

**RICHARD MELLEN OF  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*A Brief Genealogy of the Mellen Family*

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## Introduction

James Savage wrote about the Mellens in the 1860s: “Of no fam. in the land is the investig. more difficult, the spell. more various, the dates more perverse, the deficiencies more num.”<sup>[1]</sup> He stated that Simon was “[of] Boston, on [the] Winnisemet side, perhaps [a] s[on] of Richard.” J. H. Temple, in his history of Framingham,<sup>[2]</sup> stated that Simon was a probable son “of Richard of Charlestown and Weymouth.” William Barry’s history of Framingham, in 1847, does not connect Simon with Richard.<sup>[3]</sup> He also quotes the following:<sup>[4]</sup>

The Hon. Christopher Webb writes that Richard Maling had land granted him at Weymouth, on the back side of Kingoak Hill, &c., between 1642 and ’44, but his name disappears after from the Records of the town. (Ms. letter). He doubtless left that town, and probably removed to Charlestown or its vicinity.

Examining the printed version of a circa 1885 transcription of the land grants in Weymouth for that period, we find a Richard Waling, with “fflower acres and half on the Back side of King oke hill.”<sup>[5]</sup> It is possible that someone, somewhere mis-read an M for a W; the handwriting at that time, and the spelling in the transcription are, to put it mildly, awful. There are no marriages or

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<sup>1</sup>James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May, 1692 on the Basis of Farmer’s Register* (4 volumes) (Boston, Mass.: Little Brown and Company, 1860-2), 3:194.

<sup>2</sup>J. H. Temple, *History of Framingham, Massachusetts, Early Known as Danforth’s Farms, 1640-1880, with a Genealogical Register* (Framingham, Mass.: The Town, 1887), 636.

<sup>3</sup>William Barry, *A History of Framingham, Massachusetts, Including the Plantation, From 1640 to the Present Time ... also, a Register of the Inhabitants of Framingham Before 1800, with Genealogical Sketches* (Boston, Mass.: James Munroe & Company, 1847), 325.

<sup>4</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>5</sup>Gilbert Nash, compiler, *Historical Sketch of the Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts, From 1622 to 1884* (Weymouth, Mass.: Weymouth Historical Society, 1885), 264.

deaths of the Mellen family referenced in Volume 2 of the Weymouth VRs,<sup>[6]</sup> so that much of the quote may be true.

Richard Waling's King Oak Hill land boundary neighbors were: North George Allin, South William Brandon, East the commons, West mill path.

Richard's other land included: three acres in the mill field bounded by North Hugh Roe, South Mr. Parker, East Jacob French, and on the West boundary, the commons.

He also had one quarter acre in the west field bounded by on the North and West by John Whitman, on the South Jefferey Staple, and on the East, a highway.

Interestingly, there is a John Upham in the same settlement; perhaps the grandfather of Phineas, who married James<sup>2</sup> Mellen's daughter.<sup>[7]</sup>

### A General Background Note

A large part of the family history here was originally contained in Barry's 1847 history of Framingham,<sup>[8]</sup> and followed in 1887 by Temple.<sup>[9]</sup> I felt the need to overhaul the two and expand them to an extent where one could trace the basis for Christopher Webb's quote at the beginning of Barry's genealogy of the family.

My research into the Mellen family continues, however, due to some interest in New England, where my family originated, and in Massachusetts, where a large number of other ancestors originated. There is, actually, a very weak connection to the Mellen family, through the marriage of a very distant *nx*-great aunt; but that's another story.

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<sup>6</sup>Town of Weymouth and F. Apthorp Foster, editor, *Vital Records of Weymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (two volumes) (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1910), 2:124, 2:304.

<sup>7</sup>Charles L. Newhall, *The Record of My Ancestry* (Southbridge, Mass.: The Author, 1899), 116–130.

<sup>8</sup>Barry, *Framingham*.

<sup>9</sup>Temple, *Framingham*.

### A Note on the Name Mellen

Barry, in his genealogy of the family, notes the following surname variations: Mellens, Millens, Maling, Melling, Melen, Meles. Temple provides a slightly different list: Mellin, Melling, Milling, Millins, Maling, Meylin.<sup>10</sup> In the two lists, the name Maling appears, also in the quote, above. Maling, however, is not a recognizable variation based on my study of the family. It does not appear in relation to the Mellen family in any of the numerous published sources referenced below. A few of the name differences seem to be so rare that I haven't see them in print, *i.e.*, Meles and Milling.

