

Lucy Bearse, Wife of Ezekiel Bryant of Plympton, Massachusetts: A John Howland Line

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The descent of Lucy Bearse⁶ (*Austin*⁵, *James*⁴, *Experience*³ *Howland*, *John*², *John*¹) from John Howland does not appear in Elizabeth Pearson White's *John Howland of the Mayflower, Volume 2*, as there was a disagreement at the time as to whether Experience³ Howland was a man or a woman. E. P. White wrote that "There is no proof that she married James Bearse of Barnstable, who moved to Halifax, Massachusetts. Experience was considered a man until 1930 [*sic*] when the Bearse Genealogy suggested that this Experience might have been a woman who could then have married James Bearse. No proof has been found for such a marriage."¹

In recent years, evidence has been found to that shows Experience³ Howland was indeed the wife of James Bearse.² The General Society of Mayflower Descendants now accepts applications through James and Experience (Howland) Bearse and has accepted at least one through their son James Bearse Jr. and his wife Abiah Ford.³

The purpose of this article is to partially fill the gap left by Elizabeth Pearson White's omission of the descendants from Experience Howland by providing the *Mayflower* descent of her great-granddaughter, Lucy (Bearse) Bryant, wife of Ezekiel Bryant of Halifax. The article also identifies Lucy and Ezekiel's three children who were mentioned, but not named, in the will of their grandfather Nathaniel Bryant.

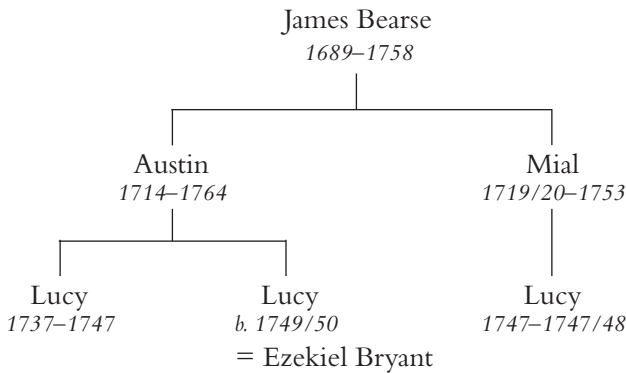
¹ Elizabeth Pearson White, *John Howland of the Mayflower, Volume 2: The First Five Generations: Documented Descendants Through his second child John² Howland and his wife, Mary Lee* (Rockland, Maine: Picton Press, 1993), 21; Fannie Louisa (Steed) Meadows and Jennie M. Ames, *Genealogical Records of Austin Bearse (or Bearce) of Barnstable, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A.* (Cleveland, Ohio: typescript, 1933), 6. The surname Bearse is also seen as Bearce, Bierce, and Beirce.

² Iris M. Gray, "Was Experience³ Howland the wife of James² Bearse/Bierce of Barnstable, Massachusetts?," *TAG* 83 (2008): 122-126; Eldon W. Gay, "Experience (Howland?), wife of James² Bearse of Barnstable and Plympton, Massachusetts – Further Circumstantial Support for Her Proposed Identification," *TAG* 88 (2016): 31-36.

³ GSMD no. 94148.

Who was Lucy Bearse, Wife of Ezekiel Bryant?

Lucy Bearse has been said to be the daughter of Mial and Elizabeth “Betty” (Sears) Bearse, born at Halifax, Massachusetts, 1 November 1747.⁴ This claim cannot be true, as Mial’s daughter Lucy died three months later on 17 February 1747/48.⁵ Although the cause of death of Mial’s daughter Lucy is not given in the town records, she died in the midst of an outbreak, described as “putrid sore throat fatal in many towns of Massachusetts,” most likely present-day diphtheria.⁶ Mial’s brother Austin Bearse and his wife Hannah (Stetson) Bearse lost three children during the outbreak, just four months earlier in October 1747, including an eldest child also named Lucy. Mial’s daughter Lucy was born just a few days after the death of Austin’s daughter Lucy and was likely named after her.⁷ Mial Bearse died a few years later at Halifax 23 March 1753,⁸ and in 1762, presumably after the death of his widow, his brother Austin was named guardian of Mial’s two surviving children, Mial Jr. and Obadiah.⁹



