

5. *Prudence*, b. [say 1759]; m. at Portland, 13 Jan. 1779, Joseph Symonds.
 6. (probably) *John*, b. [say 1762]; d. Oct. 1762.
 7. *John*, bapt. 28 July 1764; m. at Portland, 7 Sept. 1787, Grace Savage, b. at Chatham, Conn., 28 Apr. 1768, dau. of Nathaniel and Grace (Stocking) Savage.
 8. *Elizabeth*, bapt. Nov. 1766.
- viii. SAMUEL, bapt. 14 Aug. 1726; d. young.
- a. Middletown Deeds, 2:298.
 - b. Manwaring's *Digest*, 3:20-30.
 - c. Middletown Deeds, 10:11.
 - d. *Ibid.*, 10:555; 18:290.
 - e. Charles H. W. Stocking: *The Stocking Ancestry* (1903), 9.
 - f. Descendants are given in *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, 65:7-8.
 - g. *Colonial Records of Conn.*, 14:271, 394, 424; *State Records*, 1:507; *Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, 91.
 - h. *Conn. State Records*, 1:272.
 - i. The will of John Churchill of Chatham gave land to two daughters Mary Cooper and Elizabeth Miller, which they with their husbands George Cooper and Jonathan Miller divided 12 Aug. 1782; East Hampton Deeds, 2:421.

ROBERT DAY

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

1. ROBERT¹ DAY, born in England, about 1604, died at Hartford, Conn., between 20 May and 14 Oct. 1648; married first, MARY ———, born in England, about 1606, died perhaps at Cambridge, Mass., 1636; married second, probably by 1637, EDITHA STEBBINS, born in England, died at Springfield, Mass., 24 Oct. 1688.

Two men named Robert Day, not far apart in age, came to New England. One came in the *Elizabeth* of Ipswich the last of April 1634. He was aged 30, and brought with him a wife Mary, aged 28. The other came in the *Hopewell*, 3 Apr. 1635, as a member of a group with certificates from Stanstead Abbott, co. Hertford. These were Lawrence Whittemore, aged 63, Elizabeth Whittemore, aged 57, Elizabeth Turner, aged 20, Sara Elliott, 6, Robert Day, 30, and William Peacock, 12.^a

One Robert Day settled in Ipswich, Mass., while the other settled in Cambridge and removed to Hartford. It is the latter in whom we are interested. The early Day genealogy identifies the Hartford man as the one who came with wife Mary in 1634, and Savage follows this conclusion. Colonel Charles E. Banks, on the other hand, identified the Hartford man as from Stanstead Abbott, coming without a wife in 1635.^b If the ages are exact, the 1634 Robert was born about 1604, while the 1635 Robert was born about 1605. Robert Day of Ipswich testified 23 June 1681, aged about 77 years,^c but the ages of the two men are so close, that this settles nothing.

The deciding factor is that the Cambridge records show Robert Day to have received 3 acres in Westend Field, 4 Aug. 1634, hence he must have

been the immigrant of 1634 with wife Mary. On 20 Aug. 1635 he is named in a list showing the proportions of proprietors, and on 8 Feb. 1635/6 in a list of those who have houses.^d He was made freeman in Massachusetts, 6 May 1635, and probably removed to Hartford the following year.^e

Robert Day's lands in Hartford were entered in February 1639/40. In addition to his homelot of two acres on which "his dwelling house now Standeth," nine parcels of land were listed. In 1666 Nathaniel Goodwin entered ownership of land "which he Bought of Edward Stebing (which was formerly Rob Dayes house lott)." He is listed among the proprietors who had a right in the undivided lands. In 1672, in a list of the proportional shares to which proprietors were entitled, appears "John day for maynard 14 & Rob: day 14," or in total a £28 right.^f

The will of Robert Day, dated 20 May 1648, gave to his wife, Edatha Day, his house and lands at Hartford for life, and after her death to his children. If his wife should remarry, security might be required. He made his wife executrix, and desired "my Deare Brethren Mr. Tailecoate, Wilterton and Stebbing" to assist her. The inventory was taken 14 Oct. 1648, and totaled £142.13.06.^g

The widow did remarry, greatly to the benefit of her children, for her second husband, John Maynard of Hartford, was childless, and in his will of 23 Jan. 1657/8 made generous provision for his wife Edetha, her eldest son, Thomas Day, and her youngest son, John Day, as well as £20 to each of "my wives daughters," Sarah and Mary Day. He too made his wife executrix, and named as overseers Mr. John Talcott, Sr., "my Brother Edward Stebbing," and Richard Goodman. The inventory, taken 24 Feb. 1657/8 shows that he left an estate of the value of £450.04.00.^h