An interesting note about Simon Mellen: He and his family consistently spelled the name as Millen.

As Barry and Temple laid out at the beginning of their genealogies, there is a large variety of name spelling differences in the records relating to the family. I have tried to include some of the variations in the notes, but have otherwise followed the current practice of using the surname Mellen throughout.

An addition to the above lists is in order. Several records have included or referenced the surname Miller in connection with the surname Mellen. The earlier reference is in the Boston Marriages, 1700-1751 at page 173 where we see "Thomas Miller (int Mellin)."<sup>11</sup> The next reference is in the published Westminster vital records at page 62 where the compiler had some difficulty resolving a set of births.<sup>12</sup> A third occurrence is in the published Royalston vital records at page 129 where we see Joel<sup>6</sup> Mellen's (1764–1828) widow, "Mrs. Bebe Miller," intending marriage to Russell Ballou.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>10</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 636.

<sup>11</sup>Record Commissioners, compiler, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages From 1700 to 1751* (Boston, Mass.: The City, 1898), 173.

<sup>12</sup>Town of Westminster, compiler, *Vital Records of Westminster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908).

### A Note About Simon

Wyman, in his Charlestown genealogies, did not connect Simon to Richard. He did, however, link Simon to Charlestown, Malden, and Boston.<sup>[14]</sup>

Another negative connection between Simon and Richard occurs in Charles Henry Pope's *Pioneers of Massachusetts*.<sup>[15]</sup> There is no reference to Simon and only a brief mention of Richard, James, and Sarah. Adin Ballou, in his genealogies of Simon's descendants in Milford and Mendon, Massachusetts, and also in Nassau and Hudson, New York, links them all to Richard, "the ancestral immigrant."<sup>[16]</sup> Ellery Crane's biographical sketch of Henry Mellen (b. 4 February 1840) connects Simon to Richard, "the immigrant ancestor."<sup>[17]</sup> A 1906 history of Berrien County, Michigan, mentioning Martha Mellen (b. 1730) and Samuel Chamberlain, states that Simon was born in 1640, a son of Richard.<sup>[18]</sup>

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<sup>13</sup>Town of Royalston, compiler, *Vital Records of Royalston, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1906), 129.

<sup>14</sup>Thomas Bellows Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1629–1818* (1879; reprint, Somersworth, N.H.: New England History Press, 1982), 665.

<sup>15</sup>Charles Henry Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts, A Descriptive List, Drawn from Records of the Colonies, Towns and Churches and other Contemporaneous Documents* (Boston, Mass.: The Author, 1900), 310.

<sup>16</sup>Adin Ballou, *History of the Town of Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, From Its First Settlement to 1881* (Boston, Mass.: The Town, 1882), 899-903. The Ballou genealogy is at least partly based the work of George Mellon, Esquire, of New York City, who corresponded extensively with Mr. Ballou.

<sup>17</sup>Ellery Bicknell Crane, editor, *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Worcester County, Massachusetts* (New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1907), 1:293-295.

<sup>18</sup>Orville W. Coolidge, *A Twentieth Century History of Berrien County, Michigan* (New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1906), 644. There are a number of serious errors elsewhere in the article about William Chamberlain.

### **An Historical Note on Some of the Places Herein**

Winnissimmet was an early part of Boston, circa 1636.<sup>[19]</sup> Malden, previously known as Mystic Side, part of Charlestown, was a named place as early as 1649.<sup>[20]</sup> Sherborn was known as a distinct place by 1674, the official name between 1684 and 1852 being Sherborne. After 3 May 1852, the final “e” was dropped.<sup>[21]</sup>

Framingham, adjacent to Sherborne, became a named place as early as 1675. Holliston, also, adjacent to Sherborne, became a named place by 1724; Hopkinton was named by 1715.<sup>[22]</sup>

### **A Note on the Records Referred to Herein**

This paper is essentially an extended literature review of published materials. Primary records are included to clarify and augment details where otherwise there might be confusion. Its primary purpose is to be a working paper as research continues. Future versions will be published as materials accumulate to the point where it becomes wise to update the currently available version.

At this point, I have chosen to focus on official published record sets and compare them to genealogies and derivative works. Some of the genealogies are quite accurate. Binney’s account of the Mellen family in his Prentice-Prentiss volume, however, is troublesome. Canney’s compilation of newspaper extracts is also off in places. Most errors and differences are mentioned in the notes, with a few major issues placed into the text.

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<sup>19</sup>Public Records Division, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities, and Towns in Massachusetts* (Boston, Mass.: [Massachusetts] Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1920), 60-61.

