

DANIEL HOVEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS.



DANIEL HOVEY¹, the ancestor of the American Hoveys, was born at Waltham Abbey, in Essex county, England, Aug. 9, 1618, being son of Richard Hovey, a glover, of that place. He was apparently a man of education, and the fact that the curate of his parish church was friendly to and interested in him while he was in his teens and far away in a strange land, indicates that there were elements in his character which drew and held attention to him. He was one of the early settlers of Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1635, at the age of seventeen. Feb. 5, 1637, the town granted to him six acres of land on Muddy creek; and also "Granted to Daniell Hovey, an house lott, 1 acre of ground on the South syde of the Town River, having a house lott, granted to William Holdred on the West, and a house lott granted to Thomas Sherman on the East. Also six acres of planting ground, lying on Sagamore Hill, having a planting lott, formerly granted Henry Wilkinson on the West, and a planting lott granted to William Holdred on the East: to enjoy the sayde Landes, to him, his heirs, or assigns forever. Entered this 27th day of March 1639."* The freemen of the town granted to William Holdred a house lot of half-an-acre adjoining Daniel Hovey's on the southwest, being on the south side of the river, and bounded by the house lot of Roger Preston on the southwest; also six acres of planting ground on Sagamore hill adjoining Daniel Hovey's planting lot west, and the planting lot of Roger Preston on the east; the grants being entered April 9, 1639; and both of these lots were conveyed by Mr. Holdred to "Daniel Hovey of Ipswich, planter," and, also, one dwelling house built on the house lot and all the fencing belonging to both lots. Entered April 10, 1639.*

* Town records.

Feb. 10, 1644, the town of Ipswich ordered that Mr. Hovey be paid three shillings for killing three foxes.

In 1648, he subscribed three shillings three times a year to Maj. Daniel Denison, "so long as he shall be their leader, to encourage him in his military helpfulness," the whole annual sum being twenty-four pounds and seven shillings, and the largest subscription ten shillings.

Mr. Hovey was somewhat prominent, and held several town offices in Ipswich, being chosen one of the selectmen Feb. 14, 1659; a surveyor of highways in 1648-9 and 1649-50; and a constable in 1658. In 1656, he was one of a committee to set up a saw mill on Chebacco river. The selectmen ordered, 12: 12: 1650, that Symon Tomson and Daniell Hovey shall view a certain parcel of land.* In 1649, he was a juror at Ipswich court.

In the county court which sat at Ipswich 29: 1: 1642, Mr. Hovey was plaintiff in three civil actions. One was against James Pitney and James Howe, in which he recovered judgment for nine bushels of corn; one against Jo: Lee, which was not tried; and the other was against George Varnham and Jo: North, which was continued.

Daniel Hovey was granted a highway to go to his lot in, by the town of Ipswich, March 4, 1650.*

22: 12: 1652, the town gave him liberty to set his fence down to the river at his ground which he bought of William Knowlton, making a stile at each end.*

At a town meeting held Feb. 14, 1659, Daniel Hovey was granted liberty to build a wharf against his ground that he bought of William Knowlton, and, also, such building as may tend to the improvement thereof.*

Mr. Hovey was living on his farm in Topsfield in 1663 and 1664. Jan. 15, 1663, he was chosen one of two persons to lay out some land.†

Mr. Hovey was complained of for speaking falsely to the prejudice of General Denison, and was fined twenty shillings in Ipswich court Sept. 24, 1667. The records show that in some case, in which evidently General Denison acted as magistrate, Mr. Hovey said that Major Denison did not write his determination nor state his sentence in public, and what was done occurred after he was gone, and that John Gould whispered in the major's ear as he was going away.‡ Magistrates did not allow themselves to be criticised in those days.

In May, 1660, a colony went from Ipswich to Quaboag,§ a place subsequently named Brookfield: and Daniel Hovey joined

* Ipswich town records.

† Topsfield town records.

‡ Court records and files.

§ Also, Quabog and Quabaugh.

it in 1668. His sons James and Thomas went with him. The lots of land laid out to the father and sons adjoined, and were situated easterly of the little brook, on the north side of the road. Daniel Hovey was living in Quaboag in May, 1672, and settled in Hadley before the massacre at Quabog in 1675.