The third marriage of Editha, to Mr. Holyoke of Springfield, must have reflected on the social standing of her children, because of his wealth and prominence, and this led to the settlement of her elder son in Springfield, while the younger took over the Hartford property. Editha's brother, Deacon Edward Stebbing of Hartford, by his will dated 24 Aug. 1663, proved 3 Sept. 1668, gave forty shillings apiece to "the four children of my sister Holyoke . . . John's part to be paid at the age of 21 years," and made "my Brother Eleazer Holyoke" one of his executors.ⁱ

Children of Robert and Editha (Stebbins) Day, born at Hartford:^j

- i. THOMAS,² b. abt. 1638; d. 27 Dec. 1711.
- ii. SARAH, b. abt. 1640; killed at Hatfield, Mass., 19 Sept. 1677; m. (1) at Springfield, 17 Nov. 1658, NATHANIEL GUNN, who d. at Branford, Conn., abt. 1663; m. (2) at Hatfield, 24 Nov. 1664, SAMUEL KELLOGG, b. at Braintree, Mass., abt. 1630, d. at Hatfield, 17 July 1711.^k
- iii. MARY, b. abt. 1641; d. at Hatfield, Mass., 17 Oct. 1725 ac. 84; m. (1) at Springfield, 28 Oct. 1659, SAMUEL² ELY [Ely Family, No. 2], who d. at Springfield, 17 Mar. 1692, son of Nathaniel¹ and Martha (——) Ely; m. (2) 12 Apr. 1694,

THOMAS STEBBINS, b. 31 July 1648, d. 7 Dec. 1695, son of Thomas and Hannah (Wright) Stebbins; m. (3) 11 Dec. 1696, Deacon JOHN COLEMAN, b. abt. 1635, d. at Hatfield, 21 Jan. 1711 ae. 76, son of Thomas and [first wife] Coleman.

- iv. JOHN, b. [say 1645]; d. at Hartford (before 29 Apr.) 1730; perhaps m. (1) by 1670, MARY ———, for the will of Mrs. Frances Stebbins of Hartford, 20 May 1670, gave some of her clothing to Mary Day,¹ and no adult person of that name is known (since John's sister Mary was then Mary Ely and living in Springfield), unless this refers to his wife; certainly m. by 1690 (and probably much earlier) SARAH BUTLER, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Stone) Butler.^m His will, dated 16 Nov. 1725, proved 5 May 1730, named his wife Sarah, for whom he made provision and whom he appointed sole executrix; confirmed the deeds of gift previously given to "my several sons"; gave legacies to sons John, William and Joseph; and gave the rest of his movable estate to his daughters, allowing Sarah £4 more than "either of her sisters," implying that he had three surviving daughters.^a

Children, perhaps by a first wife Mary, b. at Hartford:

1. *Joseph*,³ b. say 1672; d. (before 11 Aug.) 1697; administration was granted to his brother John Day.^o
2. *Thomas*, b. abt. 1674; d. at Hartford, shortly before 20 Jan. 1724/5; m. at Hartford, 21 Sept. 1698, Hannah Wilson, dau. of Dea. John and Lydia (Cole) Wilson. She m. (2) Nathaniel Dickinson.
3. *John*, b. abt. 1676; d. at Colchester, Conn., 4 Nov. 1752 ae. 75; m. (1) at Hartford, 21 Jan. 1696, Grace Spencer, bapt. 24 Sept. 1676, d. at Colchester, 12 May 1714, dau. of John and Rebecca (Hayward) Spencer; m. (2) before 15 Sept. 1719, Mary³ Hale [Hale Family, No. 2, iii], b. at Wethersfield, 13 June 1675, d. at Colchester, 1 Nov. 1749, dau. of Lieut. Samuel² and Ruth (Edwards) Hale.
4. *Mary*, b. abt. 1678; m. at Hartford, 14 Nov. 1699, William Clark.
5. A daughter.

Children by Sarah Butler:

6. *Maynard*, b. [say 1684]; bur. at Hartford, 12 May 1759; m. 27 Oct. 1714, Elizabeth Marsh, b. 31 July 1683, dau. of Deacon Samuel and Mary (Allison) Marsh of Hatfield. His will, dated 16 Feb. 1759, proved 29 May 1759, gave to wife Elizabeth what she had at marriage, the use of all movable estate for life, and use of all real and personal estate while unmarried or a third if she remarries; remainder to young kinsman, Samuel Day, Jr., and if he die without male issue, then to young kinsman, Joseph Day, son to "my nephew Sam¹¹ Day." Kinsman Mr. W^m Cadwell, and Mr. Sam¹ Talcott, executors.^p
7. *Sarah*, bapt. 19 Sept. 1686; d. at New Hartford, Sept. 1767 ae. 84; m. at Hartford, 10 June 1708, Jared Spencer, b. at Hartford, 15 Jan. 1682/3, d. at New Hartford, in 1754, son of Jared [Gerard] and Hannah (Pratt) Spencer.
8. *William*, bapt. 24 Apr. 1692; bur. at Hartford, 26 Nov. 1768; m. at Hartford, 18 Apr. 1717, Elizabeth Andrews, who was bur. 23 Nov. 1772, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Spencer) Andrews.
9. *Joseph*, bapt. June 1699; bur. at Hartford, 10 June 1785 ae. 86.

