

Thomas Winship
A Brief Biography
By Bill Poole

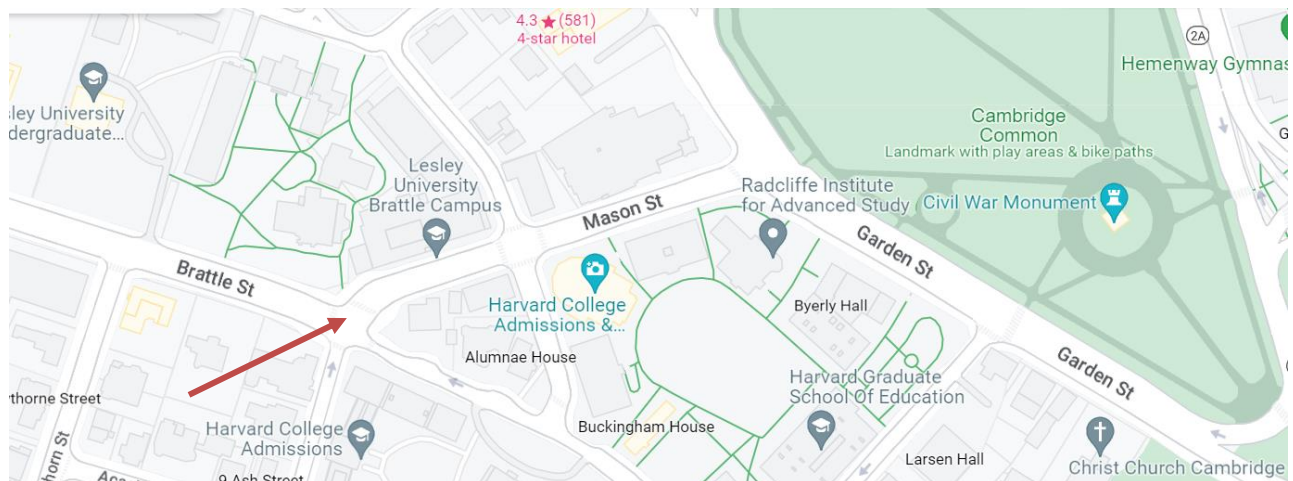
Thomas Winship, the subject of this essay, was the great, great grandson of **Edward Winshipp I**, born about 1612 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. During an examination carried out by the mayor and other officials of Newcastle upon Tyne with respect to those of “Puritan activities,” the name of Edward I came up as well as those of other individuals who came to The Massachusetts Bay Colony because of their religious beliefs.¹ It was claimed that Edward I sailed for Boston on board the ship *Defiance* in August, 1635, but the ship’s manifest does not confirm this, the date of her arrival conflicts with the date of his being made a freeman in Cambridge, and the claim has been discredited.² The name is recorded as both Winshipp and Winship.

Edward I Great, Great Grandfather, settled in Cambridge, MA, the called Newtown to distinguish it from Boston proper. He was made a “freeman” of the colony on March 4, 1634/35 and admitted to membership in the Cambridge church. He became a well-respected, and important citizen of Cambridge as well as an extensive land owner.³

He was a Selectman of Cambridge in 1637, 1638, 1642, 1650, 1651, 1662, 1663; Constable in 1643 and 1646; chosen as fence viewer March 11, 1648/49, January 13, 1650/51, March 12, 1654/55, February 10, 1665/66, November 20, 1656, February 15, 1657/58, February 21, 1658/59, March 26, 1666, March 11, 1666/67, and January 14, 1669/70. He was Surveyor of Highways in 1636 and 1661 and was appointed to many *ad hoc* town committees.⁴

He was Deputy for Cambridge to the Massachusetts Bay General Court May 23, 1663, May 18, 1664, August 3, 1664, May 11, 1681, May 24, 1682, May 16, 1683, November 7, 1683, May 7, 1684, May 27, 1685, and May 13, 1686. He became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1638, was Sergeant by 1642, on May 26, 1647 he was conformed an Ensign and was a Lieutenant by 1660.⁵

There are many transactions listed in Edward’s name.. In 1638, he purchased the land “commencing at the corner of Brattle and Mason streets, extending to the Cambridge Commons.”⁶



His land purchases extended beyond the center of Cambridge, to the north and west — to Alewife Meadow, to the west side of so-called “Menotomy River,” later known as Menotomy and then Arlington, MA, around Spy Pond in Menotomy, then to Cambridge Farms, now called Lexington, MA. In Lexington, he owned property on both sides of what was then called the Road to Concord, but is now Massachusetts Avenue. current Busa Farm on Lowell Street in Lexington is thought to have been part of his land.⁷

Edward I established a sawmill on Mill Creek near Bow Street in Lexington, and may have also established a mill further down the creek at a site where the Old Schwamb Mill now stands in Arlington.⁸ "His land extended from Lowell St. across the brook there, to the hill west of Mass. Ave., upon the present line of Arlington, and including the mill site, Mount Ephraim, and a part of the Great Meadow." Mount Ephraim gets its name from Edward I's son, Ephraim, to whom the land was given by his father.⁹

