflower Volume I The First Five Generations Documented Descendants through his first child Desire Howland and her husband Captain John Gorham* by Elizabeth Pearson White.)

Shubael Gorham was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, 21 October 1667, the son of John and Desire (Howland) Gorham.(1) He died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1750, in his 83rd year.(2)

Shubael Gorham married on the Island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, in May 1695 Puella Hussey of Nantucket.(3) Puella Hussey was born on Nantucket 10th 10 mo. 1677.(4) Puella Hussey was the daughter of Stephen and Martha (Bunker) Hussey. Puella died in Barnstable before 23 September 1748.(5)

In the settlement of his father's estate, dated 7 March 1676/7, Shubael was given £50 to be used to educate him for a learned profession, in addition to his own share, but instead he became a house-carpenter.(6) Shubael was a minor when his father died and, on 5 March 1683/4, he chose his older brother, James Gorham, as his guardian.(7)

Col. John Gorham's "Wast Book" states that, when Shubael and his family and friends sailed to Nantucket for his marriage to Puella Hussey, the members of the wedding party were taken prisoner by a French shallop from Port Royal and were stripped of their valuables.(8)

After his marriage, Shubael moved to South Sea in Barnstable County and built a tavern near Hyannis Port.(9) On 7 February 1689/90 Shubael Gorham sold one hundred acres of land at Papasquash Neck in Bristol County to Nathaniel Byfield of Bristol. This was land, which he had inherited from his father, Capt. John Gorham, who had received it for his services in King Philip's War.(10)

On 30 October 1722, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, yeoman, and Puella, his wife, deeded to their eldest son, George Gorham, half of their farm of 50 acres, with half of the buildings, orchards and other property.(11)

In 1745 their younger son, Daniel Gorham, died of smallpox in London, England, unmarried, leaving a will dated Barnstable, 24 January 1740, which was proved there in January 1746. In it Daniel named his brother, George, and his seven sisters, Abigail, Lydia, Hannah, Theodate, Desire, Ruth and Deborah. Daniel's inventory, which amounted to £2960-15-1, included four rights to land in Gorhamtown, Maine.(12)

On 8 July 1749 Shubael Gorham's son-in-law, James Lovell, Jr., of Barnstable, gentleman, the husband of his daughter, Abigail, was appointed as Shubael's guardian after Shubael had been adjudged non compos mentis by the Inquisition of Selectmen. James Lovell was to care for Shubael's person as well as his estate, real and personal.(13)

Shubael Gorham, in his will dated 23 September 1748, proved 7 August 1750, gave all of his real estate to his only surviving son, George Gorham of Stamford, Conn. His personal estate was divided equally among his seven beloved daughters, the same as those named in son Daniel's will quoted above. His wife, Puella, was not mentioned and had probably died earlier. Deacon John Hinkley of Barnstable was named executor.

Witnesses were Samuel Annable, Thomas Annable and Mary Bourn. Shubael's real estate was appraised at £266-13-4 and his personal estate as £99-10-8.(14)

Children (**Gorham**), first eight recorded in Barnstable, Massachusetts, ninth child included in father's will, tenth child listed in Col. John Gorham's "Wast Book"(15):

- i. George, born 29 January 1696/7.
- ii. Abigail, born latter end of March 1699.
- iii. Lydia, born 14 May 1701.
- iv. Hannah, born 28 July 1703.
- v. Theodate, born 18 July 1705.
- vi. Daniel, born 24 September 1708, died in London, England, before January 1746, the month his will was probated in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- vii. Desire, born 26 September 1710.
- viii. Ruth, born 7 May 1713.
- ix. Deborah, born after 1714.
- x. Jonathan, died young.

REFERENCES

- (1) *Mayflower Descendant* 4:158.
- (2) Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:265 (Shubael Gorham).
- (3) *Nantucket Vital Records* 4:76; MD 5:73; Barnstable VR 1:372; Starbuck, *Hist. of Nantucket*, 779.
- (4) *Nantucket Vital Records* 2:183; *Mayflower Source Recs.*, 255.
- (5) Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:265 (Shubael Gorham).
- (6) Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 1:416.
- (7) *Mayflower Descendant* 4:153-58; Plymouth Colony Wills 3:1:162-64 (John Gorham).
- (8) Gorham MS 1:37-39.
- (9) Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 1:417.
- (10) Gorham MS 1:31; Bristol Co. Deeds 1:194.
- (11) Gorham MS 1:38.
- (12) Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:6 (Daniel Gorham); Hugh D. McLellan, *History of Gorham, Maine* (Portland 1903; rept. Somersworth 1980), 86.
- (13) Barnstable Co. Prob. 7:181 (Shubael Gorham).
- (14) Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:265-66 (Shubael Gorham) [FHL #904601].

(15) *Mayflower Descendant* 5:73 (first eight); Barnstable VR 1:372; Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:265 (Shubael Gorham); *NEHGR* (Apr. 1898) 52:190; Gorham MS 1:37.

