

JEFFRIES OF MASSACHUSETTS
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THE name of Jeffries signifies "at peace with God."

Ancient genealogical data relates to this family, for example, its members in the present generation are descendants in the thirty-fifth generation of Leofric, Earl of Chester, who was himself a descendant of the Kings of Mercia who ruled in antiquity over Coventry, Chester, and Oxford. If Scotch and Norman chronicles are respected the family is descended from equally ancient heroes.

This small book will, however, fail to mention gentlemen preceding Colonial America, not through distrust of foreign genealogies, but because it is intended to tell of the gallant men who did their share to found America, and whose genealogies are already recorded by inimitable writers.

JEFFRIES COAT OF ARMS

Shield. — Sable, a lion rampant or, between three scaling ladders or.

Crest.—On a mount vert, a castle with two towers or.

Motto.—*Fac recte et nil time.*

II.

DAVID JEFFRIES, Esq., the son of David Jeffries, Esq., was born at Rhoad, in Wiltshire, England, November 18, 1658. Jeffries arrived in Boston on May 9, 1677, eighteen years of age. He died at Boston, November 10, 1742, eighty-three years old.

Married at Boston, September 15, 1686, Elizabeth Usher, born at Boston, June 18, 1669, died there June 17, 1698. Mrs. Jeffries was daughter of John Usher, Royal Lieutenant and Acting Governor of New Hampshire 1692-1697 and 1704-1715, Treasurer and Receiver General of New England, who paid from his own pocket the cost of many Indian wars, which moneys the Colonies omitted to return. Her mother was Elizabeth Lidgett, the daughter of Col. Lidgett.

Issue of David Jeffries, Esq., and Elizabeth [Usher] Jeffries.

1. Jane Jeffries, born July 4, 1687; died March 13, 1703.

2. John Jeffries, born February 5, 1689; died December 15, 1777; married September 24, 1713, Anne Clarke, born September 24, 1696, died September 26, 1775. Issue Anne Jeffries, born June 25, 1720, died August 23, 1720.

3. Elizabeth Jeffries, born February 12, 1691; died July 25, 1737; first married January 13, 1708, Charles Shepreve, Esq., who died May 28, 1717, and had issue; married second, after 1717, Benjamin Elliott.

4. Rebecca Jeffries, born December 9, 1693; died July 2, 1721; married August 9, 1711, Ebenezer Wentworth, and had issue.

5. David Jeffries as continued.

6. Sarah Jeffries, born May 4, 1695; died January 12, 1734; married January 10, 1710, the Hon. George Jaffrey, Chief Justice of New Hampshire.

7. Frances Jeffries, born July 12, 1696; and died October 7, 1714.

8. Peter Jeffries, born November 18, 1697; died September 14, 1698.

III.

DAVID JEFFRIES, Esq., the son of David Jeffries, Esq., was born at Boston, June 15, 1690. He graduated from Harvard in 1708, and upon graduation was listed as first in his class. In 1716 he travelled to England as Agent of Massachusetts. He set about the return voyage aboard the "Amity" in September of 1716; but this ship was wrecked off Dungeness, on September 13, 1716, and save for one person, all souls on board were lost.

Married on March 18, 1713, in Boston, Katherine Eyre, born July 20, 1694, and died at Boston, May 6, 1760. Mrs. Jeffries was a daughter of Capt. John Eyre, the famous Indian fighter, and his wife Katherine Brattle. She was the granddaughter of Thomas Brattle who led many expeditions against the Indians, was envoy to King Philip, and a founder of the Old South Church; and great-granddaughter of Capt. William Tyng, Treasurer of Massachusetts Bay.

Issue of David Jeffries, Esq., and Catherine [Eyre] Jeffries.

1. David Jeffries, as continued.

IV.

DAVID JEFFRIES, Esq., son of David Jeffries, Esq., grandson of David Jeffries, Esq., and great grandson of David Jeffries, Esq., was born at Boston on October 23, 1714. He graduated from Harvard, A. B., in 1732, A. M., in 1735; and died at Boston, December 26, 1785.

First married on October 21, 1741, his cousin, Sarah Jaffrey, born on March 25, 1722, died July 11, 1753. Mrs. Jeffries was the daughter of George Jaffrey, Chief Justice of New Hampshire, and his wife, Sarah Jeffries, previously noted. Mrs. Jeffries was the granddaughter of George Jaffrey, Councillor, Representative, and Speaker of the Assembly of New Hampshire, and holder of broad grants.