While in Hadley, he lived on a farm of Mr. Henry Clerke; and Mr. John Russell, jr., and Mr. Peter Tilton, sr., executors of the will of Mr. Clerke of Hadley, deceased, brought an action against Mr. Hovey, at the court in Springfield Sept. 26, 1676, for withholding rent due to said plaintiffs "for a ffarm or Land of y^e sayd Mr. Henry Clerkes which y^e sayd Hovey hath Occu-pyed as a tenement."* The jury found a verdict for the plain-tiffs, and awarded them fourteen pounds damages, due in 1676.† At the succeeding term of court held at Springfield the same year, Mr. Hovey brought suit against Mr. John Russell, jr., being an "Action of unjust molestation in a Suite at y^e last Corte at Spring-field & for uncharitable Charges to y^e defamation or Slandour of the s^d Dan^l Hovey & his Wife & Charging y^e s^d Dan^l to be a man of a Scandalous life in an Open Afsembly & therefore was denyed Church Comunion & this threatened to be made Out to his Church and y^t he belonged too & all y^e Churches thereabout." The jury found a verdict for Mr. Hovey.‡ Whether these pro-ceedings and the unhappy contentions that must have been en-gendered by them had aught to do with his departure from Had-ley or not the writer does not know; but Mr. Hovey returned to Ipswich in 1678.

While living in Hadley, he suffered much at the hands of the Indians, and was also a sharer in providing defence for the town. Three years after his return to Ipswich, he sent to the colonial council a petition, an exact copy of which, copied from the original instrument on file in the Massachusetts archives, at the state house in Boston, is as follows:—§

To the Honoured Council now sitting in Boston; the humble peti-tion of Daniel Hovey of Ipswich,

Wheras your humble petitioner was an inhabitant of Hadly in the time of the late Indian warrs, and there expended (beside my losses) much of my Estate in the Countreys service against the common enemy; and since that time was removed thence by Providence to Ipswich, where I have remained now these three yeers last past; and by reason of the remote distance fro Hadly and want of intelligence thence I misised the opportunity of sending in my last acco^{ts} together with my neighbours there, to the last Sefsions of the Gen^l Court; which caused me much labour and long travell thither from Ipswich: yet at the last I have gained a certificate of those my Expences from the Committee of Militia in

* Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 177.

† Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 189.

‡ Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 190.

§ Massachusetts Archives, volume LXX, document 58.

Hadley, being the last of mine Expences there on the Countreys service; amounting to 11^{1b} 13^s 08^d; as by the said Certificate doth fully appear: now my humble request and petition is, that yo^r Hono^{rs} would be pleased to grant me an Order to the Constables of Ipswich that I may receive the said Sums there; where my settled residence is, and have no commerce or dealing at Hadley: that so I may discount my present Rates, and may have the residue for the relief of my family, which hath been much straitned by my losses and expences there in time of the warrs, and by rates both then and since. The Lord direct your counsellors and assist yo^r endeavors in all weighty transactions now in hand, that we may rejoice and bless God under yo^r good governm^t continued over us. so prayeth

Yo^r humble petitioner,

DANIEL HOVEY.

The order thereon was as follows:—

28 ffbruary

It is ordered that the Trefurer pay vnto Daniel Hovey of Ipswich the Summe of Eleven pou[n]ds out of there Country Rate in full of all his Account^{ts} in Controversy

p council

EDW RAWSON *Secre^{ry}*

Councils act to pay Dani Hovey 11th 1681.

The selectmen of Ipswich granted to him six pine trees, presumably for timber, at two times, three on Jan. 2, 1678, and three Dec. 15, 1679.*

Daniel Hovey married Abigail, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Franklin?) Andrews of Ipswich, about 1641. Mr. Andrews died in 1643, having given to Mr. Hovey a legacy of ten pounds. In the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Hovey's brother Thomas Andrews, a prominent schoolmaster, Mr. Hovey certified to the county court as follows:—†

September 27. '83

These may inform this Honored Cort. & may it please your Honors. to take notice touching the relations of this worthy gentleman M^r Thomas Andrews. my truly loving dear & wel. beloved Brother &c. I did more then forty years ago. match wth his Loving & welbeloved sister Abigail Andrews. by home the lord blest me wth fix sons. & on dafter. five of which sons are yet living so that by thes it may appear that we are fuerly related to this deceased gentleman. but in breif he hath fix nephews & two nesies. as. folows their is the son and dafter of his brothe^r as namely John. Andrews & Sara Connant his sister both which are Considerably deters vnto his estate as also M^{rs} Elifibeth Glouer who is married to M^r John Glouer formerly living at Boston now at Iwanfy w^{ch} also is deter to the estate ther is myself also deter to y^e estate five shilings vpon the prifin of som things he lent me for my present vs & gaue me order to vse & kep them til he Caled for them. there is Daniel & John Hovey two of his nephews deter to the estate for scolin their Children about four pounds. their is also Thomas, Joseph & nathaniel Hovey. thre of his nephews w^{ch} never had the value of on shiling of the estate of their uncls that I know of. I humbly draw your favor to ouerlook my weaknes in indevrin to lay this narative befor your Honors. y^t when their shal aper a visibl estat of my Loving Brothers youe may haue so much as thes

* Town records.

