

*RICHMOND.*

I. JOHN RICHMOND, of Taunton, Mass., was the first comer of the name to New England. He is said to have come from Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, England, being baptized there in 1597, where the estate had been in possession of the Richmonds since the Conquest.

His name is not in the list of those able to bear arms in 1643, he being too old or in Newport. He was not specially distinguished; his age doubtless had something to do with this matter, besides, he was at one time in Bridgewater, then in Newport and also in Taunton, so perhaps did not become identified thoroughly with either place.

He was one of the Commissioners (for Newport) of the Court of Commissioners held at Portsmouth in 1656.

He was born about 1594, as appears by his age at his death, March 20, 1664, aged 70 years. His will, Dec. 14, 1663, gave to eldest son John Richmond; to son-in-law William Paule, and Mary, his wife, and to their children; to youngest son Edward Richmond, and his son, Edward; to son-in-law Edward Rew, and Sarah, his wife; to son John's son, Thomas. Witnesses: Joseph Wilbore and Shadrack Wilbore; wife not named in the will — probably not living — her name not known.

John Richmond, his sons-in-law and Joseph Wilbore were among the first purchasers of Taunton, in 1637. His children, as per will, were (and we know of no others):

1. John, born in England about 1627; m. Abigail Rogers.
2. Mary, m. William Paule.
3. Edward, m. ——— and lived at Little Compton, R. I. He was quite distinguished in public affairs; was Solicitor-General of Rhode Island.
4. Sarah, m. Edward Rew.

John Richmond and his brother Edward were proprietors in the Narragansett country in 1661, and in that part of it now Westerly, in 1669. John and five others had a grant of 3000 acres in Westerly in 1710, and he was then called John *Richmon*, Sen.

II. JOHN RICHMOND, son of John Richmond, was born about 1627 and married Abigail Rogers, daughter of John Rogers of Marshfield. He died Oct. 7, 1715, aged 88 years; she died Aug. 1, 1727, aged 86 years.

He was cotemporary with James Walker, Senior, and associated with him in public affairs. He was Constable, of the Town Council, Commissioner and Surveyor. He gave a deed of his home, lot and dwelling to son John, for £400. His residence at "Neck of Land", in Taunton, was about three quarters of a mile from the "Green" or center. He and his wife were buried there.

He was a distributor, in March, 1677, of £10, being Taunton's apportionment of £363, 3s. "Irish Charity," sent from Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 7, 1676, "to the distressed sufferers by King Philip's War," and apportioned among the people of 47 towns.