Edward I married before 1638 in Cambridge, **Jane Wilkinson**, daughter of the widow, Isabel Wilkinson. They had five children, all born in Cambridge. 1. **Sarah**, born April 1638; 2. **Mary**, born July 2, 1641; 3. **Ephraim**, born June 29, 1643; 4. **Joanna**, born August 1, 1645; and 5. **Edward**, born June 8, 1648, died the same day. Jane died sometime between 1648 and 1651 when Edward I married Elizabeth Park, daughter of Richard Park of Cambridge.¹⁰

Edward I and Elizabeth had seven children, all born in Cambridge: 1. **Elizabeth**, born April 15, 1652; 2. **Edward II, Great Grandfather of Thomas, the subject of this essay**, born March 4, 1654; 3. **Abigail**, born February 13, 1656; 4. **Samuel**, born October 24, 1658; 5. **Joseph**, born June 21, 1661; 6. **Margery**, born December 10, 1664; and 7. **Mehitable**, born November 14, 1667.¹¹

Edward I died in Cambridge on December 2, 1668 aged 76, and Elizabeth died in Cambridge on September 19, 1690, aged 57. In his will dated September 16, 1685 and probated December 26, 1688. The inventory of his estate totaled £640 12 shillings 9 pence. This was a fairly considerable estate.¹²

The land he held in what would become Lexington, he distributed to his three sons, Ephraim, Edward and Samuel.

"I do give unto my son Ephraim ye parcel of land whereon his house standeth, both all ye meadow upland which he hath now in his possession."

"I doe give unto son Edward all my land that lieth on the east side of the broke whereon our sawmilne standeth, except that which I bought of Edward Michellson and twelve acres in my own great meadow."

"I doe give unto my son Samuel an hundreth acres of land or theirabout some of it be measure by David Fiske about eightie acres upon the west side of Concord way next to his brother Ephraim his line, and another parcel of land upon the east side of Concord way."¹³

To his son, Joseph, he gave his land in what would become Arlington, particularly his Alewife Meadowland. In addition to what was given to his sons, bequests were given to his daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Abigail, and his wife Elizabeth. Not mentioned were his two youngest daughters Margery and Mehitable.¹⁴

Elizabeth Parke Winship's will was dated October 18, 1689, and she died on September 19, 1690 at age 57. The will was probated on October 7, 1690. The estate was valued, minus charges, at £202 19 shillings and 5 pence. Bequests were given to her "three sons Edward. Samuel and Joseph" and her "four daughters Elizabeth, Abigail Margery and Mehitable." The property included "3 acres of saltmarsh, 6 acres of land in Charlestown Field, part of a sawmill and out lands."¹⁵

Edward I and Elizabeth were interred together in Cambridge's Old Burial Ground in Harvard Square. Also buried there are sons, Ephraim, Edward, Samuel and Joseph, and daughters Joanna, Elizabeth and Margery.¹⁶



"Here lyes ye body of Lieut.
Edward Winship, who
died December the 2d 1688
& in the 76 year of his age.

Also ye body of Elizabeth
his wife who died the
19 of September 1690.
& in the 58 year of
her age.

The memory of ye just is blessed

Edward II Great Grandfather of Thomas

Edward II owned lands in Cambridge Farms, but they were located on the Cambridge side of the line and would become part of Menotomy [later Arlington] when Lexington was set off as a separate town in 1703. He was a Selectman at Cambridge from 1691-1693, and 1695-1701. He married in Cambridge on May 14, 1683, Rebecca Barsham, born December 12, 1557 in Watertown, daughter of William and Annabella Barsham of Watertown.¹⁷

Edward II and Rebecca had seven children all presumably born in Cambridge, although the births of two of the children were not recorded: 1. **Edward III, Grandfather of Thomas**, born March 9, 1683/84; 2. **Elizabeth**, born June 1, 1686; 3. **Ephraim**, born February 4, 1687/88; 4. **Nathaniel**, born February 16, 1689/90; 5. **William**, born about 1691 and mentioned in his father's will; 6. **John**, birth date unknown, but mentioned in his father's will; 7. **Jason**, baptized October 29, 1699.¹⁸

Edward II made his will on April 22, 1717 Although his home was located in Cambridge, he held extensive land in Lexington, which by 1703 had become a separate town. He willed land in Lexington to all of his six sons and to his daughter, Elizabeth Russell, wife of Walter Russell. Edward the eldest son stood as guardian to Jason, the youngest, not yet eighteen.¹⁹ Below are some of the bequests specifically mentioning land in Lexington with the town highlighted.