⁴ William Carroll Hill, “Memoirs of the Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society,” *Register* 102 (1948): 69, gives Lucy (Bearse) Bryant’s birth date as that of Mial’s daughter Lucy, 1 Nov. 1747; Meadows and Ames, *Genealogical records of Austin Bearse (or Bearce) of Barnstable, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A.: A.D. 1638 to A.D. 1933*, 27, which states Lucy, daughter of Mial, married Ezekiel Bryant, but adds the caveat, “Other records show that this child died young on Feb. 17, 1747/8; fuller investigation may change this record.”

⁵ Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734–1856, FHL #7009635, image 16.

⁶ *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Vol. 10, Second Issue* (Boston: Phelps and Farnham, 1823), 221.

⁷ Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734–1856, FHL #7009635, image 16. Lucy, daughter of Austin Bearse, died 26 Oct. 1747. Lucy, daughter of Mial Bearse, was born 1 Nov. 1747.

⁸ Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734–1856, FHL #7009635, image 17.

⁹ Plymouth County Probates Records no. 1769, 6 December 1762, Austin Bearse appointed guardian for Mial Jr. and Obadiah, sons of Mial Bearse.

Austin Bearse died a widower at Halifax 3 May 1764, two years after being appointed guardian of his brother Mial's children.¹⁰ Ebenezer Briggs was named as the new guardian for Mial's sons Mial Jr. and Obadiah.¹¹ Ignatius Loring was named the guardian of Austin's children: Austin Jr., Lucy, Abiah, and Sarah.¹²

Austin and Hannah (Stetson) Bearse's first daughter Lucy was baptized at the First Church, Pembroke, Massachusetts, 9 October 1737 and died at Halifax 26 October 1747 during the diphtheria outbreak.¹³ Austin and Hannah's second daughter Lucy was baptized at the Church of Christ in Halifax 4 February 1749/50.¹⁴ This second Lucy Bearse married Ezekiel Bryant, son of Nathaniel and Zerviah (Curtis) Bryant, at Halifax 31 October 1768 (int. 23 October 1768).¹⁵

Identifying the Children of Ezekiel and Lucy (Bearse) Bryant

No births or baptisms have been found for the children of Ezekiel and Lucy (Bearse) Bryant. Ezekiel purportedly died on a trip to St. Thomas, West Indies, about six years after his marriage.¹⁶ His wife Lucy was appointed administratrix of his estate 5 December 1774, but there is no mention of any minor children in the probate records.¹⁷ No further records have been found for Lucy in Halifax, but she possibly followed her family to Cornwall, Connecticut, and later Sheffield, Massachusetts.

Ezekiel Bryant's father Nathaniel died almost two decades after his son at Plympton, Massachusetts, 6 December 1793, and left a will dated 6 January 1786. Nathaniel mentions "the three children of my son Ezekiel Bryant deceased" and later calls them "my three grandchildren," unnamed. Ezekiel Bryant and Lucy Bearse were married at Halifax 31 October 1768, and Ezekiel was called "late of Plimton" in his 1774 probate record. His three children were born at Plympton between 1768 and 1774.

¹⁰ *MF5G*, 10, Fuller (2013), 27; *MF5G*, 9, Eaton (1996), 63; gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial #67878412).

¹¹ Plymouth County Probate Records no. 1769, 5 Oct. 1764, Ebenezer Briggs appointed guardian for Mial Jr. and Obadiah, sons of Mial Bearse.

¹² Plymouth County Probates Records no. 1771, 7 May 1764, Ignatius Loring appointed guardian for Austin Jr., Lucy, Abiah, and Sarah, children of Austin Bearse.

¹³ *Vital records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 33 (baptism); Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734-1856, FHL #7009635, image 16 (death).

