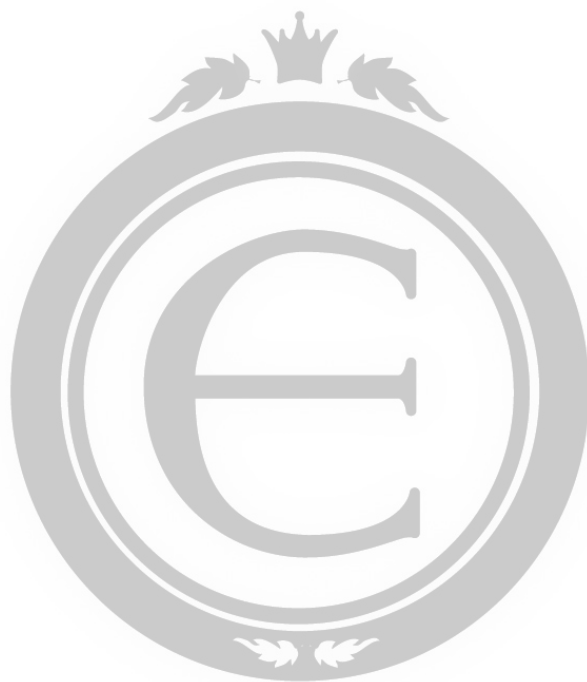


Part I

Early Newberry History



“You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.”



Chapter One

EARLY NEWBERRY HISTORY



Newberry

The name Newberry originated in England and Normandy. The family can be traced, without a break in lineage, back to **Torf**, Seigneur de Torville, who was a great Norman feudal baron, born about 920. He is the earliest historical progenitor of the Newberry or Newburgh family from whom a certain and unbroken male line can be traced. Torf, Seigneur de Torville was probably a grandson of one of the Viking chiefs who accompanied Rollo to Normandy. He possessed numerous lordships in Normandy, including Seigneur de Torville, Torcy, Torny, du Ponteauforf, etc. Torf, Seigneur de Torville married Ertemberge de Griquebec about 950. (*Sources: J. G. Bartlett: "Newberry Genealogy;" and "Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America" by The American Historical Company, Inc., New York. Mr. Bartlett quotes as his authority La Roque's "Histoire de la Maison de Harcourt," Vol. I, pp. 36-58. The complete, unbroken line, including the wives, is recorded in these books.*)

The name Newberry was derived during the time of William the Conqueror, from the castle of Newbourg in Normandy. Torf, Seigneur de Torville's great grandson, Roger de Beaumont, furnished sixty armed vessels to William the

Conqueror for the invasion of England. (After the Norman conquest of England, William the Conqueror was crowned the king of England in 1066.) Roger de Beaumont's son, Henry de Newburgh, Earl of Warwick, born about 1045, is the first of the line to use the name Newburgh. For more than five centuries in England, the name was usually spelled "Newburgh" by the successive heads of the house. From the year 1400, however, the name was pronounced "Newborough," and later Newberowe, Newberye, and Newberry. (*J. G. Bartlett: "Newberry Genealogy"*)

The original meaning of the name Newburgh or Newberry is "new town" and is believed to have meant "one who came from a new town." A different spelling of the same original surname is a common occurrence. Newbury and Newbery are other derivations of the name. Different spellings were usually used for the purpose of more specific identification.

THE NEWBERRY FAMILY IN AMERICA

All of the first Newberrys in America sailed from England to either Massachusetts or South Carolina. Our direct ancestors came to Massachusetts, and were the first of the Newberry family in America. Our Newberry line descended from Thomas Newberry, who was a direct descendant of Torf, Seigneur de Torville.

THOMAS NEWBERRY

Thomas Newberry was born November 10, 1594 in Yarcombe, County Devon, England. He was the son of Richard and Grace (Mathew) Newberye, Newberowe, or Newburgh. He was baptized at Yarcombe, County Devon, England on November 10, 1594. He received an excellent education for his time, and it is recorded that he studied law in London during several terms of the Court of Chancery.

Thomas Newberry married (first), ca 1619, Joane Dabinott, born about 1600, daughter of Christopher Dabinott of Yarcombe, County Devon. In addition to his

land in Yarcombe, Christopher Dabinott owned land in Chardstock, Marshwood and Upway, County Dorset. After the death of Christopher Dabinott in 1624, Thomas and Joane Newberry moved to Marshwood, County Dorset to live on the land that had belonged to her father. They occupied an estate called “Coweleyes.” Joane Dabinott Newberry died ca. 1629, leaving three sons and two daughters. Thomas married (second), ca. 1630, Jane Dabinott, who was probably a cousin of his first wife. Jane was the daughter of John and Johanne (Collins) Dabinott. Jane and Thomas Newberry had three daughters, giving Thomas a total of eight children, seven of which were born in England.