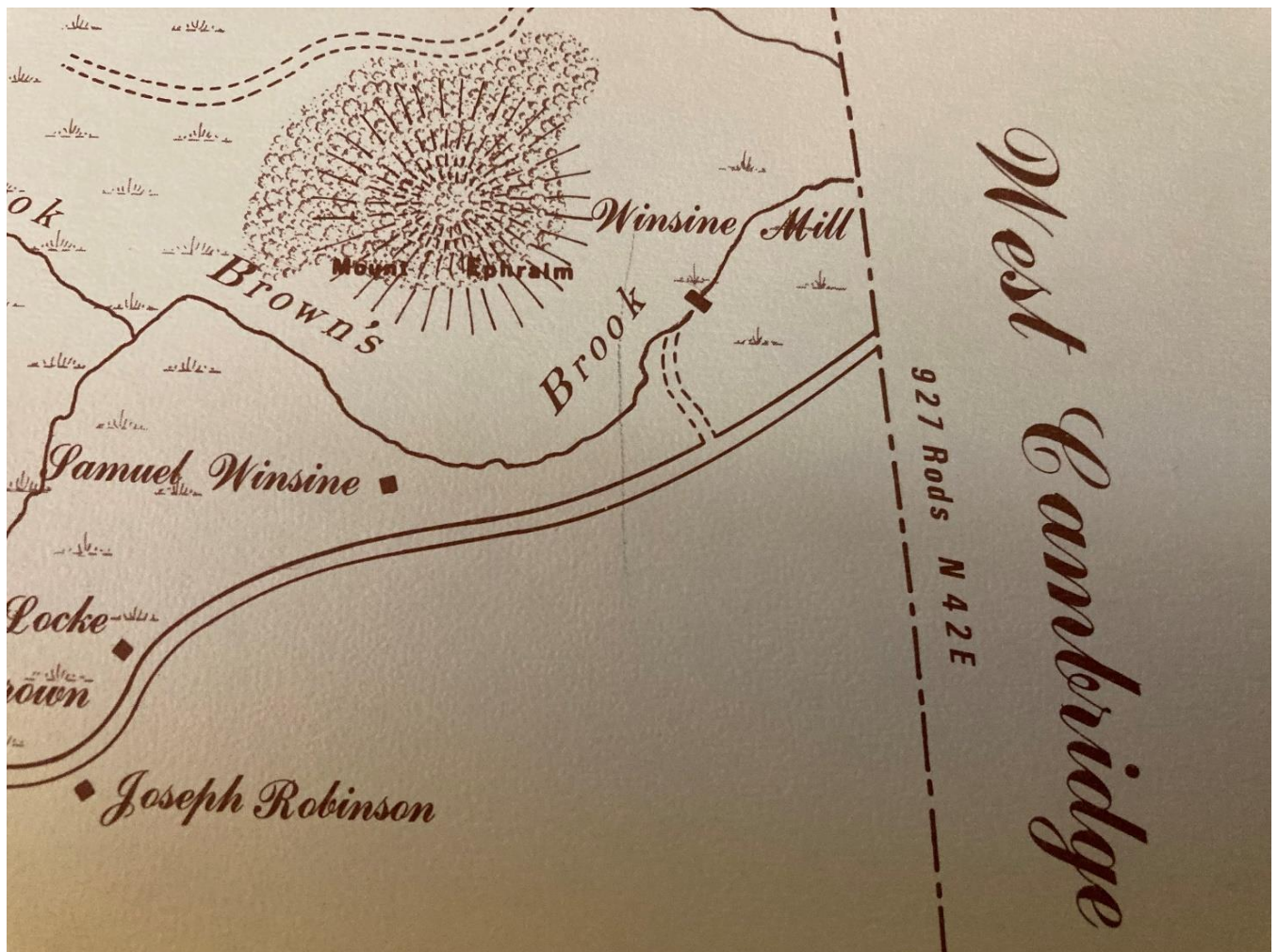
Item: I give to my son Ephraim Winshipp all that parcel of land whereon he now dwells and the interest in the house he now dwells in which was formerly my brother Ephraim Winshipp's: and lying in **Lexington** on the south-west side of the Country Road:

Item: I give to my son William Winshipp three acres of land in Menotomy lying next to my son William's house lot which three acres which shall be so laid out to my son William as to take in to him one half of my orchard which is Between my mansion house and my son William's house: And also my Little meadow lying between the highway and Menotomy Pond: — And five acres of woodland lying in **Lexington** being the Northerly end of that Lott I bought of my son Ephraim:

Item : I give to my son Nathaniel Winshipp beside the five acres of land I have already given him in a Deed of gift where he now dwells I give him the Remainder of my meadow as called afore sd. hogg-house meadow: And I give unto him five acres of meadow lying in **Lexington** being the southerly end of that lot I bought of my son Ephraim: Also I give to my son Nathaniel on half of my Twenty acre Lott in Lexington called Johanna's lott: And five acres of upland lying above Mount Ephraim in Lexington all which I give to my son Nathaniel Winshipp his heirs and assigns forever: he paying out to his sister Elizabeth Russell two pounds Ten shillings money:

I also give to my two youngest sons the remainder of my near most meadow lying in Cambridge with the remnants of upland adjoining thereunto: Also my acre of marsh lying beyond Cambridge bridge: And my twelve acre wood lott lying near little Rock meadow and also five acres of land lying about mount Ephraim in **Lexington**:

The properties were located in East Lexington near the Menotomy line. Mount Ephraim, the Winship Mill and the home of Samuel Winship can be found on the Bicentennial Map of the Battle of Lexington, but with the Winship name misspelled as "Winsine."



Edward III and Rebecca Barsham Winship are buried in Cambridges Old Burial Ground in Harvard Square.