Issue of David Jeffries, Esq., and Sarah [Jaffrey] Jeffries.

1. John Jeffries, born July 10, 1742; died November 6, 1743.

2. David Jeffries, born September 6, 1743; died February 1762.

3. John Jeffries as continued.

4. George Jeffries, born July 13, 1746; and died July 15, 1746.

5. Katharine Jeffries, born April 5, 1748; and died before 1823.

6. Ann Jeffries, born November 8, 1749; died March 22, 1793; married John Eddy, and had issue.

7. Sarah Jeffries, born June 5, 1751; died October 24, 1753.

8. Elizabeth Jeffries, born May 27, 1752; died May 31, 1752.

Married second, in 1755, Deborah Lyde who died May 1767, granddaughter of Gov. Belcher.

Issue of David Jeffries, Esq., and Deborah [Lyde] Jeffries.

1. Deborah Jeffries, born January 10, 1756; died about 1810.

2. Andrew Belcher Jeffries, born July 31, 1757; died August, 1757.

3. Sarah Jeffries, born November 13, 1761; died July 6, 1825; married Rev. Joseph Eckley, pastor of the Old South Church, and had issue.

Married third, August 17, 1768, Hannah Winslow, who died December 10, 1783.

Married fourth, November 2, 1784, Sarah, widow of Henry Rhoads, Esq.

V.

DR. JOHN JEFFRIES, son of David Jeffries, Esq., was born at Boston, February 5, 1745. He graduated from Harvard A. B., 1763, A. M., 1766; and further studied abroad, receiving the degree of M. D. from Aberdeen, and honorary M. D. from Harvard. He began practice at Boston in 1769, and there his house became the Royalist headquarters. Upon the outbreak of the Revolution he sent his family to England. He himself went with the troops to Halifax, and was made Surgeon-General of His Majesty's forces in America. After distinguished service in the fleet off South Carolina, he went, after peace was declared, to England. Here he was offered the Surgeon-Generalship of India, and declined it. On March 1, 1785 Dr. Jeffries was made a Baron of the Cinq Ports. While in England he made two notable balloon ascensions, one in 1785 from England into France, being the first man to cross the English Channel by air. He returned to Boston in 1789, where he had an extensive practice. He was a man of many scientific interests, and a great surgeon. Dr. Jeffries died at Boston, September 16, 1819, aged seventy-four years.

First married, about 1770, Sarah Rhoades, who died at London, January 19, 1780.

Issue of Dr. John Jeffries and Sarah [Rhoades] Jeffries.

1. John Jeffries, born December 15, 1772; died December, 1772.

2. John Jeffries, born January 17, 1774; and died September 5, 1796, at Paris, on his way to Russia.

3. Ann Jeffries, born August 27, 1775; died April 29, 1807; married 1800, Samuel Brown, and had issue.

Married second, September 8, 1787, at London, Hannah Hunt, born November 4, 1764, at London, died September 27, 1835, at Boston; daughter of William Hunt, Esq., of London.

Issue of Dr. John Jeffries and Hannah [Hunt] Jeffries.

1. Harriet Maria Jeffries, born at London, December 3, 1788; smothered May 6, 1789.

2. George Jaffrey Jeffries, born at Boston, December 21, 1789; and died May 4, 1856; married January 18, 1814, Clementina Matilda Wethered, of Baltimore, had issue, now extinct.

3. Robinson Ardesoif Jeffries, born at Boston, January 7, 1791; burnt to death February 24, 1796.

4. Edward Jeffries, born February 13, 1792; died June 9, 1813.

5. Harriet Maria Jeffries, born February 26, 1793 ; died February 20, 1796.

6. Eyre Massey Jeffries, born September 11, 1794 ; died in Santa Martha, South America, on July 6, 1826.

7. John Jeffries as continued.

8. Catherine Matilda Jeffries, born May 23, 1797 ; died March 15, 1859 ; married Charles Chauncey Haven, of Portsmouth, and had issue.

9. Julia Ann Jeffries, born November 15, 1800 ; died February 8, 1874 ; married June 12, 1820, Thomas Jeffries Eckley, and had issue.

10. Sarah Augusta Jeffries, born June 21, 1804 ; died August 14, 1830.

VI.