¹⁴ *Records of the Church of Christ in Halifax, 1734*, Archive.org (Handwritten book of church records beginning 16 October 1734), 38.

¹⁵ Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734-1856, FHL #7009635, image 160 (marriage), image 183 (intention). This marriage was also recorded at Plympton, Mass. (FHL #7009762, image 123); D. Alden Smith, "The Descendants of Stephen Bryant of Plymouth, and of His Son-In-Law, Lt. John Bryant of Plympton," *Register* 154 (2000): 243.

¹⁶ Hill, "Memoirs of the Deceased Members," 69.

¹⁷ Plymouth County Probates Records no. 3134.

In 1948, George Clarke Bryant, a descendant of Ezekiel, appeared in the *Register's* memoirs section after his death the previous year.¹⁸ He was a life member of NEHGS and a “valued contributor to *The Register*.” George also wrote genealogical articles for the *Boston Transcript* and *Hartford Times*. The memoir identifies a son of Ezekiel and Lucy as Ezekiel [Jr.], “born 18 Aug. 1772 and died 9 Jan. 1830, a farmer of Sheffield, Mass., who married in Cornwall, Conn., 6 May 1798, Mercy Northrop, daughter of Enos and Anna Northrop.” A similar memoir had been published in the 1931 *Register* for George’s sister Anne Elizabeth (Bryant) Bassett.¹⁹

On 28 January 1830, the following death notice appeared in the *Berkshire Journal*, “In Sheffield, on the 12th inst. [*sic*] Mr. Calvin Bryant aged 55. Also in the same place, on the 16th inst. [*sic*] Mr. Ezekiel Bryant, aged 57. The deceased were brothers and both died of the Pleurisy.”²⁰ Calvin Bryant’s birthdate was said to be 10 May 1774.²¹ That Calvin and Ezekiel were brothers is confirmed by Calvin’s will: “I do hereby appoint my brother Ezekiel Bryant & John M. Miller [a son-in-law] executors of this my last will and testament.” Ezekiel died before Calvin’s will was presented to the probate court.²²

Land records, migration, naming patterns, and birth dates show that the eldest child, and only daughter, of Ezekiel and Lucy (Bearse) Bryant was Zerviah Bryant, born 20 June 1770.²³ The births of the three children—Zerviah (1770), Ezekiel (1772), and Calvin (1774)—fit nicely between their parents’ 1768 marriage and their father Ezekiel’s 1774 death.

Naming patterns also support Zerviah as the daughter of Ezekiel and Lucy (Bearse) Bryant. Ezekiel [Sr.] was the son of Nathaniel and Zerviah (Curtis) Bryant, who also had a daughter Zerviah, wife of Ephraim Holmes Jr. Thus, Ezekiel named his daughter Zerviah for her grandmother and/or aunt. The name Zerviah is not found in the

¹⁸ Hill, “Memoirs of the Deceased Members,” 69–70.

¹⁹ Harold Clarke Durrell, “Memoirs of Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society,” *Register* 85 (1931): 228.

²⁰ *Berkshire Journal* (Lenox, Mass.), 28 Jan. 1830, p. 3 (Calvin’s and Ezekiel’s death notices). The death dates given were exactly one week later than the actual death dates. Calvin died 5 Jan. 1830 and Ezekiel died 9 Jan. 1830.

²¹ *Lineages of Members of the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, To January 1, 1929* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988), 108; DAR application for Helen Granniss, no. 205215, citing family Bibles and records in possession of Mrs. Georgia Miller Sharkey.