<sup>20</sup>Public Records Division, *Massachusetts Towns*, 42.

<sup>21</sup>Public Records Division, *Massachusetts Towns*, 44.

<sup>22</sup>Public Records Division, *Massachusetts Towns*, 40-41.

## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. RICHARD<sup>1</sup> MELLE<sup>N</sup> became a freeman at Massachusetts Bay Colony on 7 September 1639.<sup>[23]</sup>

Children of Richard<sup>1</sup> Mellen include:

2. i. MARY<sup>2</sup> MELLE<sup>N</sup> m. Daniel Whittemore, son of Thomas Whittemore and Hannah (\_\_\_\_), at Charlestown, 7 March 1662. She d. after 1693.
3. ii. SIMON MELLE<sup>N</sup> was born circa 1636. He m. Mary (\_\_\_\_) circa 1664. He d. Sherborne, 19 Dec. 1694.
4. iii. JAMES MELLE<sup>N</sup> was b. Charlestown, on 3 June 1642. He m. Elizabeth Dexter, daughter of Richard Dexter and Bridget (\_\_\_\_), at Malden, before 1659. He d. before 15 June 1680.
- iv. SARAH MELLE<sup>N</sup> was b. Weymouth, 4 April 1643.<sup>[24]</sup> She was also known as SARA MELLIN.<sup>[25]</sup>

2. MARY<sup>2</sup> MELLE<sup>N</sup> (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>) m. Charlestown, 7 March 1662, DANIEL WHITTEMORE, chr. 31 July 1633 at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England,<sup>[26]</sup> d. Malden, 11 May 1683,<sup>[27]</sup> son of Thomas Whittemore and Hannah (\_\_\_\_).<sup>[28]</sup> She died after 1693.<sup>[29]</sup> She was

<sup>23</sup>Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, editor, *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England* (five volumes) (Boston, Mass.: The Legislature, 1853), 1:376. There are no further indexed entries for a Richard Mellen, of any variety, in the five volume set; Lucius R. Paige, "List of Freemen," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 3 (April 1849): 187. "Rich'd Mellen."

<sup>24</sup>*Weymouth VRs* (published), I:187. Surname "Melin."

<sup>25</sup>William B. Trask, "Early Records of Boston," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 8 (October 1854): 348, daughter of "Rich: Mellin."

<sup>26</sup>Bradford Adams and Edgar Whittemore, "The Whittemore Family in America," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 106 (Jan, Apr, Jul, 1952): 36.

<sup>27</sup>B. B. Whittemore, *A Genealogy of Several Branches of the Whittemore Family* (Revised Edition) (Nashua, N.H.: The Author, 1893), 8.



appointed administratrix of her husband's nuncupative will on 18 November 1683.<sup>[30]</sup>

Children of Mary<sup>2</sup> Mellen and Daniel Whittemore all b. Malden, were as follows:

- i. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> WHITTEMORE, b. 27 April 1663; d. Malden, 21 Sept. 1756;<sup>[31]</sup> m. Bridgewater, 1689,<sup>[32]</sup> LYDIA BASSETT, b. Bridgewater, 1671,<sup>[33]</sup> d. Malden, 6 April 1755,<sup>[34]</sup> daughter of Joseph Bassett.<sup>[35]</sup> He was a wheelwright at Malden.<sup>[36]</sup>
- ii. JOHN WHITTEMORE, b. 12 February 1664/65;<sup>[37]</sup> d. Malden, 4 March 1730;<sup>[38]</sup> m. Bridgewater, 22 Dec. 1692,<sup>[39]</sup> RUTH BASSETT, b. Bridgewater, 1671,<sup>[40]</sup> d. Leicester, in 1760,<sup>[41]</sup> daughter of Joseph Bassett

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<sup>28</sup>Town of Charlestown and Roger D. Joslyn, editor, *Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1984–1995), 43. She was known as “Marie Mellins.”

<sup>29</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 36. Citing Middlesex Deeds, vol. 10, p. 229.

<sup>30</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 8.

<sup>31</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 97.

<sup>32</sup>Town of Malden and DeLorraine P. Corey, compiler, *Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649–1850* (Malden, Mass.: The Town, [1902]), 391.

<sup>33</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 97.

<sup>34</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 97.

<sup>35</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 97. Marriage not recorded in Malden.

<sup>36</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 97.

<sup>37</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 98.

<sup>38</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 391; Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 11. The genealogy gives only the year, but states that his widow was appointed administratrix on 3 April 1730; Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 98. Contra “14 March.”