DR. JOHN JEFFRIES, son of Dr. John Jeffries, Baron of the Cinq Ports, was born at Boston, March 23, 1796, and died at Boston, July 16, 1876, aged eighty years. He graduated from Harvard A. B. in 1815, A. M. in 1818; M. D. in 1819. He also received the degree of M. D. from Brown in 1825. He was a distinguished physician; and lived at Boston, where he practiced fifty-seven years.

Married November 8, 1820, at Boston, Anne Geyer Amory, born at Boston, May 14, 1802, died at Mattapoisett, Mass., June 24, 1882, eighty years of age. Mrs. Jeffries was the daughter of Rufus Greene Amory, Esq., descended from Jonathan Amory, Treasurer, Advocate-General, and Speaker of the House of South Carolina; from John Greene, Assistant of Roger Williams who founded Rhode Island; Thomas Greene, Assistant of Rhode Island; and Arthur Mackworth, one of the original patentees of Maine. Mrs. Jeffries' mother was Anne von Geyer, daughter of Frederick William von Geyer, and granddaughter of Friederich Rudolph von Geyer.

Issue of Dr. John Jeffries and Anne Geyer [Amory] Jeffries.

1. Catherine Amory Jeffries, born October 10, 1821; died July 9, 1910.
2. John Jeffries as continued.
3. Ann McLean Jeffries, born March 15, 1826; and died October 6, 1874.
4. Sarah Augusta Jeffries, born July 17, 1828; died August 20, 1912; married April 28, 1851, Charles Lowell Andrews, and had issue.
5. George Jaffrey Jeffries, born December 23, 1830; died September 20, 1853.
6. Benjamin Joy Jeffries, born at Boston, March 26, 1833; Harvard, 1854; first man to demonstrate in England the use of ether ^{versus chloroform}; married January 4, 1872, Marian, ^{Marian Harist} daughter of Charles Franklin Shimmin and ~~Sarah~~ Parkman. Issue Charles Shimmin Jeffries, born at Boston, October 5, 1877; died December 18, 1895; Marian Jeffries, born March 25, 1881.
7. Edward Payson Jeffries, born August 1, 1835; Harvard, 1856; died March 13, 1906; married, 1861, Almira McBurney, no issue.
8. Henry Upham Jeffries, born December 7, 1840; Harvard, 1862.

VII.

COL. JOHN JEFFRIES, son of Dr. John Jeffries, and grandson of Dr. John Jeffries, was born at Boston, December 30, 1823; and died at Boston, December 12, 1897, aged seventy-three.

Married, May 8, 1851, in Norwich, Connecticut, Anna Lloyd Greene, born January 5, 1829, died at Boston, January 19, 1900, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Jeffries' father, William Parkinson Greene, Esq., was twice descended from John Greene, Assistant of Roger Williams who founded Rhode Island; twice from Thomas Greene, Assistant of Rhode Island; twice from William Hubbard, Representative of Massachusetts; twice from Lion Gardiner, holder of Gardiner's Island manorial grant; twice from Nathaniel Sylvester, holder of Shelter Island manorial grant; and was descended from William Douglass, holder of Woodstock manorial grant, and Representative of Connecticut; from Mary Neville; Roger Harlakenden, Assistant of Massachusetts; Israel Stoughton, Assistant of Massachusetts; Hubbard the Historian of the Indian wars; General Rufus Barton; Capt. Thomas Clarke, famous Indian fighter, Representative, Assistant, and Speaker of Massachusetts; General Rob-

ert Sedgwick, Representative of Massachusetts, Sergeant Major-General, the highest military office in the Colonies, who drove the French from the Penobscot, and served at the taking of Jamaica from the Spaniards; John Haynes, Royal Governor of Massachusetts, and first governor of Connecticut; George Wylis, Governor of Connecticut; Richard Russel, Assistant of Massachusetts; and Sir John Leverett, Major-General, Speaker, and Governor of Massachusetts. Mrs. Jeffries mother, Augusta Elizabeth Borland was descended from Sir John Temple, Kt., of Stanton Bury, who fled to America when Cromwell was Protector and later returned to England; from Samuel Vassal, M. P., original patentee of New England, who financed and sent to Massachusetts Bay the expedition commanded by Winthrop; Samuel Penhallow of Penhallow County, Cornwall, Councillor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Justice of New Hampshire; Robert Nelson of St. Bernard's Inn; Thomas Tracy Bourne, of Kent, founder of Bourne; James Lloyd, of Somersetshire, holder of "Queensvillage" manorial grant; Col. John Pole, famous Indian fighter; Capt. William Pole, Representative and Councillor of War of Massachusetts, son of Sir William Pole, grandson of Sir William Periam, and great nephew of George Popham, the son of the Attorney-General, who founded the first Kennebec Colony; Francis Borland;

John Borland, Assistant of Massachusetts; T. Lindell, Judge, Representative, Councillor, and Speaker of the House of Massachusetts; William Brenton, Royal Governor of Rhode Island; and John Cutt, appointed by the Crown first President of New Hampshire.