Here lyes Buried
ye Body of Mr
Edward Winshipp
who Decd June
ye 10th 1718 Aged
about 65 Years



Here lyes Buried
ye Body of
Mrs Rebeckah Winshipp
Wife to Mr Edward
Winshipp Who Decd
Augt 1717. Aged
about 61 Years.

Edward III Grandfather of Thomas

It is stated that Edward III was a Wheelwright and served in Cambridge as a Tithingman in 1714, Fence Viewer in 1716 and Constable in 1717.²⁰ He married before 1706, probably in Cambridge farms or Menotomy, Sarah, maiden name unknown. They had eight children all born in Lexington: 1. **Edward IV, father of Thomas, the subject of this essay**, born August 25, 1706; 2. **Rebecca**, born August 22, 1709; 3. **Sarah**, born June 25, 1712; 4. **Jonathan**, born May 28, 1713, died young; 5. **Mary**, born June 23, 1716; 6. **Jonathan**, born May 28, 1719; 8. **Isaac**, born June 8, 1724; and **Unnamed Child**, died November 21, 1726.²¹

Edward III's death appears in the Lexington Vital Records as May 15, 1763. Charles Hudson has May 13, 1763 and the Arlington Vital Records states that he was buried on May 13, 1763 at age 84. According to Hudson, Sarah died on March 24, 1748 in Arlington, but the records of that town do not show that.²²

They are said to have been buried in Menotomy, but "Find a Grave" does not locate their gravestones.²³

Edward IV, Father of Thomas

In 1757 Edward IV was among the men from Lexington who marched to the relief of Fort William Henry where the French forces under General Louis-Joseph de Montcalm had besieged and captured the fort located at the southern end of Lake George. The aftermath of the siege, when Montcalm's Native American allies attacked the column of unarmed British prisoners including women and children, has been made famous by the novel and movies, "The Last of the Mohicans." There were over 1,300 Massachusetts troops among the 2,700 provincial soldiers manning the fort during the siege.²⁴

Edward IV married Esther maiden name unknown about 1728 probably in Lexington. They had eight children, all born in Lexington: 1. **Thomas, the subject of this essay**, born October 25, 1729; 2. **Benjamin**, born April 12, 1731; 3 **Edward**, born January 18, 1733; 4. **Joel**, born November 13, 1734; 5. **Amos**, born December 12, 1736; 6. **Mary**, baptized 1738; 7. **Esther**, born January 1, 1739; and 8. **Isabel**, born February 2, 1743.²⁵

There is little else that was discovered concerning Edward IV. He died on December 17, 1773 at age 66 and was supposedly buried in Menotomy.²⁶ Neither his grave nor Sarah's have been located yet.

Thomas Winship

On the morning of April 19, 1775, Thomas, at age 44 and father of ten children, stood on Lexington Common as a member of Captain Parker's Company. In the same formation was his third cousin, John Winship, son of Samuel. The nervousness of the militiamen was evident as they anxiously awaited the arrival of the British expeditionary force bound for Concord. The advance guard of the Regulars hurriedly moved between the Meeting House and Buckman's Tavern and rushed upon the Common to face off against the wavering militia.

When the British charged bayonets, Captain Parker gave the order to leave the Common. Some heard him and turned to leave, others distracted by the riotous clamor of the British troops perhaps did not hear and remained in their places. Suddenly, a shot rang out, followed by a scattered volley from the Regulars and then a deadly second volley that struck among the militia.