<sup>39</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 98.

<sup>40</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 98. Twin to Lydia, who m. Daniel Whittemore.

<sup>41</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy,” 98.

- iii. THOMAS WHITTEMORE, b. 5 March 1667;<sup>[42]</sup> died before 1741;<sup>[43]</sup> m. 10 July 1700,<sup>[44]</sup> HANNAH MACKMALLIN, d. after 1735,<sup>[45]</sup> at Salem.
- iv. MARY WHITTEMORE, b. 15 Feb. 1668/69.<sup>[46]</sup>
  - v. NATHANIEL WHITTEMORE, b. 7 Feb. 1670;<sup>[47]</sup> d. Salem, circa 1734;<sup>[48]</sup> m. first, at Lynn, after 4 Nov. 1695,<sup>[49]</sup> ELIZABETH RHODES, b. Salem, 22 Aug. 1676,<sup>[50]</sup> d. Salem, before 1718.<sup>[51]</sup> He m. second, at Salem, 23 July 1718,<sup>[52]</sup> MARY (DELAND) ROUNDY, b. 27 Nov. 1683.<sup>[53]</sup> He m. third, at Salem, 23 Dec. 1725,<sup>[54]</sup> DELIVERANCE CROWELL, d. Danvers, 4 Oct. 1762.<sup>[55]</sup>
  - vi. PELATIAH WHITTEMORE, b. 27 April 1680;<sup>[56]</sup> d. 21 Oct. 1724,<sup>[57]</sup> bur. at Sharon, 30 Jan. 1758;<sup>[58]</sup> m. Boston,

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<sup>42</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191.

<sup>43</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191.

<sup>44</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191. She was a daughter of Alastair Mackmillon.

<sup>45</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191.

<sup>46</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 38.

<sup>47</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 8; Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191. Contra "1671."

<sup>48</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191.

<sup>49</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 9. Marriage intention date; Town of Lynn, compiler, *Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1906), 2:394. Marriage intention. He was of Boston. Marriage not recorded in Boston BBMDs 1630–1699.

<sup>50</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 191-192. Daughter of Joseph and Jane (Coates) Rhodes.

<sup>51</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 192.

<sup>52</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 192.

<sup>53</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 192. Divorced wife of Robert Roundy of Beverly. Daughter of Benjamin and Katherine (Hodges) Deland.

<sup>54</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 192. She was bp. as an adult at Salem 30 Mar 1729.

<sup>55</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 192.

<sup>56</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 194; Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 8. Provides the year only.

<sup>57</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10.

<sup>58</sup>Whittemore, "NEHGR - Genealogy", 194. Date as given in article.

25 Oct. 1709,<sup>[59]</sup> ELIZABETH EUSTIS, b. Rumney Marsh, 14 July 1678,<sup>[60]</sup> bur. Sharon, 22 Nov. 1762.<sup>[61]</sup> He was “of Malden, &c.”<sup>[62]</sup> He was a glazier.<sup>[63]</sup>

- vii. JAMES WHITTEMORE, d. Malden, 3 Sept. 1753;<sup>[64]</sup> m. first, in May 1703,<sup>[65]</sup> HANNAH PAUL, d. 1718.<sup>[66]</sup> He m. second, at Malden, in Jan. 1719,<sup>[67]</sup> MARY GROVER, b. Malden, 8 March 1687.<sup>[68]</sup> He m. third, at Boston, 9 July 1739,<sup>[69]</sup> ANN GILL. He was of Malden, a weaver.<sup>[70]</sup> He probably m. Hannah Scadled [Scarlet], instead of Hannah Paul. The marriage was performed by Rev. M. Wigglesworth at Malden, in May 1703.<sup>[71]</sup>

3. SIMON<sup>2</sup> MELLEN (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>) b. circa 1636,<sup>[72]</sup> d. Sherborne, 19 Dec. 1694,<sup>[73]</sup> m. circa 1664,<sup>[74]</sup> MARY (\_\_\_), b. circa 1639,<sup>[75]</sup> d. Framingham, 1 June 1709.<sup>[76]</sup>

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<sup>59</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 194; Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10. Not recorded in Malden VRs.

<sup>60</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 194. Also known as Chelsea. Daughter of William and Sarah Eustis.

<sup>61</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 194.

<sup>62</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10. There are no records in the Malden VRs.

<sup>63</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 194.

<sup>64</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193.

<sup>65</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10; Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193. Hannah (Paul) Scarlett, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

<sup>66</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193.