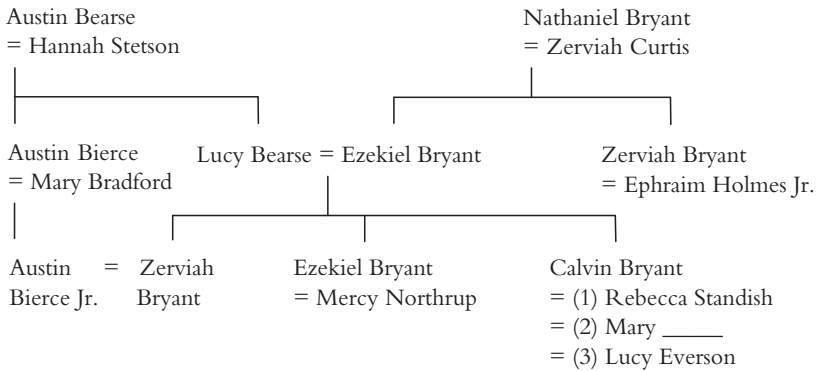
²² Berkshire County Probate Records, no. 4979, will of Calvin Bryant, dated 30 Dec. 1829, proved 6 April 1830.

²³ Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack Graveyard Burials, gravestone transcriptions online at ClaverackReformedChurch.org/cemetery/, inscriptions transcribed between summer 2001 and summer 2003 by church organist Andrea Mastrianni who cross-referenced her transcriptions with earlier ones from Aug. 1935 by Minnie Cowen.

Bryant family before the marriage of Nathaniel Bryant and Zerviah Curtis.²⁴

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 22 – William Bradford documents the migration of Lucy (Bearse) Bryant's brother Austin Bierce from Plymouth County to Cornwall, where his children were born, including an Austin [Jr].²⁵

Austin Bierce/Bearse Jr. married his first cousin, the younger Zerviah Bryant, on 27 November 1792 at Cornwall,²⁶ where her brother Ezekiel is said to have married Mercy Northrup,²⁷ and her brother Calvin purchased land on 7 December 1796 from the estate of Samuel Everson, his future father-in-law.²⁸ The chart below outlines these kinships.



The Bierce family left Cornwall for Sheffield, Massachusetts, in 1796.²⁹ They spent the next decade in Sheffield, where land records include several sales for Austin Bierce, Austin Bierce Jr., Ezekiel Bryant, and Calvin Bryant. Land records also show other interactions between the Bierce and Bryant families whose lands were adjacent.

²⁴ The search for the name Zerviah in the Bryant family prior to the marriage of Nathaniel Bryant and Zerviah Curtis was undertaken online at AmericanAncestors.org, FamilySearch.org, and Ancestry.com. Descendants of Stephen Bryant, immigrant ancestor of Ezekiel Bryant, are found in D. Alden Smith, "The Descendants of Stephen Bryant of Plymouth, and of His Son-In-Law, Lt. John Bryant of Plympton," *Register* 153 (1999): 413-434; 154 (2000): 41-60, 227-243 (which includes the family of Nathaniel and Zerviah [Curtis] Bryant on pp. 241-243), 370-374, 477-498; 155 (2001): 189-211.

²⁵ MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 489-491.

²⁶ Rev. Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800, Fifth Book* (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1902), 25.

²⁷ Hill, "Memoirs of the Deceased members," 69, gives the Bryant/Northrup marriage date as 6 May 1798; A. Judd Northrup, *The Northrup-Northrop Genealogy* (New York: The Grafton Press, 1908), 29, gives this date as 6 May 1796, two years earlier.

²⁸ Connecticut Probate Records, Litchfield District, 1787, no. 2027, estate of Samuel Everson of Cornwall.

²⁹ MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 489-491.

Ezekiel Bryant bought land on 31 December 1801 from David Smith where the first described boundary was the southwest corner of Austin Bierce's land.³⁰

Calvin Bryant bought two parcels of land, 55 acres and 2 acres, on 25 December 1802 from Austin Bierce. The smaller parcel is described as "the other piece of land being where the said Bryant's dwelling house stands bounded as follows beginning at corner of the fence E[ast] of said Bryant's house."³¹

Austin Bierce Jr. bought from his father on 15 June 1805 land "bounded firstly on the N[orth] E[ast] of Calvin Bryant's land."³²