Issue of Col. John Jeffries and Anna Lloyd [Greene] Jeffries.

1. James Lloyd Jeffries, born January 27, 1853, at Boston; died February 26, 1854.
2. Walter Lloyd Jeffries, born November 26, 1854; Harvard 1875, died August 30, 1898, unmarried.
3. William Augustus Jeffries as continued.
4. John Amory Jeffries as continued.

VIII.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS JEFFRIES, Esq., son of Col. John Jeffries, was born at Boston, February 13, 1856. He graduated from Harvard, A. B., in 1875.

Married, April 3, 1893, at La Grange, Illinois, Clemence Eustis, born March 8, 1859, at Baltimore. Mrs. Jeffries is the daughter of Alexander Brooks Eustis, Esq., and granddaughter of Brevet Brig. Gen. Eustis. Her father was descended from Lieut. Ralph Sprague, Representative of Massachusetts; John Jarvis; James Pemberton; John Sunderland; Nathaniel Hancock; Lieut. George Ingersoll, Deputy of the Province of Maine; and Lieut. John Remington. Her mother was Aurora Grelaud, a granddaughter of Jean Baptiste Grelaud and Marie Laurette Claudine d'Espagne, who sought refuge in Philadelphia from a servile insurrection in Santo Domingo.

Issue of William Augustus Jeffries, Esq., and Clemence [Eustis] Jeffries.

1. John Amory Jeffries, as continued.
2. Clemence d'Espagne Jeffries, born November 20, 1898.

DR. JOHN AMORY JEFFRIES, son of Col. John Jeffries, was born at Milton, Massachusetts, September 2, 1859. He graduated from Harvard A. B. 1881, M. D. 1884, and continued his medical studies at Vienna. He was an ardent sportsman and naturalist. He died at Boston, March 26, 1892.

Married, September 26, 1889, at Milton, Massachusetts, Emily Augusta Eustis, born June 21, 1858, daughter of Rev. Frederick Augustus Eustis and his wife, Mary Ruth Channing. Mrs. Jeffries is the granddaughter of Brevet. Brig. Gen. Eustis and of the Rev. William Ellery Channing, founder of the American Peace Society. Mrs. Jeffries is twice descended from Thomas Dudley, Royal Governor of Massachusetts, first Major General of Massachusetts, one of the founders of Harvard, and President of the Confederated Colonies; twice from Mary Antrim; and is descended from Simon Bradstreet, Royal Governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, President of the United Colonies; Anne [Dudley] Bradstreet, first American poetess; John Sunderland; Benjamin Ellery, Representative, Speaker of the Assembly, and Assistant of Rhode Island; William Ellery, Judge, Deputy Governor, and Assistant of Rhode Island; William Ellery, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Chief Justice of Rhode Island; James Pemberton; Christopher

Almy, Representative, and Assistant of Massachusetts ; Nathaniel Hancock ; Lieutenant Ralph Sprague, Representative of Massachusetts ; Lieut. Edward Howe ; John Jarvis ; Jonathan Remmington, Representative, Judge, and Councillor of Massachusetts ; Nicholas Danforth, Representative of Massachusetts ; Rev. John Woodbridge, Representative and Assistant of Massachusetts ; Thomas Cornell, Commissioner to Rhode Island Court of Commissioners ; Lieut. George Ingersoll, Deputy of the Province of Maine ; and William Channing, Attorney General of Rhode Island.

Issue of Dr. John Amory Jeffries and Emily Augusta [Eustis] Jeffries.

1. John Temple Lloyd Jeffries as continued.

IX.

JOHN AMORY JEFFRIES, Esq., son of William Augustus Jeffries, Esq., was born at Boston, December 27, 1893. Harvard, 1916.

JOHN TEMPLE LLOYD JEFFRIES, Esq., son of Dr. John Amory Jeffries, was born at Milton, Massachusetts, July 27, 1890. He was christened John Jeffries, and added the ancestral names, Temple and Lloyd. Harvard, 1915; also studied at Oxford.

