

Third Generation.

23. COLONEL SILVESTER RICHMOND³ (Edward², John¹) was born in Little Compton, R. I. (formerly Dartmouth, Mass.), in 1672. He married, in 1693, Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pabodie) Rogers of Barrington, and granddaughter of John Rogers of Duxbury, Mass., and great-granddaughter of Thomas, who came over in the “Mayflower,” and granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens. She was born in 1672, and died October 23, 1724. He married, February 18, 1728, Deborah (Cushing) Loring, widow of Thomas Loring, and, daughter of John and Sarah (Hawks) Cushing. She was born in September; 1674. He died November 20, 1754, and she, October 18, 1770.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE (born in Little Compton, R. I.):

- +151. WILLIAM⁴, born Oct. 10, 1694; married *Anna Gray*.
- +152. ELIZABETH⁴, born May 10, 1696; married *Nathaniel Fisher*.
- +153. SYLVESTER⁴, born June 30, 1698; married *Elizabeth Talbut*.
- +154. PELEG⁴, born Oct. 25, 1700; married, 1st, *Patience Palmer*, 2nd, *Mrs. Mary Viol*.
- +155. PEREZ⁴, born Oct. 5, 1702; married *Deborah Loring*.
- +156. ICHABOD⁴, born Feb. 27, 1704; married *Abigail Ford*.
- +157. RUTH⁴, born March 7, 1705-6; married *Ephriam Atwood*.
- 158. HANNAH⁴, born July 9, 1709. Died without issue; not mentioned in will.
- +159. SARAH⁴, born Oct. 31, 1711; married *Peleg Heath*.
- +160. MARY⁴, born Nov. 29, 1713; married Rev. *Nicholas Loring*.
- +161. ROGERS⁴, born May 25, 1716; married Mrs. *Susannah (Viall) Lee*.

Silvester Richmond³ (with others) was baptized at Little Compton, November 3, 1700.* He was one of the original members of the First Congregational Church. His wife united with the church the following year.

May 29, 1701, he bought of John Rogers, of Boston, merchant, a tract of land in Little Compton, for £83; the grantor calling him son-in-law.**

Feb. 8, 1704, he bought forty acres in Little Compton for £60, of William Earle. Col. Richmond bought, sold and possessed a large amount of property.

Feb. 7, 1727, he made a covenant with Deborah Loring and Caleb Loring, previous to his marriage to said Deborah.

In 1732, Perez Bradford of Milton, William Richmond and Nathaniel Searles, all of Little Compton, were appointed to settle the estate of their grandfather, John Rogers, late of Barrington, deceased. Complaint was made about the manner of settling the estate by some of the heirs, viz., Silvester Richmond, Ichabod Richmond, and Ephriam Atwood, who had married Ruth Richmond, daughter of Silvester.

His will, dated December 29, 1752, proved December 3, 1754 (Vol. 14, pp. 236 to 240), describes him as of Dartmouth, Mass., and contains the following items:

“Ex., son Peleg. To wife Deborah, £18, 6s. 8d., riding chaise, easy chair and silver tankard, for her use, and what things she brought at marriage agreeable to covenant between self and wife and Caleb Loring, before marriage, dated 1727, Feb. 7. To wife also maintenance by testator’s son Perez out of estate I shall give him. To son William, all lands joining his homestead in Little Compton, he paying my grandson Gamaliel Richmond, son of Peleg, £13, 6s, 8d., and to my granddaughter Mary Paine, who was daughter of my daughter Sarah, deceased, £13, 6s. 8d. To son Sylvester, 30 acres in Dartmouth and £205, 13s. 4d. paid him by my son Perez. To son Peleg, 200 Spanish milled dollars, half of it in live stock. To son Ichabod, £33, 6s, 8d, and 3 acres in Little Compton and use of room in west end of my dwelling house and a bed. To son Rogers, £200, half in stock. To daughter Elizabeth, £40, and

* Hist. Gen. Reg., Vol. 22, p. 267.

**Bristol Co. Deeds, Vol. 23.

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silver tankard at death of wife, and if Elizabeth die before wife, then the tankard to go to grandson and granddaughter Fisher, children of said Elizabeth. To daughter Ruth, £40 and two silver spoons. To daughter Mary, £20. To granddaughter Mary Paine, £5. To grandson Sylvester, son of Sylvester, my silver hilted sword. To grandson Joshua, son of Perez, a brace of pistols and holsters. To grandson Sylvester, son of William, three halberts and a fire lock gun. To grandson Richmond Loring, son of my daughter Mary, £20. To negroes Nat and Kate, their freedom. To daughter Elizabeth, £6, a feather bed, and other household stuff. To daughters Ruth and Mary, a bed and £6, each. To son Perez, my now dwelling house and homestead farm, and the rest of real and personal estate, he supporting my aged wife and giving to his brothers Peleg and Ichabod, a suit of apparel, each.”

He was commissioned as lieutenant, July 25, 1710; as colonel, April 21, 1742, by which title he was afterwards known; also as Justice of the Peace in 1711 and 1729. (See Commissions).

He had quite a large number of slaves, and, long before the Revolution, liberated and settled them in some woodlands in Dartmouth, Mass. (Dartmouth Woods). There is a ridge of land in that town which was settled almost wholly by negroes who were the descendants of the emancipated slaves of Col. Richmond.

The following inscriptions are from the tombstones in the old cemetery in Little Compton, R. I.:

“Colon. Sylvestre Richmond of Dartmouth. Died Nov. 22, 1754. In the 81st year of his age.”

“Elizabeth, wife of Colonel Sylvestre Richmond. Died Oct. 23, 1724. In the 52 year of her age.”

“Deborah, the relict of Colonel Sylvestre Richmond, formerly wife of Thomas Loring. Died Oct. 18, 1770. AEtates 96.”

The *Boston Newsletter* of June 17, 1717, contained the following obituary notice:

“Little Compton, May 31, 1717. This morning died here, Mrs. Wm. Pabodie, in the ninety-third year of her age. She was a daughter of John Alden, Esq., and Priscilla Mullins, daughter of Mr. William Mullins. She was exemplarily virtuous and pious, and her memory is blessed.

“Mr. Mullins and his wife, his sone, and his servant, dyed the first winter: only his daughter Priscilla survived and married with John Alden.”

GENEALOGY OF ELIZABETH (PABODIE) ROGERS, Who married Colonel Silvester Richmond³ (son of Captain Edward Richmond², John¹).

HON. JOHN ALDEN. John Alden was one of the pilgrims of Leyden, who came over in the Mayflower to Plymouth in 1620. He was about twenty-two years of age when he arrived, and was one of those who signed the original Civil Compact, adopted by the first adventurers at Cape Cod Harbor on the 15th of November. This was a few days previous to their finding and selecting a place for the commencement of their settlement at Plymouth. He was single, and appears to have been an inmate of the family of Captain Miles Standish. He was the stripling who first leaped upon the rock, as mentioned by Mr. Adams. For the romance of his marriage with Priscilla Mullins, see Longfellow’s “Courtship of Miles Standish,” and Jane Austin’s “Betty Alden.” He built his house on a rise of land near Eagle Tree Pond, where the ruins of his mill are still to be seen. Priscilla died in 1650, John Alden died September 12, 1687.