<sup>67</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193; Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10. James’ second marriage; no date.

<sup>68</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193. Daughter of Simon and Sarah Grover.

<sup>69</sup>Whittemore, “NEHGR - Genealogy”, 193.

<sup>70</sup>Whittemore, *Genealogy*, 10.

<sup>71</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 321.

<sup>72</sup>Clarence Almon Torrey, compiler, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* (Boston: NEHGS, 197? [micropublication]), Simon was “a 27 in 1663.”

Melinde Lutz Sanborn, in *Ages from Court Records* provides two clues to the true name of Simon. She cites Middlesex County Court records as MCC folio 35, for the year 1663, for two different versions of the same person, or perhaps two different people: 1. Simon Melinges, age 25, and 2. Simon Mellows, age 27.<sup>(77)</sup> Assuming this is the same person, we have either 1636 or 1638 as the birth year. Clarence Almon Torrey, in his *New England Marriages* states that Simon Mellen was 27 in 1663, perhaps citing a Mellen manuscript at the New England Historic and Genealogical Society library, where he was a reader.<sup>(78)</sup> The abstracts themselves,<sup>(79)</sup> however reveal that on two different dates, Simon was assigned different ages:

16 June 1663 “Simon Mellins Aged 27 [twenty seven] yrs or thereabouts Passenger”

and

17 June 1663 “Simon Melinges Aged twenti five [25]”

Wyman, writing in 1879, stated that on “23 (11) 1659-60” Simon was under the responsibility of Samuel Blanchard.<sup>(80)</sup> This could be interpreted to mean that Simon was under 21 at the time,

<sup>73</sup>Town of Sherborn and Thomas W. Baldwin, compilers, *Vital Records of Sherborn, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1911), 214. Surname “Millins.”

<sup>74</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*, Married before 1665.

<sup>75</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 326. Using Barry’s death date and subtracting her age of “æ. 70.”

<sup>76</sup>Town of Framingham and Thomas W. Baldwin, compilers, *Vital Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: Wright & Potter Printing Company, 1911), 452. Record says she is “wid. of –;” Barry, *Framingham*, 326.

<sup>77</sup>Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *Ages from Court Records, 1636–1700* (Volume 1) (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2003), 142.

<sup>78</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*.

<sup>79</sup>Thomas Bellows Wyman, online [NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://NewEnglandAncestors.org), Abstracts of Court Files of Middlesex County Massachusetts - 1649–1675 (New England Historic Genealogical Society), downloaded 1 August 2009.

<sup>80</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 665.

assuming he was born in 1638. Based on Torrey's and Sanborn's reviews of the same court documents, we find that Simon was estimated to be 25 or 27 in 1663. The math would indicate that in 1659/60 Simon was about 21 or 23.

Samuel and Mary Blanchard, of Middlesex County, on 9 February 1663, witnessed a will of William Godden, which listed Simon as the beneficiary of 20 shillings.<sup>[81]</sup>

Simon was involved in an early settlement of Malden, from 1675 to 1680 but the effort was interrupted by King Philip's War in 1676.<sup>[82]</sup> Phineas Upham, whose son, Phineas, married James Mellen's daughter, Mary circa 1681 was also part of the settlement effort.<sup>[83]</sup>

Simon's children were baptized as a group at Watertown, on 5 December 1686.<sup>[84]</sup> He settled in the south part of Framingham circa 1687, before it became a town, and enjoyed civil privileges at Sherborne.<sup>[85]</sup> Simon, Simon Junior, and Thomas signed a petition for incorporating Framingham at Framingham, on 3 March 1692/93. The petition was not acted on until 27 June 1699.<sup>[86]</sup>

Children of Simon<sup>2</sup> Mellen and Mary (\_\_\_\_) were as follows:

- i. SIMON<sup>3</sup> MELLEEN, b. Winnisimmet, 25 Sept. 1665;<sup>[87]</sup> d. Framingham, 30 Aug. 1717,<sup>[88]</sup> bur. Church Hill

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<sup>81</sup>Unpublished abstracts by Thomas Bellows Wyman, "Abstract of Middlesex court files from 1649" n.d.

<sup>82</sup>Franklin P. Rice, editor, *Records of the Proprietors of Worcester, Massachusetts* (Worcester, Mass.: Worcester Society of Antiquity, 1881), 21-23. His name was spelled as Symon Meylin.

<sup>83</sup>Caleb A. Wall, *Reminiscences of Worcester, from the Earliest Period, Historical and Genealogical* (Worcester, Mass.: The Author, 1877), 102.