Calvin Bryant bought land on 6 April 1809 from Salmon Willoby. This land was adjacent to land already owned by Calvin Bryant and other land "lately belonging to Austin Bierce Jr."³³

Austin Bierce and Austin Beirce Jr. moved their families to Claverack, New York, where father and son bought a farm together in 1805.³⁴ Calvin and his brother Ezekiel remained at Sheffield where they both died in January 1830. Their sister Zerviah died at Claverack 10 May 1839.³⁵

Genealogical Summary

1. AUSTIN BEARSE⁵, son of James⁴ (*Experience³ Howland, John², John¹*) and Abiah (Ford) Bearse, was born at Plympton, Massachusetts, 16 July 1714. He died at Halifax, Massachusetts, 3 May 1764 and was buried there at Sturtevant Cemetery.³⁶

Austin married, first, at Pembroke, Massachusetts, 21 October 1736, **HANNAH STETSON**. She was born 24 July 1719 (calculated from age on gravestone). Hannah died at Halifax 9 September 1756 and is buried there at Sturtevant Cemetery. Austin married, second, after 19 September 1756 (marriage intention), **SARAH⁵ (FULLER)⁶ STURTEVANT** (*Nathaniel⁴ Fuller⁵, Samuel³, Samuel², Samuel¹; Mercy³ Eaton⁴ [wife of Samuel³ Fuller], Samuel², Francis¹; Martha³ Billington [wife of Samuel³ Eaton], Francis², John¹*), widow of Isaac Sturtevant⁵ (*Fear Cushman⁴, Isaac Cushman³, Mary² Allerton, Isaac¹*). Sarah was born at Plympton 28 September 1712, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha

³⁰ Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986, FHL #7464301, Images 112. Austin Bierce's name is spelled "Austin Baſ," using the colonial *f* for the soft *s*, and no *r*.

³¹ Berkshire County Deeds, 41:579, FHL #7464300, image 594.

³² Berkshire County Deeds, 41:335–336, FHL #7464300, images 520–521.

³³ Berkshire County Deeds, 41:335, FHL #7464303, image 520.

³⁴ MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 489–491.

³⁵ Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack Graveyard Burials.

³⁶ GSMD no. 941481; MF5G, 10, Fuller (2013), 27; MF5G, 9, Eaton (1996), 63; *Vital records of Plympton, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1923), 16; gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial # 67878412).

(Sampson) Fuller. Sarah died at Halifax 21 July 1763 and was also buried at Sturtevant Cemetery.³⁷

Children of Austin and Hannah (Stetson) Bearse⁵, births of children i.-iii., v.-vi., recorded at Halifax; children ii.-viii. were baptized at Church of Christ, Halifax; children i.-iv. died at Halifax:³⁸

- i. LUCY BEARSE⁶, b. 19 April 1737, bap. First Church, Pembroke, Mass., 9 Oct. 1737; d. 26 Oct. 1747.
- ii. ABIAH BEARSE, b. 9 Aug. 1739, bap. 19 Aug. 1739; d. 19 Oct. 1747.
- iii. ZEBULON BEARSE, b. 19 Jan. 1741/42, bap. 24 Jan. 1741/42; d. 24 March 1745.
- iv. JABEZ BEARSE, b. 17 Feb. 1743/44, bap. 26 Feb. 1743/44; d. 31 Oct. 1747.
- v. HANNAH BEARSE, b. 27 Jan. 1745/46, bap. 2 Feb. 1745/46; d. 24 March 1745[46].³⁹
- 2 vi. AUSTIN BEARSE, b. 31 Jan. 1747/48, bap. 31 Jan. 1747/48.
- 3 vii. LUCY BEARSE, bap. 4 Feb. 1749/50.
- viii. ABIAH BEARSE, bap. 9 Feb. 1752.
- ix. SARAH BEARSE, b. ca. 1754; d. after 19 Jan. 1797; m. Plympton, Mass., 17 Oct. 1773, SAMUEL EVERSON.⁴⁰ Sarah and Samuel's daughter Lucy married Calvin Bryant (*3iii below*).