a. John Camden Hotten. *The Original Lists*, 46, 280.
 b. George E. Day. *A Genealogical Register of the Descendants of Robert Day* (1848), 7-10; James Savage, *Gen. Dict.* 2:26-7; Charles E. Banks, *The Planters of the Commonwealth* (1980), 120, 159.
 c. *Quarterly Courts of Essex County*, 8:110.

d. *Cambridge Town and Selectmen's Records 1650-1703*, 9, 13, 18; Lucius R. Paige, *History of Cambridge* (1877), 22, 538.

e. Mary Lovering Holman, *The Pillsbury Ancestry* (1938), 971, takes the opposite view, that it was Robert Day of Ipswich who came in the *Elizabeth* with wife Mary in 1634. But since the 1634 immigrant was in Cambridge before the other Robert arrived in 1635, and so many of the Hartford settlers were a group from Cambridge, we are unable to agree.

f. *Conn. Hist. Society Collections*, 14:118, 147, 492, 550.

g. Manwaring's *Digest*, 1:6. Complete copies of the will and inventory are given in *Conn. Colonial Records*, 1:487-9, and in the Day genealogy (*op. cit.*).

h. Manwaring's *Digest*, 1:137-8.

i. *Ibid.*, 1:237.

j. In addition to the Day genealogy, an account of the children is given in L. Effingham de Forest, *Our Colonial and Continental Ancestors* (Dommerich) (1930), 82-3.

k. On 27 Feb. 1677/8, Abel Gunn of Derby complained that his brother Nathaniel Gunn died at Branford about 14 years ago leaving a son Samuel, still a minor, and that Samuel's mother removed with her son to Hatfield where she was slain by the Indians in the last assault on Hatfield, and that the estate of the orphan at Branford is wasting. [New Haven County Court Records.]

l. Manwaring's *Digest*, 1:228.

m. *Ibid.*, 1:543-4; *Wisconsin Families*, 1:64. The Day genealogy gives John's wife as Sarah Maynard, and Burt's *History of Springfield* as Mary Maynard. Although he named a son Maynard, this was in gratitude to his childless stepfather, by whose will he had benefited.

n. Manwaring's *Digest*, 3:35.

o. *Ibid.*, 1:548.

p. William Cadwell's mother was a daughter of Thomas Butler, and this indicates that Maynard Day's mother was Sarah Butler, making him first cousin of Cadwell.

2. THOMAS² DAY (*Robert*¹), born at Hartford, Conn., about 1638, died at Springfield, Mass., 27 Dec. 1711; married at Springfield, 27 Oct. 1659, SARAH COOPER [Cooper Family, No. 1, i], born about 1642, died at Springfield, 21 Nov. 1726, daughter of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah (?Slye) Cooper.

Upon his request, Thomas Day was granted twenty acres in Springfield, 12 Feb. 1660/1. This land was "behind Chickkuppe playne" on the west side of the Connecticut River, and thereafter he received several more grants. He was chosen a fence viewer, 1667, 1669, 1671, 1676; surveyor of highways, 1674 and 1687; tithingman, 1681; sealer of leather, 1687; and Selectman, 1682.^a

His will, dated 29 May 1711, proved 25 Mar. 1712, named his wife Sarah, sons Thomas, Samuel, John, Ebenezer, and Jeduthan; and daughters Sarah Burt, Mary Mirick, and Abigail Warriner. Wife executrix and sons John Day and John Mirick, executors.

Children of Thomas and Sarah (Cooper) Day, born at Springfield:^b

- i. THOMAS,³ b. 23 Mar. 1661/2; d. at Colchester, Conn., 14 Jan. 1729 ae. 67; m. at Springfield, 28 Jan. 1684/5, ELIZABETH MERRICK, b. at Springfield, 4 July 1661, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tilley) Merrick.
- ii. SARAH, b. 14 June 1664; d. 16 Sept. 1716; m. at Springfield, 21 Feb. 1682/3, JOHN³ BURT [Burt Family, No. 2, iv], b. 23 Aug. 1658, d. 29 Jan. 1712, son of Jonathan² and Elizabeth (Lobdell) Burt.
- iii. MARY, b. 15 Dec. 1666; d. at Springfield, 29 Apr. 1723; m. at Springfield, 11 Feb. 1686/7, Capt. JOHN MERRICK, b. at Springfield, 9 Nov. 1658, d. there 10 Apr. 1748 in 90th yr., son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tilley) Merrick. He m. (2)