- GORHAM, Lois (Goreham) and Jonathan Macy, 6th, 10 mo.,
"called December," 1744, C.R.4.†
- Lydia (see Lydiah).
- Lydia and William Swain, Feb. 14, 1750. [Lydiah, N.C.R.
Lydia (first w.), d. Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner),
and William Swain Jr., s. William and Jemima (Coffin),
P.R.38.]
- Lydia B. and Phineas Fish, Sept. 10, 1848.†
- Lydiah (Goarham) and Joseph Worth, both of N., Sept. 8,
1720.*†
- Mary, d. Stephen of Barnstable, and Andrew Gardner, s. Na-
thaniel of N., 1st, 7 mo., "called September," 1721, in N.,
C.R.4. [Mary, d. Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner), and
Andrew Gardner, s. Nathaniel and Abigail (Coffin), Jan.
—, P.R.38.]
- Mary and Prince Gardner, 10th, 11 mo. 1803, C.R.4.†
- Mary Ann and Charles F. Alley, Aug. 27, 1848.†
- Mary G. and William Mckeel, 18th, 6 mo. 1849, C.R.4.†
- Nathaniel, s. Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner), and Mary
Soley, d. John of Charlestown and Dorcas (Coffin), —,
1736, in Boston,* P.R.38.
- Nathaniel and Betsey Baker, Nov. 24, 1814. [Nathaniel, s.
Josiah and Eunice, and Betsy Baker, d. Lemuel and Abial
(Pinkham), P.R.38.]
- Parnell and Matthew Barney, 7th, 10 mo. 1801, C.R.4.†
- Phebe C., 22, of N., b. N., d. Edw[ar]d and Susan, and Charles
H. Dunham, single, 26, mariner, of N., b. N., s. Geo[rge]
F. and Diana, int. Feb. 13, 1848. "This publishment taken
down by request of Phebe C. Gorham."
- Phebe C. and John Ray, May 21, 1848.†
- Polly and Obed Wyer 3d, int. Oct. 5, 1811. [m. Oct. 6, C.R.2.
Polly, d. Jonathan and Mary (Davis), and Obed Wyer,
s. Obed and Polly, m. ———, P.R.38.]
- Priscilla (Goreham) and E[li]phaz Folger, 20th, 9 mo., "called
November," 1735, C.R.4.†
- Sarah and Daniel Hussey, Feb. 13, 1734-5.* [Sarah, d.
Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner), and Daniel Hussey, s.
Sylvanus and Abial (Browne) (first w.), P.R.38.]
- Shubael, b. Yarmouth, s. Capt. John of Plymouth (b. England,
s. Ralph of Benefield, Northhampshire, Eng.) and Desire
(d. John Howland of the Mayflower and Elizabeth (Til-
ley)), and Puella Hussey, d. Stephen and Martha (Bun-
ker), May —, 1695,* P.R.38.

*Intention not recorded. †For detailed information see record of consort.

- HUSSEY, Peter [int. 2d] and Sally Drew, Dec. 24, 1805. [Peter, s. Ebenezer and Mahitabel (Smith), and Sally Drew, d. Gershom and Mary (Cobb), P.R.38.]
- Peter 3d and Eliza P. Whippey [int. Whippy], ——— [between Apr. 1, 1827 and Apr. —, 1828, int. May 5, 1827]. [Peter B., s. Thomas and Anna (Barnard), and Eliza P. Whippey, d. Joseph and Mary. P.R.38.]
- Phebe and Edmund Gardner, 28th, 11 mo. 1776, C.R.4†
- Phebe and Robert Dixon, Feb. 28, 1801. [Phebe, d. David and Lydia (Swain), and Robert Dixon, s. Edward and Sybil, P.R.38.]
- Phebe and Francis G. Macy, int. Sept. 23, 1815. [Phebe H. of New Bedford, d. Isaiah and Martha Sampson, and Francis G. Macy, s. Francis Jr. and Hannah Macreal, m. Oct. 4, P.R.38.]
- Phebe and David Mitchell, Dec. 27, 1835. [Phebe, d. Edward C. and Mary (Mitchell), and David Mitchell, s. James of R.I., P.R.38.]
- Phebe and Charles Mitchell, Apr. 16, 1837.
- Phebe Jr. of Philadelphia [Pa.] and Edward W. Gardner of N., int. Dec. 15, 1839. [Edmund W., m. Jan. 1, 1840, C.R.2. Phebe, d. Uriel and Phebe (Folger), and Edward W. Gardner, s. Tristram and Kezia (Gardner), m. ———, P.R.38.]
- Phebe H. (see Phebe).
- Polloy [int. Polly] C. and W[illia]m H. Dennis, both of N., Dec. 6, 1840. [Polly, wid. Alexander, d. George W. Gardner and Lydia (Coffin) (first w.), and William H. Dennis of R.I., P.R.38.]
- Polly (see Mary).
- Polly C. (see Polloy C.).
- Priscilla and James S. Fearney, ——— [between May 1, 1819 and May 1, 1820, int. June 26, 1819]. [Aug. 1, 1819, C.R.2. Priscilla, d. Simeon and Abigail (Bunker), and James Ferney, P.R.38.]
- Puella and Shubael Gorham, May —, 1695,* P.R.38.†
- Rachal C. [dup. Rachael, omits C., int. Rachel C.] and Francis B. Smith, Dec. 14, 1823. [Rachel, d. Christopher Jr. and Abial (Coffin) (second w.), and Francis B. Smith, s. Job Jr. and Deborah (Baxter), P.R.38.]
- Rachel and Barnabas Coleman, 8th, 9 mo., "called November," 1733, C.R.4†
- Rachel and Jethro Mitchell, 6th, 12 mo. 1759, C.R.4†

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