

## Second Generation

12 MAJOR THOMAS FENNER AND 1, ALICE RALPH; 2, DINAH BORDON

[*b* 27 Oct. 1652<sup>a,d</sup> at Providence, RI; *d* 27 Feb. 1718] Thomas *m* 1st Alice Ralph<sup>b</sup> [*b* 1657], daughter of Thomas Ralph. After Alice's death, he *m* 2nd Dinah Borden<sup>c</sup> [*b* Oct. 1664; *d* 18 Dec. 1761 in her 98th yr.], daughter of Thomas Borden & Mary Harris, on 26 July 1682 at Providence. Thomas was buried beside his father's homestead. He served as a Justice of the Peace in 1704, and he fought bravely in King Philip's War: he "...staid and went not away." Like his father, he served as Deputy in 1683, 1691, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1704, and 1705; and he held the position of Governor's Assistant in 1701-1717. Thomas owned four hundred fifty acres of land; his home was in "Providence Woods," now called Johnston, RI. His will was written on 19 Feb. 1717/8 and probated on 21 March 1717/8. The inscription on his tombstone read, "Here lieth ye body of major Thomas Fenner Esq. Died Feb. ye 27th, 1718 aged 65 years & 5 Mo."

Children of Alice Ralph:

1. William [*b* 11 Mar. 1676/7; *bpt* 16 Mar. 1676/7]; probably died young.

Children of Dinah Borden:<sup>d</sup>

2. Freelove [*b* 1683]; *m* Samuel Westcott. **F**
3. Thomas Jr. [*b* 1684]; *m* Mary Abbott in 1710. **F**
4. Mehitabel [*b* 1686]; *m* 1st Starkweather; *m* 2nd Sterry; *m* 3rd Dr. Blodgett. **F**
5. Mary [*b* 1692; *d* 7 Jan. 1759]; *m* Dep. Gov. Daniel Abbott. **F**
6. Captain Joseph [*b* 1693; *d* 22 June 1779]; married twice. **F**
7. Richard [*b* 1695; *d* 6 Feb. 1773]; married twice. **F**
8. Sarah [*b* 1698; *d* 17 Apr. 1736]; *m* 1st Dr. Jenckes; *m* 2nd W. Antram. **F**
9. Arthur [*b* 17 Oct. 1699, *d* 21 Jan. 1788]; married twice. **F**
10. Eleazar [*b* 4 Sept. 1702; *d* 31 July 1723, age 20 yrs., 10 mos., 27 days]; unmarried.
11. John [*b* 16 Sept. 1705; *d* 12 Oct. 1725, age 20 yrs., 26 days]; Sea Captain, unmarried.

14 FREELOVE FENNER AND GIDEON CRAWFORD

[*b* ca. 1656; *d* 1 June 1712] Freelove married Gideon Crawford [*b* 26 Dec. 1651; *d* 10 Oct. 1707], son of James Crawford and Anna Weir, on 13 Apr. 1687 in Providence. They are both buried in the North Burial Ground, Providence, RI. Freelove may have been the name of the ship that the Fenner's were transported on. "[It is] the name of a ship which carried people from England to the Colonies. It was quite prevalent that parents named their children for the ship that had transported them."<sup>a</sup>

1. William [*b* 12 Apr. 1688, *d* 1720]; *m* Sarah Whipple.
2. Anne [*b* 13 May 1690]; *m* Peleg Carr on 29 Nov. 1711.
3. John [*b* Aug. 1693; *d* 18 Mar. 1718-19]; *m* Amey Whipple 20 Dec. 1715.
4. Mary [*b* 14 Sept. 1702]; *m* James Mitchell on 12 Oct. 1724.

15 ARTHUR FENNER AND MARY SMITH

[*d* 24 April 1725] Arthur was a Deputy in the Town of Providence in 1707, 1710, and 1720; member of the Town Council in 1716, 1717, 1722, and 1723; and Assistant in 1718-21. In 1688, his taxable estate included 3 cows, 1 three-year-old, 3 two-year-old, 1 yearling, 3 mares, 3 horses, 2 swine, 1 share of meadow, 2 acres for planting, and 86 acres of woodland. Mary Smith [*d* 13 Dec. 1737] was the daughter of John Smith & Sarah Whipple, granddaughter of John Smith, the miller, who was one of Roger Williams' original companions.

Arthur wrote his will on 23 July 1723. It was probated on 3 July 1725. By then his estate included "8 cows, 1 bull, 2 steers, 4 three year old, 4 two year old, 2 calves, 2 oxen, 22 sheep, 13 lambs, 5 swine, 1 mare, saddle and pillion, corn, rye, hemp, flax, yarn, 4 spinning wheels, 2 guns, a cooper's adze, a carpenter's adze, an auger, a chisel, a gouge, 3 steel traps, 1 great Bible, 1 small Bible, 1 testament and other books."

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- . See Gravestones
- . Arnold, 266-9.
- . Austin, 14.
- . Buckingham, *The Book of Begats*. Line 2: 11-13.
- . Buckingham, *Genealogy*, 3.
- . Fenner, Eva; *Notes*, 577-8. Historical background of the Fenner family. Unknown origin.
- . RI Historical Magazine, vol. 7, p. 165.
- a Fenner, Eva; *Notes*, 94. Letter to Eva Fenner from RI Historical Soc., signed by Clarkson A. Collins III, 14 Jan. 1957. Thomas is shown born Sept. 1652.
- b Fenner, Lucinda; 121. Alice's last name spelled Realp.
- c Fenner, Charles; 4. Dr. Charles Fenner shows Thomas' second wife as Diana Boardman.
- d White, 2. Daniel shows Thomas's date of birth as Oct. 27, 1653, and his date of death as Oct. 27, 1718. He shows two children named Freelove, one being born in 1688. Mary: 1690, Joseph: 1692, Richard: 1694.

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- . Fenner, Eva; *Notes*, 579. Historical background of the Fenner family. Unknown origin.
- a Fenner, Richard Lee; 7.

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- . Austin, 74.
- . Fenner, Eva; *Notes*, 578. Historical background of the Fenner family. Unknown origin.

15 ARTHUR FENNER AND MARY SMITH

1. Mary [*d* 7 Oct. 1745]; unmarried.
2. Marcy; *m* Solomon Rutenburg on 13 Oct. 1726. **F**
3. Arthur; married Abigail Dexter; died before his father. **F**
4. John [*d* 24 Nov. 1725]; *m* Amey Colwell on 1 Nov. 1724. **F**
5. Edward [*d* 28 Sept 1766]; married twice. **F**

16 BETHIAH FENNER AND ROBERT KILTON

1. Thomas [*b* 17 Jan. 1690<sup>a</sup>]; *m* Phebe Dexter, daughter of Stephen Dexter, on 13 Sept. 1716. They had Freelove, Joseph, Thomas, William, and Stephan.
2. Samuel; *m* Anne Harris, daughter of Nicholas Harris.

17 PHEBE FENNER AND JOSEPH LATHAM

[*b* ca. 1665<sup>a</sup>] Phebe lived at Saybrook, CT. Joseph was the son of Robert Latham and Susanna Winslow. Joseph's will is dated 24 Nov. 1705.

1. Robert; unmarried.
2. Sarah; unmarried.
3. Phebe; *m* John Martin on 12 Mar. 1727.

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a Buckingham, *Genealogy*, 3.

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a Buckingham, *Genealogy*, 3.