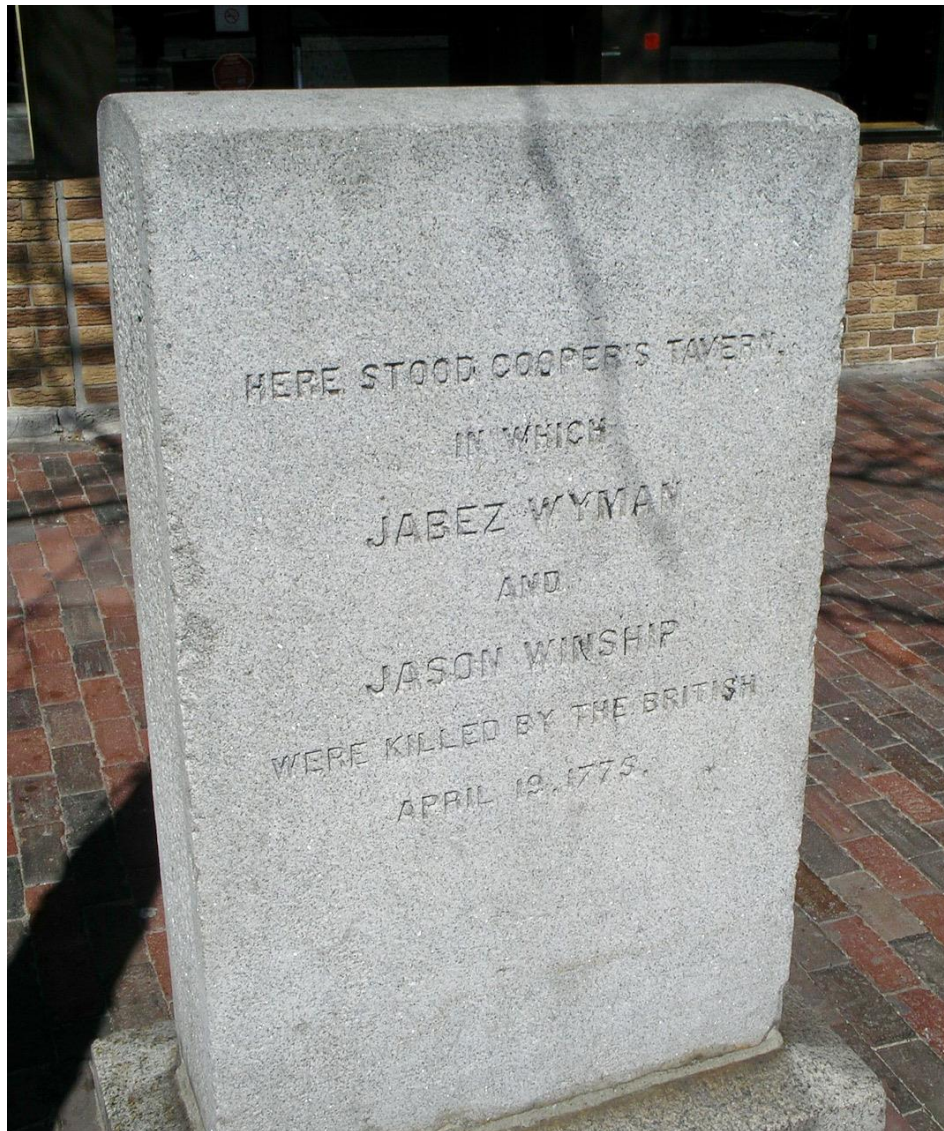
Some of the Lexington men were killed instantly; others who were severely wounded succumbed to British Bayonets. Those of the wounded capable of movement, Thomas among them, fled to safety. In doing so, he lost his musket and later submitted a claim to the Massachusetts Legislature for a "sum of one pound four shillings in full for a gun lost in the Battle of Lexington."²⁷

In addition to Thomas and his cousin John, there were other members of the Winship family involved in the events of April 19th. Another of Thomas's cousins, Simon, the brother of John, left an account of what he had experienced.

Simon Winship, of Lexington, in the County of Middlesex, and Province of Massachusetts-Bay, in New England, being of lawful age, testifies and saith that on the nineteenth of April instant, about four o'clock in the morning, as he was passing the publick road in said Lexington, peaceable and unarmed, about two miles and a half distant from the meeting house, in said Lexington, he was met by a body of the King's Regular Troops, and being stopped by some officers of said Troops, was commanded to dismount. Upon asking why he must dismount, he was obliged by force to quit his horse, and ordered to march in the midst of the body; and being examined whether he had been warning the Minute-Men, he answered no, but had been out, and was then returning to his father's. Said Winship further testifies that he marched with said Troops until he came within about half a quarter of a mile of said meeting-house, where an officer commanded the Troops to halt, and then prime and load. This being done, the said Troops marched on till they came within a few rods of Captain Parker's Company, who were partly collected on the place of parade, when said Winship observed an officer at the head of said Troops flourishing his sword, and with a loud voice giving the word fire; which was instantly followed by a discharge of arms from said Regular Troops. And said Winship is positive, and in the most solemn manner declared, that there was no discharge of arms on either side till the word fire was given by said officer as above.²⁸

Thomas's first cousin, Jason Winship Jr. was a victim of one of the most horrendous occurrences of that day. Jason, age 45 and Jabez Wyman his brother-in-law, married to Jason's sister, Lydia were drinking in Cooper's Tavern in Menotomy when the Regulars first fired upon the building, then entered and killed the two men.

"A member of one of the oldest families in the town, Jason Winship, 45, a cousin of Mrs. Jason Russell, was spreading the glad tidings of a special family event. Winship's first wife had died in child-bed, four more of his children had died at birth and now, at last, the family had its first son, and he was to be baptized this coming Sabbath. Jason had met with his Brother-in-law, Jabez Wyman of Woburn, to toast the coming event. Tavern keeper Benjamin Cooper had prepared a festive drink, flip, made with egg, sugar, and spices. Wyman, though he had a long ride home with the news of the christening, told Winship: "Let us finish the mug, they won't come yet." But the redcoats were hurrying, and they did come. The tavern keeper and his wife, who managed to escape to the cellar, told how a hundred bullets suddenly tore through the tavern and enraged troops rushed in. The Coopers said: "The two aged (sic) gentlemen were most barbarously and inhumanely murdered by them, being stabbed through in many places, their heads mangled, skulls broke, and their brains out on the floor and walls of the house."²⁹



Marker at intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Medford Street in Arlington, MA

The nature of Thomas's wound is not known. He was able to make it off the Common to safety and five days later sign an affidavit, along with 33 other participants, concerning the activities of April 18 and 19 and the engagement the Common.³⁰ Hudson has him on the expedition to New York in 1775 where he is listed as "Guard. to Jeremiah Robinson." In 1777, he contributed along with others 9 pounds for the hiring of a man for the campaign to Bennington. He served as a Selectman from 1779 to 1781.³¹