2. **AUSTIN BEARSE/BIERCE**⁶ (*Austin*⁵, *James*⁴, *Experience*³ *Howland*, *John*², *John*¹) was born at Halifax, Massachusetts, 31 January 1747/48. He died at Claverack, New York, 22 May 1821, and is buried there at Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery.

Austin married at Plympton, Massachusetts, 1 December 1768, **MARY**⁵ **BRADFORD**^{6-6-6, 5} (*Joshua*⁴ *Bradford*⁵⁻⁵⁻⁵, *Israel*³, *William*², *William*¹; *Sarah Bartlett*⁵⁻⁵⁻⁵ [wife of *Israel*³ *Bradford*], *Benjamin Bartlett*⁴⁻⁴, *Benjamin Bartlett*³, *Mary*² *Warren*, *Richard*¹; *Sarah*³ *Brewster* [wife of *Benjamin Bartlett*³], *Love*², *William*¹; *Ruth Pabodie*³ [wife of *Benjamin Bartlett*⁴⁻⁴], *Elizabeth*² *Alden*, *John*¹; *Hannah*⁴ *Bradford* [wife of *Joshua*⁴ *Bradford*⁵⁻⁵⁻⁵], *Elisha*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹). She was born at Kingston, Massachusetts, 16 March 1744,

³⁷ *Vital records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the year 1850*, 236; George Ernest Bowman, *Vital Records of the Town of Halifax, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849* (Boston: MSMD, 1905), 59; *MF5G*, 9, Eaton (1996), 62-63; *MF5G*, 10, Fuller (2013), 37; *MF5G*, 17, Allerton (1998), 134-135; gravestone images at FindAGrave.com (memorials #67878414 [Hannah] and #67878413 [Sarah]).

³⁸ Halifax, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1734-1856, FHL #7009635, images 169 and 16; *Records of the Church of Christ in Halifax, 1734*, 20 (Abiah), 29 (Zebulon), 38 (Jabez, Hannah, Austin, Lucy, Abiah). *MF5G*, 9, Eaton (1996), 63, and *MF5G*, 10, Fuller (1996), 37, added two sons, both named William. No evidence was found these additions

³⁹ Meadows and Ames, *Genealogical records of Austin Bearse (or Bearce) of Barnstable, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A.: A.D. 1638 to A.D. 1933*, 26, gives Hannah's death as 24 March 1745, on the same day as her brother Zebulon's death, which may be an error since only Zebulon's death is found in the Halifax Town Records.

⁴⁰ *Vital records of Plympton*, 316 (marriage); Connecticut Probate Records, Litchfield District, 1787, no. 2027, estate of Samuel Everson of Cornwall. "Sarah the widow" is mentioned in the distribution of her husband's estate 19 Jan. 1797.

daughter of Joshua and Hannah (Bradford) Bradford. Mary died at Claverack 21 June 1822, and is buried there at Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery.⁴¹

Children of Austin and Mary (Bradford) Bierce⁶, all born Cornwall, Conn., and baptized there at the First Congregational Church, first three together on 3 April 1774:⁴²

- i. AUSTIN BIERCE JR.⁷, b. 28 Oct. 1769; m. (his cousin) ZERVIAH BRYANT (*3i below*).
- ii. ZEBULON BIERCE, b. 5 Sept. 1772; d. Cornwall 20 April 1776.⁴³
- iii. HANNAH BIERCE, b. 18 Jan. 1774.
- iv. WINSLOW BIERCE, b. 21 Sept. 1775, bap. 28 Oct. 1775; d. 20 Dec. 1855, bur. Wesoller Cem., Delaware, Ohio; m. (1) MARTHA HUBBARD; m. (2) PHEBE _____; m. (3) MARGARET (JOHNSTON) HADLEY.⁴⁴