† Court files, clerk of courts office, Salem, volume XL, leaf 63.

few lines may aford as touching the fetling of his eftat upon his relations that we quietly & peafably wth y^e lords blefing may haue the benifit of the vf of y^t his eftate w^{ch} he left vndifposed of now the good lord of *heaven* fo influenſ your heads & hearts by y^e lit of his holy fpirit as that a *Gevin* fentans may profed frome you as god may haue honor your-felus ioy in the day of Chrift & no perfons or perfon may haue caufe of complaint but that we may blef god for his merſy to ſe juſtis & judg^t fil runin in our ftrets. fo prays your humble petitioner.

Daniel Hovey. ſini.

The real estate transactions to which Mr. Hovey was a party besides those that were grants from the town in the earlier days are as follows: He owned, with others, twenty-five acres of marsh, which was divided Jan. 30, 1658.* He bought seventy acres of upland and meadow in Topsfield, bounded north and northeast by the pond, east by a part of the Ipswich commons, south by upland and meadow of Robert Andrews and west by common land and meadow, June 12, 1660.† When he was living at Quabog, he conveyed a piece of marsh and "my farm in Topsfield w^{ch} my son John now liveth in, to him he surrendering to me his land in Ipswich," and paying forty pounds and allowing to the grantor thirty shillings a year during the latter's life; and also "my division of land at wheall brooke," June 13, 1671.‡ While Mr. Hovey was still at "Quabaugh," he conveyed one-half of an acre of land in Ipswich, lying on the south side of the river, together with the frame of a house standing on the adjoining land of his son Daniel and some shingles at Topsfield, May 8, 1672.§ When Mr. Hovey lived at Hadley he sold twenty-four rods of land in Ipswich, being part of that lot called Knowlton's lot, on the south side of the river, May 1, 1677.|| After Mr. Hovey's return to Ipswich, he sold one and one-half acres of plowing land lying on the south side of the river in Ipswich, Feb. 11, 1688-9.¶ He also conveyed six acres and seventy-one square rods of pasture land in Ipswich April 23, 1689.** He also conveyed one and one-half acres of plowing land in Ipswich, lying on the south side of the river, next to the lot last above described, Oct. 12, 1689.††

Mrs. Hovey died between 1676 and 1683. He died in Ipswich April 24, 1692. His will was proved Oct. 31, 1692.

* Ipswich Deeds, book 1, page 245.

† Ipswich Deeds, book 1, page 239.

‡ Ipswich Deeds, book 4, page 114.

§ Ipswich Deeds, book 3, page 227.

|| Ipswich Deeds, book 4, page 99.

¶ Ipswich Deeds, book 5, page 333.

** Ipswich Deeds, book 5, page 306.

†† Ipswich Deeds, book 5, page 334.

The following is a copy of the original document on file in the probate office at Salem: —

I Daniell Hovey fenier of Ipsidg Confidrin the changes of man doe defier by the help of the Lord to setle my conserns as may be for the glory of god and the good of my family my sole I desir to resign and Comit unto the hand of my Lovin ffather in Jesus Christ ho is the Lord my Ritofnis my body to be desently buried in erth in hop of a glorious and blefed reserectio by christ amen

Itt The itat which god of his grace hath giuen me I haue dispoisd of af folows to my Eldest sonf Daniell and John houey and my dafter Airs I haue giuen them thire proptions of yt Eftat I had to our mutuall content y^e one at Ipsig ye other in Topsfill Now in their posefon Abigals paid by my son John to my son Airs:

Itt To my son Thomas and James his son Daniell I give all that my Iland caled houeyes Iland which with the thatchbanks and Low marsh belengin to me on the other sid the crek which I a Lowed quarter master Perkins to improue holdin my posefion till I had ocafiion for sam also all y^t house and Land in Ipsig y^t I fhall not dispos of befor deth

