

# THE STARBUCK FAMILY

The Starbuck family came from England. They were probably originally Danish before coming to England centuries before. Edward Starbuck came to America and his family was the second to live on Nantucket. One of his daughters and one of his sons married into the Coffin family. A great grand daughter, Abigail Coffin married into the Fitch family and the Fitch family married into our Barnard family. Matilda Barnard, many generations later, married Henry Canaday in North Carolina.

I will begin with the Edward Starbuck who sailed to the American Colonies in the middle 1630s.

## EDWARD STARBUCK

Edward Starbuck was born in Derbyshire in England in about 1604. He married Katherine Reynolds of Wales sometime in the early 1630s. He came to America sometime in the late 1630s or possibly early 1640s and settled in Dover. At the time, Dover was part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, but it is presently in the state of New Hampshire.

He lived in Dover for about twenty years and was a large landholder and quite active in local government. His children were all born in Dover and his wife, Katherine, died there sometime before he moved to Nantucket.

Edward Starbuck and Tristram Coffin were the first two men to sail to Nantucket for an inspection trip. It would seem both men were pleased and in 1659 the ten *First Purchasers* and their partners bought the Island from Thomas Mayhew. Edward also accompanied Thomas Macy on the first voyage to settle the Island in 1661.

Edward Starbuck then returned in the early 1660s to take up permanent residence on Nantucket where he spent the rest of his life. He died on the Island February 4, 1690/91.

Edward and Katherine had six children, but only one son, Nathaniel, who lived to marry and have children. It appears that all the Starbucks in America descend from Nathaniel. The following were the children.

## Nathaniel Starbuck

Nathaniel was born in 1635 in Dover (New Hampshire). He married Mary Coffin, daughter of Tristram Coffin and Dionis Stevens, in 1662. Mary was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on February 20, 1645. This is our lineage.

He went to Nantucket and it was there that he was married and lived the rest of his life. He died at age eighty-four on August 6, 1719. Mary died two years earlier on November 13, 1717.

The children of Nathaniel and Mary Starbuck were:

**MARY STARBUCK** was born May 30, 1663. She was the first child of English parents to be born on Nantucket. She married James Gardner, a son of Richard Gardner and Sarah Shattuck. He was born in Salem on May 19, 1662. Their children were: **Samuel, Jethro, Barnabas, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Mehitable** and **James Gardner**.

**ELIZABETH STARBUCK** was born November 9, 1665. She was twice married; first to Peter Coffin, son of Peter Coffin and Abigail Starbuck. He died in 1699. She then married Nathaniel Barnard, son of Nathaniel Barnard and Mary Barnard. Her children were all from her first marriage, and were: **Abigail, Tristram, Nathaniel, Samuel, Barnabas, Eunice** and **Jemima Coffin**.

**NATHANIEL STARBUCK** was born November 8, 1668 and died January 29, 1753. He married Dinah Coffin, daughter of James Coffin and Mary Severance, on November 20, 1690. Dinah died October 1, 1750. Their children were: **Mary, Paul, Priscilla, Elizabeth, Hephzibah, Abigail, Benjamin, Tristram, Ruth** and **Anna**.

**JETHRO STARBUCK** was born December 14, 1671 and died August 12, 1770. He married Dorcas Gayer, daughter of William Gayer and Dorcas Starbuck.

**BARNABAS STARBUCK** was born in 1673 and died unmarried on November 21, 1732.

**EUNICE STARBUCK** was born on April 10, 1674 and died July 12, 1766. She married George Gardner, a son of John Gardner and Priscilla Grafton. George was born in 1663 and died April 17, 1750.

**PRISCILLA STARBUCK** was born in 1676 and died March 14, 1762. She married John Coleman, son of John Coleman Senior and Joanna Folger. John was born August 2, 1667 and died two months before his wife on January 19, 1762. Their children were: **Persis, Nathaniel, Elihu, Barnabas, Jethro, Phebe, Priscilla, John** and **Mary Coleman**.

**HEPHZIBAH STARBUCK** was born April 2, 1680. She married Thomas Hathaway of Dartmouth. Hephzibah died April 7, 1740.

**ANN STARBUCK** was never married.

**PAUL STARBUCK** was never married. These last two may have died as infants or children. I have no information on them at all.

## **Dorcas Starbuck**

Dorcas was born about 1637 and married William Gayer of Nantucket.

## **Sarah Starbuck**

Sarah was born about 1639. She married three times. First to William Storey, second to Joseph Austin and third to Humphrey Varney as his second wife.

## **Abigail Starbuck**

Abigail Starbuck was born about 1640. She married Peter Coffin, son of Tristram Coffin and Dionis Stevens. Peter was born in England in 1631. Their children were: **Abigail, Peter, Jethro, Tristram, Robert, Edward, Judith, Parnell, Elizabeth and Eliphalet**. More complete information can be found in the preceding COFFIN FAMILY HISTORY on this family. They are a part of our direct lineage.

## **Esther Starbuck**

Esther was the first wife of Humphrey Varney. After she died, he married her sister, Sarah, who was at the time a widow.

## **Jethro Starbuck**

Jethro was killed at the age of twelve years on May 27, 1663. He was killed when a cart overturned on top of him.

Again, the Starbuck book, History of Nantucket, contains several more generations of this family. I have only gone to the generation that married into our direct line.