<sup>84</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 636.

<sup>85</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 326.

<sup>86</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 128.

<sup>87</sup>Record Commissioners, compiler, *A Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630-1699* (Boston, Mass.: The Commission, 1883), 97. Surname "Melins."

<sup>88</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 326. Citing "T. Rec." and referring the reader to his will in "Mid. Prob.," probably Middlesex Probates.

Cemetery, Framingham;<sup>[89]</sup> m. Sherborne, 27 Dec. 1688,<sup>[90]</sup> ELIZABETH FISKE, b. Watertown, 11 May 1669,<sup>[91]</sup> daughter of John Fiske and Sarah Wyeth.

He was a witness to a petition for incorporating Framingham with Simon Mellen, Sr., at Framingham, 3 March 1692/93.<sup>[92]</sup> He and his brother Thomas leased land from Thomas Danforth at Framingham, on 25 March 1696. This formalized an arrangement they had had since 1687 with Simon, Sr. The property consisted of about 300 acres with two dwelling houses, one barn, an orchard, and plow-, meadow-, and pasture-lands. Their neighbors were Thomas Danforth, Joseph White, Joseph Buckminster, Jonathan Coller, and Jonathan Haven.<sup>[93]</sup> He was constable at Framingham, in 1700.<sup>[94]</sup> He and Thomas were original members of the first church at Framingham, on 8 October 1701 and witnessed the ordination of Reverend John Swift as minister.<sup>[95]</sup> He was a tythingman in 1703 and a selectman in 1704.<sup>[96]</sup> He and his brother, Thomas were assessed a tax of £10 for ammunition at Framingham, 27 June 1710.<sup>[97]</sup>

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<sup>89</sup>*Framingham VRs* (published), 5, 452.

<sup>90</sup>*Sherborn VRs* (published), 154. Surname "Millens." Marriage intention not recorded.

<sup>91</sup>Town of Watertown, *Watertown Records: Comprising the First and Second Books of Town Proceedings with the Land Grants and Possessions, also the Proprietors' Book and the First Book and Supplement of Births Deaths and Marriages* (Watertown, Mass.: The Town, 1894), 31.

<sup>92</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 128.

<sup>93</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 112–113.

<sup>94</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 43. Surname "Millen;" Temple, *Framingham*, 138. States that he became a *selectman* at the first town meeting on 5 Aug 1700.

<sup>95</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 106; Temple, *Framingham*, 150.

<sup>96</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 326.

<sup>97</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 162.

- ii. THOMAS MELLEN was b. Malden, in August 1668.<sup>[98]</sup>  
He m. Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) circa 1690.<sup>[99]</sup>  
He was a witness to a petition for incorporating Framingham with Simon, Sr. at Framingham, on 3 March 1692/93.<sup>[100]</sup> He was a tythingman at Framingham, in 1704.<sup>[101]</sup>
- iii. RICHARD MELLEN was b. Malden, 2 March 1671.<sup>[102]</sup>
- iv. MARY MELLEN was born perhaps between 1674 and 1677 at Malden, based on an 18–21 age range for marriage, and the fact her siblings were mostly born in Malden. Also, there is the issue of missing court records from that place for the time period.<sup>[103]</sup> She d. Framingham, 13 March 1727.<sup>[104]</sup> She m. THOMAS GLEASON at Sherborne, 6 Dec. 1695.<sup>[105]</sup>  
Thomas Gleason m. second, Mercy Hovey at Oxford, 10 June 1729.<sup>[106]</sup> He d. 11 Jan. 1732.<sup>[107]</sup> He was of Framingham.<sup>[108]</sup>
- v. JAMES MELLEN was b. Malden, circa 1681.<sup>[109]</sup>

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<sup>98</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 55. Citing “County Court returns.”

<sup>99</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*, citing “Mellens (ms) 7.13.”

<sup>100</sup>Temple, *Framingham*, 128.

<sup>101</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 328.

<sup>102</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 55. “2 (1) 1671.” Citing “County Court returns;” Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*, 3:194.

<sup>103</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), vii–viii.

<sup>104</sup>George F. Daniels, *History of the Town of Oxford, Massachusetts, with Genealogies and Notes on Persons and Estates* (Oxford, Mass.: The Author, 1892), 518.

<sup>105</sup>*Sherborn VRs* (published), 154. Surname “Millins”. Intention not recorded.

<sup>106</sup>Daniels, *Oxford*, 518.

<sup>107</sup>Daniels, *Oxford*, 518.