Itt I giue to my son Joseph and Nathaniil Houey one hundred rods of ground a pice Joseph bounded Next to m^r Emersons Land from y^e hiway to y^t Land Daniell Ringes Nathaniil one hundred rod of my Land Next to my son Daniell with y^e dweling hous Barn part of y^e orchard to but on Danil Ring: *half* planting Lot a bout three acres w^t a way to it or y^e bridg I made to go to it three acrs at plum Iland also: which Lands I Leaue in y^e hands of my Executor and oversears: y^t if left after my deth To be disposed of af folows: the Children of Joseph Hovey: to haue an equall proporfiion of what is Left after my Deth: as to y^r father Legaci: the children of my son Nathaniell to haue an Equall proporfiion: amounxt y^m only Nathaniell Houey y^e son of Nathaniell Houey to haue a duple pro porfiion: if he Liue to y^e eage of one and twenty if not yⁿ to be diuided among y^e other Children of y^t family:

Itt my mouables to my son Nathaniell those sheep he hath of mine to his children: my cart and plow Irons chains great tramill great braf cittell Iron Cettell Little Iron pot: my poutter poringer and drincking Cup with one chamber pot: and my wife wearing aparell to Nathaniell children: the other to Joseph his brothers children all my wearing cloths my great braf pot and putter pot and my great bible an dbooks af faloweth: come to christ and wellcom Cotten one y^e Counant mader: 7: farmons to Nathaniell Children to Daniell gran child those sheep with w^t his master and books also Christan warfer Caluen one Job tenn deuins y^e golden sefter with what other Books undeispoid by me of mine and shuch towls for his trade as are futable of mine: to Abigel Hodgkins wife of Thomas Hodgkins y^e brafe pan and a putter falseller, my part of y^e meare and colt to gran child Daniell and Iuory

Itt my entrest of brockfeld and fwampfeld I giue to my son Joseph and Nathaniell children

Itt I make my son Thomas Executor and would haue his Nephu in case he Liues to eage if capable to Joyne in yⁿ same w^t him and he to pay out of his part to his brother James and sister prasila and John Aires tenn pounds a pice within thre after his posefon and in Case of his deth I put James Houey in his Rome and Let y^m four Equally deuid his part: my bed bolfter and pillow w^t my gren Rug a paier of 'lanckits. w^t y^e bedsted to Daniell gran child, I would haue my son John of topsfeld to tack in to his posefion with his Books:

Itt I doe apoynt my Louing fons Daniell Houey; and John Hovey to be overfers: of this my Laft will; and fe: to discharg my ffunerall Chargis which I alow four pounds Eftat: and to take any: inventory of my estate: and discharge all my detts and make probet of my will: and to fe his Nephufe haue their equall proporfhon: Joseph and [torn] children how haue lately defced: for which I a Low my our fears three pounds apice for their ceare and truble: This is my will: as witnes my hand and feal

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PHILEMON DANE
THOMAS HODGKINS

Daniel Hovey Senior

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The following is a copy of the inventory of the estate of Daniel Hovey:—

An Inuentry of the Estate of Daniell Houey fener Defeafid The twenty forth of April (1692)

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Itam. The homfted w ^t about three caces Tilidg Land	50	00	00
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Itam about one Eacer of falt march	6	00	00
ffether beed a bolfter and pillow a gren Rodg and 2 blanckits	7	00	00
Itam Seuerall books y ^t weare ualued at	5	00	06
Itam in Neat Cattell 3 bullock one cow	18	15	00
Itam in fheep 20 ^s half a mare half 2 yeareling Colt .	3	10	00
Itam to Lining 34 ^s and wolling cloth much worne w ^t feurall other old things	3	15	00
Itam to wolling cloathing one camblit fut 2 peare of fhufe	3	16	00
Itam houfe hold goods namly poutter and braffe	4	10	6
Itam husbandery telef cart lorns and plow lorns whip faw	2	10	00
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The children of Daniel and Abigail Hovey were born in Ipswich as follows:—

- 2—I. DANIEL², born in 1642. *See family numbered "2."*
- 3—II. JOHN², born in 1644. *See family numbered "3."*
- 4—III. THOMAS², born in 1648. *See family numbered "4."*
- 5—IV. JAMES², born 1650. *See family numbered "5."*
- 6—V. JOSEPH², born in 1653. *See family numbered "6."*
- 7—VI. ABIGAIL², married John Ayers before 1692.
- 8—VII. NATHANIEL², born March 20. 1657. *See family numbered "8."*