Thomas married in Menotomy on September 4, 1753, **Sarah Godding**, maiden name unknown. Sarah tragically died at age 20 in Menotomy during childbirth along with their infant daughter on March 24, 1754. Thomas then married in Lexington on May 28, 1755, **Sarah Harrington**, born September 17, 1735, daughter of **Henry and Sarah Laughton Harrington**. They had ten children: 1. **Eunice**, birth date unknown; 2. **Sarah**, baptized in Menotomy December 25, 1757, may have died young or is the same as; 3. **Sarah**, baptized at Menotomy on January 22, 1758; 4. **Henry**, baptized in Lexington November 11, 1759; 5. **Isabel**, born in Lexington March 29, 1762; 6. **Anna**, born in Lexington April 18, 1764; 7. **Thomas**, born in Lexington April 12, 1765; 8. **Moses**, born in Lexington June 20, 1768; 9. **Jonathan**, born in Lexington September 14, 1770; and 10. **Joel**, born in Lexington April 18, 1773.³²

When you consider that on April 19, 1775, Thomas was the father of ten children ranging in ages from 17 to 2, with three celebrating their birthdays in April, two of them on April 18th, how fortunate for the family that his would was probably slight.

Thomas died on August 4, 1796 aged 76, Sarah's date of death is at this time unknown as is their places of burial.

Footnotes

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³¹Hudson, *Genealogies*, p. 771

³²*Ibid.*

His daughter was for many years a school teacher and the following odd epitaph appears upon her gravestone: "This good dame no longer school must keep, , Which given us cause or children's sake to weep.""

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WINSHIP

1. EDWARD1 WINSHIP, presumably from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, was born 13 Mar. 1612, died 2 Dec. 1688, g. s. at Cambridge. He sailed from Harwich, England, in the ship Defiance Aug. 1635, and settled at Cambridge.

He was made freeman in 1635, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638; a selectman of Cambridge for several years between 1637 and 1684; representative in the General Court 1663, '64, '81, '86; held a commission in the militia, and was an active and honored member of the Cambridge church.

Edward Winship was a large landholder, not only at Old Cambridge, but also at the Farms, where he had land assigned to him as early as 1642. In his will, dated 1685, he mentioned sons Ephraim, Edward, Samuel and Joseph, and daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Abigail. As seen by his will his land within the present limits of Lexington extended from Lowell St. across the brook there to the hill west of Mass. Ave., upon the present line of Arlington, and including the mill site, Mount Ephraim, and a part of the Great Meadow.

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"I doe give unto son Edward all my land that lieth on the east side of the brook whereon our sawmilne standeth, except that which I bought of Edward Michellson and twelve acres in my own great meadow."

"I doe give unto my son Samuel an hundreth acres of land or theirabout some of it be measure by David Fiske about eightie acres upon the west side of Concord way next to his brother Ephraim his line, and another parcel of land upon the east side of Concord way."

He was lieutenant of the Cambridge military company, and in 1662 released from all ordinary training so long as "he hath three training soldiers in his family and himself in commission."

He married first JANE WILKINSON, died between 1648 and '51, daughter of Widow Isabella Wilkinson, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and cousin of William and Richard Cutter; secondly 165 (?)

ELIZABETH PARKE* (died 19 Sept. 1690, aged 57, g. s. at Cambridge), presumably one of the two daughters of Richard Parke, the name of the other daughter being Isabel, the wife of Francis Whitmore, the name of Isabel suggesting a possible connection with the family of his first wife Jane, the daughter of Widow Isabella Wilkinson, who owned certain lands in common with her son-in-law Edward Winship, with whose family she probably resided.

Her will, dated 1689, mentioned daughters Elizabeth, Abigail, Margery and Mehitable.

Children by the first wife, born at Cambridge:

i. SARAH,* b. Apr. 1638; m. 29 Sept. 1659 JAMES HUBBARD, d. 28 Aug. 1693; d. 20 Oct. 1665.

ii. MARY, b. 2 July 1641.

iii. EPHRAIM, b. 29 June 1643; m. (1) 7 Apr. 1670 HANNAH RETNER, d. 10 Nov. 1674, dau. of Samuel; m.

(2) 9 Nov. 1675 ELIZABETH KENDALL, b. at Woburn 15 Jan. 1652-53, dau. of Francis¹ and Mary (Tidd).

She was admitted to the church from the Cambridge church. f Shem. (2) Joseph³

* See Boston Evening Transcript, 17 Oct. 1904.

f "In the time when the Revd: mr: Eastbrook was Pastour of this Church there were added unto this Church by Letters Diformative from other Churches Severall persons, whose names follow:" "The wife of Ephraim Winship from the church at Cambridge" being among them

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Pierce. Mr. Winship lived in the easterly part of the town, and the eminence near his place is still called "Mount Ephraim"; subscribed to the building of the first meeting-house in 1692; was an assessor in 1693 and '94; a member of the committee chosen to treat with the town of Cambridge in relation to the purchase of land for the ministry; and an ensign of militia.