In his early manhood, the wave of Puritanism took a firm hold on England, and it is evident that Thomas Newberry embraced the Puritan faith. Thomas Newberry left for America with his wife Jane and seven children, along with many others, on April 17, 1634. They sailed on the ship “Mary & John” from Weymouth, England. They landed in Dorchester, Massachusetts in September 1634. Thomas Newberry was one of the earliest settlers and largest land proprietors of Dorchester, Massachusetts Colony.

Thomas’ first appearance on record is as a grantee of lands in Dorchester, Massachusetts on September 1, 1634. A short while after his arrival in Dorchester, Thomas Newberry purchased a house formerly built by Mr. William Pyncheon. He also acquired a large farm in what is now Atlantic. He evidently joined the Dorchester church soon after his arrival, as on September 3, 1634 he was admitted a Freeman, for which church membership was then a requisite. Being a prominent figure in public affairs, he was chosen First Selectman on October 28, 1634. He was also a deputy for Dorchester to the General Court of Massachusetts, held at “Newe Towne,” now Cambridge.

Thomas Newberry was an active leader in the project of settling Windsor, Connecticut, but his sudden death brought an end to all his arrangements for moving there with his family. His will was dated October 12, 1635, and he died in December 1635. Because of his high social position, Thomas Newberry was termed “Mr.” in

all records of him found in New England. His excellent education, his abundant wealth and his natural abilities would undoubtedly have assured him a very prominent place in early New England history, had he not died prematurely.

Thomas Newberry had planned to move to Windsor, Connecticut with a group of people led by Rev. John Warham. His widow, Jane Newberry, and their seven children moved with the group to Windsor in 1636. Jane married Rev. John Warham (as his second wife) in 1637 in Windsor, Connecticut. Jane died at Norwalk, Connecticut at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Newberry Hanford, on April 23, 1655.

The children of Thomas Newberry, being well descended and possessing ample financial means, naturally assumed a prominent position in the Connecticut Colony. They became connected by marriage with some of the first families of Windsor, also prominent in the Connecticut Colony. The family showed a large preponderance of engineers, surveyors and pioneer merchants. Many of his descendants have become very prominent figures in American history.

Thomas Newberry's children by his first marriage to Joane Dabinott (all born in England):

1. **Joseph** (born about 1620)
2. **Sarah** (born about 1622; came with her father to New England in 1634; married in Windsor, Connecticut on November 18, 1641, Honorable Henry Wolcott, who was born in Tolland, County Somerset, England, January 21, 1610-11.)
3. **Major Benjamin** (born about 1624; came to Dorchester, Massachusetts with his father and moved to Windsor with his stepmother; was active in public office for 33 years as well as military affairs. He accumulated a very large estate. He married in Windsor, June 11, 1646, Mary Allyn, who was born in England about 1628. She was the daughter of Honorable Matthew and Margaret [Wyott] Allyn, later of Windsor. She died December 14, 1703. Major Benjamin Newberry died in Windsor on September 11, 1689.)

4. **Mary** (baptized in County Dorset on October 22, 1626; married in Windsor, Connecticut on June 13, 1644 to Captain Daniel Clark, secretary of the Connecticut Colony.)
5. **John** (baptized on February 19, 1628-29; came to Massachusetts with his father)

Thomas Newberry's children by his second marriage to Jane Dabinott:

6. **Rebecca** (born in England about 1631; died in November 1688; married, about 1652, Rev. John Russell, who was born in England about 1626)
7. **Hannah** (born in England about 1633; died before 1661; married, about 1653, Thomas Hanford, who was born in England about 1622)
8. **A daughter** (born in Massachusetts about 1635; died young)

(For early Newberry history in England and Connecticut, see: *The Newberry Genealogy*, by Helen Bourne Joy Lee, published in 1975 by The Pequot Press, Inc., Chester, Connecticut. *American Families*, by The American Historical Society, Inc., New York. *Newberry Genealogy*, by J. G. Bartlett. *Ancient Windsor*, by Stiles, Vol. II.)