<sup>108</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>109</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325-326. “(æ. 15, 1696, and chose br. Tho. as guardian);” *Malden VRs* (published), vii-viii. A discussion in the preface about the court records indicates that no records from Malden have been found for the years 1677-1684; Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*, 3:194. Contrast “a. 1682.”

vi. JOHN MELLEN was b. Watertown, 29 Jan. 1685.<sup>[110]</sup>

4. JAMES<sup>2</sup> MELLEN (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Charlestown, 3 June 1642,<sup>[111]</sup> and he died before 15 June 1680.<sup>[112]</sup> He married, at Malden, before 1659,<sup>[113]</sup> ELIZABETH DEXTER, died before 13 Nov. 1693,<sup>[114]</sup> daughter of Richard Dexter and Bridget (\_\_\_).

He was a mariner.<sup>[115]</sup> He and John Pratt, witnessed a transaction between Christopher and Elizabeth Picket of Muddy River and Joshua Scottow of Boston on 1 May 1662.<sup>[116]</sup> He “was supposed to be deceased” in 1677.<sup>[117]</sup> James Mellen’s estate was divided in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[118]</sup>

Elizabeth was granted administration of her husband James’ estate on 15 June 1680 at Charlestown.<sup>[119]</sup> She m. second, at Charlestown, on 14 May 1680, Stephen Barrett.<sup>[120]</sup>

Children of James<sup>2</sup> Mellen and Elizabeth Dexter all b. Charlestown, were as follows:

<sup>110</sup>*Watertown VRs* (published 1894), 57; Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*, 3:194. Contrast 1686.

<sup>111</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 6. “James, son of Richard Mellers, b. 3 (4) 1642.”

<sup>112</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>113</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*, citing Wyman’s *Charlestown Genealogies* and five other works.

<sup>114</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664. When “her heirs agree[d] to divide house and land valued at £60.”

<sup>115</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>116</sup>Thomas F. Temple, compiler, *Suffolk Deeds—Liber IV* (Boston, Massachusetts: The Registry, 1888), 19-21. Surname “Mellin.”

<sup>117</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>118</sup>Mary Lovering Holman, “Notes - Genealogical Data from Court Files in Middlesex County, Mass., 1675–1695,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 86 (July 1932): 349.

<sup>119</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>120</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 63.



- i. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> MELLEEN, b. 4 Sept. 1659;<sup>[121]</sup> m. Charlestown, 29 Oct. 1681,<sup>[122]</sup> Thomas Barlow. She witnessed the division of James Mellen's estate in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[123]</sup>
- ii. MARY MELLEEN, b. 8 July 1661;<sup>[124]</sup> d. Malden, in Nov. 1720;<sup>[125]</sup> m., circa 1682,<sup>[126]</sup> PHINEAS UPHAM, b. Malden, 22 May 1659,<sup>[127]</sup> d. Malden, 19 Oct. 1720,<sup>[128]</sup> son of Phineas Upham and Ruth Wood.  
Mary may be the second daughter Mary of James and Elizabeth (Dexter) Mellen, born as late as 1664.<sup>[129]</sup> There is little basis for this assumption, however, and it is more likely that there was only the one Mary, born in 1661. She witnessed the division of James Mellen's estate in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[130]</sup>
- iii. JAMES MELLEEN, b. 14 April 1663;<sup>[131]</sup> m. Elizabeth ( ) before 1695.<sup>[132]</sup> He was of Boston.<sup>[133]</sup>
- iv. RICHARD MELLEEN, b. 24 April 1665.<sup>[134]</sup>

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<sup>121</sup>Charlestown VRs (published), 78.

<sup>122</sup>Charlestown VRs (published), 111. "29:8:1681."

<sup>123</sup>Holman, "Notes - James Mellen's Estate Distribution, 1684", 349.

<sup>124</sup>Charlestown VRs (published), 78.

<sup>125</sup>Newhall, *Record of Ancestry*, 130; *Malden VRs* (published), 384. Death not recorded in Malden records.

<sup>126</sup>Newhall, *Record of Ancestry*, 130.

<sup>127</sup>Newhall, *Record of Ancestry*, 130.

<sup>128</sup>Malden VRs (published), 384. Deacon Phineas, aged 61; Newhall, *Record of Ancestry*, 130.

<sup>129</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>130</sup>Holman, "Notes - James Mellen's Estate Distribution, 1684", 349.

<sup>131</sup>Charlestown VRs (published), 43.