2. EDWARD2 WINSHIP (Edward1), born at Cambridge 3 Mar. 1654, died 10 June 1718, aged about 65, g. s. at Cambridge.

He owned land at Cambridge Farms, but his residence was on the Cambridge side of the line. He was selectman at Cambridge 1691-93, '95-1701. His will, proved in 1718, and an instrument, signed by his heirs, make it evident he had seven living children at the time he died. He gave to his son Edward "the houfe he dwelleth in, and fifty fix acres of land adjoining thir unto butted and bounded as followeth . viz. beginning at a fmall birch Tree with a heap of ftones being the foutheast corner ftanding near the Town Road leading from Old Mr Mun Roes towards Menotomy . being marked with my own hands in the Pref ents of Deacon Whitmore . & brother Joseph fharmon." He gave to his son Ephraim "all that ycell of land whereon he dwells and the interest I have in the houfe he now dwells in, which was formerly my brother Ephraim's, lying on the fouth weft fide of the country road."

Both of these bequests were of land lying in Lexington and show that these sons were then living at Lexington.

He married 14 May 1683 REBECCA BARSHAM, born 12 Dec. 1657, died Aug. 1717, g. s. at Cambridge, daughter of William and Anna-bella () of Watertown.

Children, all probably born at Cambridge:

5. i. EOWARD,3 b. 9 Mar. 1683-84.

ii. ELIZABETH, b. 1 June 1686; m. 3 Apr. 1706, as his second wife, WALTER* RUSSELL. * All of the above children were baptized at the Church of Christ at Cambridge before 1658
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6. iii. EPHRADI, b. 4 Feb. 1687-88.

7. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 16 Feb. 1689-90.

v. WILLIAM, b. about 1691; m. 6 Dec. 1716 THANKFUL WYETH, bapt. 18 Apr. 1697, dau. of John and Deborah (Ward); d. at Menotomy 26 Jan. 1774, aged 73.

8. vi. JOHN.

vii. JASON, bapt. 29 Oct. 1699; m. MRS. HANNAH (WTETH) PRENTICE, d. 12 Dec. 1756, aged 63, dau. of John Wyeth and widow of Nathaniel Prentice; drowned in Menotomy Pond 26 Dec. 1762, aged 62; going from a neighbor's it was supposed that he missed his way, and "got into the pond where he was drowned." Family at Arlington. His son Jason Winship and son-in-law Jabez Wyman were killed by the British at Menotomy 19 April 1775, and Jason Winship himself was a private soldier in the French War. Hist. Arlington, p. 326.

11. EDWARD4 WINSHIP (Edward,3 Edward,2 Edward1), born 25 Aug. 1706, died 7 Dec. 1773, "aged 66"; buried at Menotomy. He served in the French War 1757.

He married ESTHER (), died 10 Oct. 1785, aged 85. Children, all born at Lexington :

17. i. THOMAS,6 b. 25 Oct. 1729. ii. BENJAMIN, b. 12 Apr. 1731.

18. iii. EDWARD, b. 18 Jan. 1733.

19. iv. JOEL, b. 13 Nov. 1734.

v. AMOS, b. 12 Dec. 1736; d. 19 May 1740.

vi. MARY, bapt. 1738.

vii. ESTHER, b. 1 Jan. 1739; d. unm. 28 Apr. 1789.

viii. ISABEL, b. 2 Feb. 1743; d. unm.; buried at Menotomy 18 Nov. 1763

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Children by the second wife, all born at Lexington:

21. vii. SIMON, b. 2 Nov. 1749.

viii. JOHN, b. 15 Jan. 1752; d. 7 Apr. 1754.

22. ix. JOHN, b. 12 May 1754.

23. x. STEPHEN, b. 23 Feb. 1756.

xi. ABIGAIL, b. 18 May 1759; m. STEPHEN* BOBBINS.

17. THOMAS6 WINSHIP (Edward,4 Edward,3 Edward,2 Edward1), born 25 Oct. 1729, died 4 Aug. 1796.

He was a member of Capt. Parker's company 19 April 1775, and was wounded in the battle of that day. He went on the expedition to New York in 1775, and to Bennington in 1777, was selectman 1779-81, and an assessor 1782-87. He had a seat in Menotomy (Arlington) meeting-house, 1781.

He married first 4 September 1753 SARAH GODDING, died 24 Mar. 1754, aged 20 (Arl. rec.); secondly 28 May 1755 SARAH HARRINGTON, born 17 Sept. 1735, daughter of Henry⁴ and Sarah (Laughton). Children by the second wife, ii. and iii. baptized at Menotomy, those later born at Lexington :

- i. EUNICE, d. 29 Sept. 1825, aged 68; m. 2 Nov. 1800 JONAS* LOCKE.
- ii. SARAH, bapt. 25 Dec. 1757.
- iii. SARAH, bapt. 22 Jan. 1758; living in 1791, when she was admitted to Menotomy church; d. 3 May 1834,* aged 76.
- iv. HENRY, bapt. 11 Nov. 1759; m. 20 May 1784 MARY CHADWICK of Charles-town.
- v. ISABEL, b. 29 Mar. 1762.
- vi. ANNA, b. 18 Apr. 1764; admitted to Menotomy church 25 Dec. 1791; d. 20 May 1850.
24. vii. THOMAS, b. 12 Apr. 1766.
- viii. MOSES, b. 20 June 1768; m. 19 Apr. 1796 NABBY CONNERY; d. at Medford 14 Apr. 1816.
25. ix. JONATHAN, b. 14 Sept. 1770. x. JOEL, b. 18 Apr. 1773.