3. **LUCY BEARSE**⁶ (*Austin*⁵, *James*⁴, *Experience*³ *Howland*, *John*², *John*¹) was baptized at Pembroke, Massachusetts, 4 February 1749/50. She died sometime after 5 December 1774 (administratrix of husband's estate). Lucy married at Halifax, Massachusetts, 31 October 1768, **EZEKIEL BRYANT**. He was born at Plympton, Massachusetts, 16 June 1746, son of Nathaniel and Zerviah (Curtis) Bryant. Ezekiel died at St. Thomas, West Indies, before 3 December 1774 (inventory).⁴⁵

Children of Ezekiel and Lucy (Bearse) Bryant⁶, all probably born at Plympton:

- i. ZERVIAH BRYANT⁷, b. 20 June 1770; d. 10 May 1839, bur. Dutch Reformed Church Cem., Claverack, N.Y.; m. her cousin AUSTIN BIERCE JR.⁴⁶ (*2i above*).
- ii. EZEKIEL BRYANT, b. 18 Aug. 1772; d. Sheffield, Mass., 9 Jan. 1830, bur. Ward Cem., Sheffield; m. MERCY NORTHRUP.⁴⁷

⁴¹ MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 489.

⁴² MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 490-491; Cornwall, Conn., First Congregational Church Records, 1755-1892, FHL #8140786, image 12.

⁴³ MF5G, 22, Bradford (2004), 491; Cornwall Vital Records (Barbour), 2:12.

⁴⁴ Gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial #45670147 [Winslow "Burce"]); Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack Graveyard Burials, Martha's grave; gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial #13525536 [Phebe]); Delaware County, Ohio Marriage Records, 1:349, FHL #391394, image 189 (1842 marriage of Winslow and Margaret); Knox County, Ohio Marriage Records, 1808-1838, 228, FHL #1294304, image 150 (1831 marriage of Smith Hadley and Margaret Johnston); Delaware County, Ohio Probate Records, no. 2229, Margaret Bierce's will, dated 2 March 1871.

⁴⁵ *Records of the Church of Christ in Halifax, 1734*, 38 (Lucy's baptism); Plympton Vital Records, 10:211, FHL #7009762, image 123; Smith, "The Descendants of Stephen Bryant," Register 154 (2000): 243; *Vital records of Plympton*, 45 (birth); Plymouth County Probate Records, no. 3134 (Ezekiel Bryant); Hill, "Memoirs of the Deceased members," 69, memorial for descendant George Clarke Bryant.

⁴⁶ Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, Fifth Book, 25; Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack Graveyard Burials.

⁴⁷ Hill, "Memoirs of the Deceased members," 69; Northrup, *The Northrup-Northrop Genealogy*, 29; *Berkshire Journal* (Lenox, Mass.), 28 Jan. 1830, p. 3; gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial #71387156).

- iii. CALVIN BRYANT, b. 10 May 1774; d. Sheffield 5 Jan. 1830, bur. Ward Cem.; m. (1) REBECCA STANDISH; m. (2) MARY ____; m. (3) his cousin LUCY EVERSON⁴⁸ (*1ix above*).

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⁴⁸ Richard Hall, "Rebecca Standish, Wife of Calvin Bryant of Sheffield, Massachusetts: A Myles Standish, John Alden, and James Chilton Line," *MD* 71 (2023): 61–67; *Lineages of Members of the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, To January 1, 1929*, 108; DAR application for Helen Granniss, no. 205215, citing family Bibles and records in possession of Mrs. Georgia Miller Sharkey; Sheffield, Massachusetts, Vital Records, FHL #7897702, image 265 (third marriage); *Berkshire Journal* (Lenox, Mass.), 28 Jan. 1830, p. 3; gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (Rebecca: memorial #71387201); gravestone image at FindAGrave.com (memorial #71387139), inscription for Calvin Bryant and his wives Mary and Lucy including death dates and ages. Thomas Edmunds "Tom" Price (b. 1954), former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, is a great-great-grandson of Calvin and Rebecca (Standish) Bryant.