<sup>132</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*, citing Wyman's Charlestown and "Flagg anc. 257."

<sup>133</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>134</sup>Charlestown VRs (published), 53.

- v. JOHN MELLEN, b. 17 Sept. 1666;<sup>[135]</sup> died bef. 14 Oct. 1695;<sup>[136]</sup> m. ELIZABETH BUCKNAM before 1695.<sup>[137]</sup> He witnessed the division of James Mellen's estate in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[138]</sup> John was master of the brigantine *Sarah* in 1695.<sup>[139]</sup> Elizabeth m. second, at Charlestown, on 7 April 1701,<sup>[140]</sup> Samuel Townsend. Torrey believed her last name may be Buckram.<sup>[141]</sup> Savage said she was the widow of John Gale, and daughter of Henry Spring.<sup>[142]</sup>
- vi. SARAH MELLEN, b. 27 November 1668.<sup>[143]</sup>
- vii. THOMAS MELLEN, b. 11 May 1670;<sup>[144]</sup> m. Boston, 28 Sept. 1693, Mary Thredneedle.<sup>[145]</sup>

“The descendants in Boston, of the next generation wrote ‘Melling,’”<sup>[146]</sup> wrote Barry, who skips Mary b. 1696 (surname recorded as Melings).<sup>[147]</sup> There are some persons in the Record Commissioners' report for births 1700–1800 under the name Melling, who may be descendants of James, Thomas, and William. There are also two

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<sup>135</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 55.

<sup>136</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>137</sup>Torrey, *New England Marriages*, citing Wyman's *Charlestown Genealogies* and five other works, including Barry's *Framingham*.

<sup>138</sup>Holman, “Notes - James Mellen's Estate Distribution, 1684”, 349.

<sup>139</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>140</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 191.

<sup>141</sup>Clarence Almon Torrey and Melinda Lutz Sanborn, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700 (Second Supplement)* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1991), 502.

<sup>142</sup>Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*, 3:194.

<sup>143</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 68.

<sup>144</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 78.

<sup>145</sup>*Boston VRs, 1630-1699* (published), 210. Surname “Mellens.”

<sup>146</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>147</sup>Record Commissioners, compiler, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston Containing Boston Births from A.D. 1700 to A.D. 1800* (Boston, Mass.: The Commissioners, 1894).

others in the same time period who use the name Melling and Mellington, both are named John. He was a tailor at Boston.<sup>[148]</sup> He witnessed the division of James Mellen's estate in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[149]</sup>

Mary was "(prob. [daughter] of Bartholomew) Threadneedle, of Boston."<sup>[150]</sup> Perhaps she was; however, her birth is not recorded in the Boston vital records. Barthomew and Damaris had a number of children; their records beginning in 1660 and ending 1688. One of the daughters died in 1698.<sup>[151]</sup>

- viii. WILLIAM MELLEN, b. 22 Aug. 1671;<sup>[152]</sup> d. before 5 Aug. 1697;<sup>[153]</sup> m. before 1695,<sup>154</sup> DEBORAH SPRAGUE, b. Malden, 21 Sept. 1670,<sup>[155]</sup> d. Malden, 17 Aug. 1751,<sup>[156]</sup> daughter of John Sprague. William was a mariner.<sup>[157]</sup> He witnessed the division of James Mellen's estate in April 1684 at Middlesex County.<sup>[158]</sup> Deborah m. second, Samuel Bucknam at Malden, on 22 Sept. 1697.<sup>[159]</sup> She was

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<sup>148</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>149</sup>Holman, "Notes - James Mellen's Estate Distribution, 1684", 349.

<sup>150</sup>Barry, *Framingham*, 325.

<sup>151</sup>*Boston VRs, 1630-1699* (published), 75, 90, 101, 116, 129, 143, 150, 182, 210 (marriage), 245.

<sup>152</sup>*Charlestown VRs* (published), 80-81.

<sup>153</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>154</sup>Torrey and Sanborn, *New England Marriages (2nd Supp.)*, 502. Lived after marriage in Malden.

<sup>155</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 80.

<sup>156</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 333.

<sup>157</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.

<sup>158</sup>Holman, "Notes - James Mellen's Estate Distribution, 1684", 349.

<sup>159</sup>*Malden VRs* (published), 266; Torrey and Sanborn, *New England Marriages (2nd Supp.)*, 502.

granted administration of her husband William's  
estate at Malden on 5 Aug. 1697.<sup>[160]</sup>

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<sup>160</sup>Wyman, *Charlestown Genealogies*, 664.