3. SAMUEL² WINSHIP (Edward¹), born 24 Oct. 1658, died 8 June 1696. He resided in the precinct, was a subscriber to the meeting-house 1692, and for the purchase of the Common 1711, was among those who were taxed from the beginning, selectman in 1728, '29, '30-33, and an assessor 1733. He married 12 Apr. 1687 MARY POULTER, born at Billerica 9 Apr. 1665, died 2 Oct. 1745, g. s. at Cambridge, daughter of John² and Rachel (Eh'ot); she married secondly 14 Apr. 1701 Isaac Powers of Concord.

Children, first three born at Cambridge:

9. i. SAMUEL,* b. 8 Jan. 1687-88.
- ii. MART, b. 12 Dec. 1689; living unm. 5 Dec. 1749.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 26 Nov. 1691.
10. iv. JOHN. v. ABIGAIL.

All the above children were living 22 Feb. 1708-09, and shared in the division of their father's estate.

9. SAMUEL³ WINSHIP (Samuel,² Edward¹), born 8 Jan. 1687-88, died 13 Feb." 1776. He was high sheriff of Middlesex Co. He owned the covenant 21 Sept. 1712. He married first 10 Jan. 1711-12 JANE FESSENDEN, born 22 Apr. 1688, died 2 May 1758, g. s., daughter of Nicholas¹ and Margaret (Cheney); secondly 24 Dec. 1761 MRS. LYDIA (BowMAN-SIMONDS) CUTLER, daughter of Francis³ and Lydia (Stone) Bowman and widow of Thomas³ Cutler; she died his widow, buried 18 Apr. 1790.

Children by the first wife, all born at Lexington : 16. i. SAMUEL,⁴ b. 19 Sept. 1712.

- ii. MARTHA, b. 27 Dec. 1714; m., as his second wife, WILLIAM BOWERS of Billerica, b. 8 Jan. 1709, d. 16 Sept. 1799, s. of Capt. Jonathan and Hannah (Barrett); d. 25 Feb. 1797.
- iii. MARGARET, b. 25 Dec. 1718; d. unm. 25 May 1791.

* See N. E. Gen. Hist. Register, Vol. 57, pp. Ill, 223; Vol. 55, p. 443. t W. R. Cutter, Hist, of Arlington, p. 325.

16. SAMUEL⁴ WINSHIP (Samuel,³ Samuel,² Edward¹), born 19 Sept. 1712, died 4 Nov. 1784. He married first 22 May 1735 HANNAH LORING, died 27 July 1747, daughter of Joseph⁴ and Lydia (Fiske); secondly at Biller-ica, 5 May 1748, ABIGAIL CROSBY of Billerica, born 5 June 1717, died 12 Jan. 1771, daughter of Lieut. Simon and Abigail (Kidder); thirdly 4 July 1771 REBECCA JOHNSON of Lynn, died 10 Dec. 1790. Children by the first wife, all born at Lexington :

- i. HANNAH,^B b. 26 Apr. 1736; m. 20 Mar. 1760 RICHARD FRANCIS of Medford.
- ii. LYDIA, b. 14 Feb. 1737-38; d. 9 May 1754.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 23 May 1740; m. 1 Mar. 1759 NEHEMIAH* ESTABROOK.
- iv. MARTHA, b. 12 May 1742; d. 8 Jan. 1746.

— • v. SAMUEL, b. 17 Apr. 1744; was in Capt. Parker's company 1775, and went on the campaign to the Jerseys 1776; m. LUCY (); d. 10 Feb. 1780. Child, born at Lexington: Lucy,6 b. 10 Feb. 1770. vi. LORING, b. 10 Dec. 1746; d. 11 May 1754.

* See W. R. Cutter, Hist. Arlington, p. 329. Joseph, a. of Ephraim, bapt. at Lexington 1 Mar. 1778.

22. JOHN⁵ WINSHIP (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,⁸ Samuel,¹ Edward¹),

born 12 May 1754, died at West Cambridge 9 Oct. 1822, g. s. at Arlington. He was a member of Capt. Parker's company in 1775, and also served in the campaigns of eight and twelve months to New York. He married DELIVERANCE MUNROE, born 22 July 1755, died 16 Feb. 1838, g. s. at Arlington, daughter of Marrett³ and Deliverance (Parker).

Children, all born at Lexington :

i. JOHN,¹ b. 28 Dec. 1779.

ii. STEPHEN, b. 15 July 1782; ra. 5 Nov. 1815 ELIZABETH WILLIAMS POL-LARD, dau. of Col. Moses; d. 1862.

iii. CHARLES, b. 30 June 1784.

iv. SALLY, b. 23 July 1786.

v. POLLY, b. 26 Apr. 1788.

vi. HENRY, b. 28 June 1790.

vii. MAGUS, b. 4 Aug. 1793.