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Dear Dendro Participants -

The final report on the dendro dating of the 7 East End houses has been completed and dates have been secured for 4 of them - Terry Mulford, the Old House, Home Sweet Home, and the Gardiner Brown house. The report will be sent to you as soon as Dr. Edward Cook of the Columbia University Lamont-Doherty Earth Sciences Lab has reviewed it, as it was a collaborative project with the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory.

It is a miracle that these dates could be established, as Long Island has 'difficult' white oaks - too much moisture and possibly standing water, which oaks do not like. So their rings are not the neat ones in areas with defined dry and wet seasons, but twisted, distorted, etc. Dan and Mick's tenacity - it took three years, much more time than usual -- and collaboration with Ed Cook and his databases which finally enabled the first climate information for eastern Long Island and the dating of these houses.

The Gardiner Brown house, which seemed unpromising because of its fire and much restoration, turned out to be the link enabling the dating of the others, and has a rare timbering record for the entire eastern seaboard. Each house had certain unique characteristics which you will find interesting. When more coring is done on the Island, it will be possible to date Mulford Farm and the Halsey House; Sylvester Manor requires more access to its principal timbers to be dated.

You all have played an important role in advancing scientific and historical knowledge of our Island. Congratulations!

We have a Power Point presentation of this story and will be happy to show it to any group who wishes it.

Our thanks to all of you -

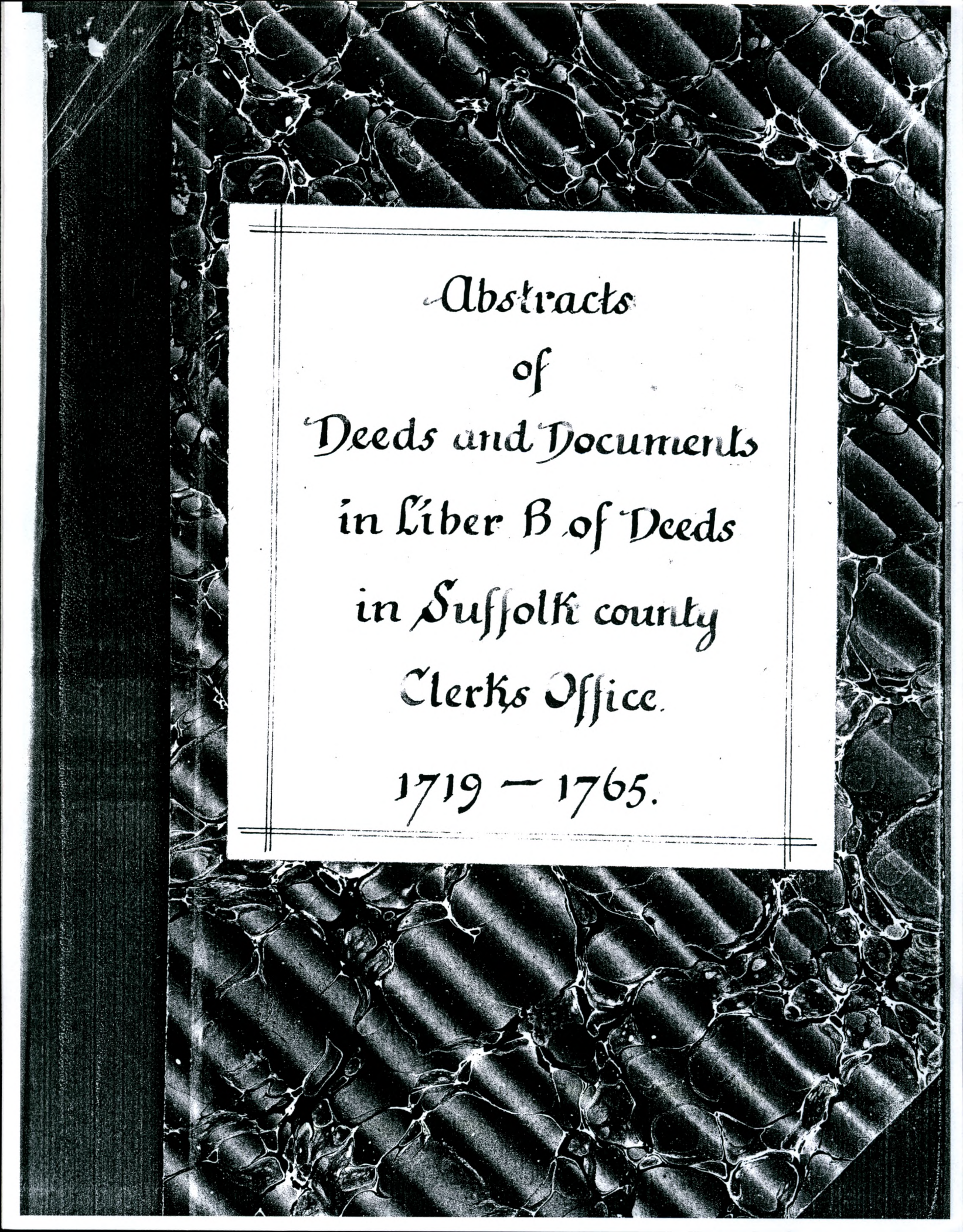
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MA -
There is a much
bigger report to
come & will
send when it
does - Gay Stone

GARDINER-BROWN HOUSE, EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK

Sample number & type	Species	Timber and position	Dates AD spanning	H/S bdry	Sapwood complement	No of rings	Mean width mm	Std devn mm	Mean sens mm	Felling seasons and dates/date ranges
Iv11	c	Rear brace RH attic wall	1632-1745		23 1/2C	114	1.77	0.48	0.118	Summer 1746
* Iv12	c	2 nd stud from rear RH attic wall	1623-1745		1/2C	123	0.98	0.31	0.148	Summer 1746
Iv13	c	3 rd stud from rear RH attic wall	1638-1745		32 1/2C	108	1.46	0.37	0.144	Summer 1746
Iv14	c	1 st stud from rear LH attic wall	1679-1745		1/2C	67	1.69	0.46	0.149	Summer 1746
* Iv15	c	2 nd stud from rear LH attic wall	1686-1745		1/2C	60	1.94	0.38	0.148	Summer 1746
Iv16a	c	Rear brace LH attic wall	1638-1734			97	1.61	0.44	0.125	
Iv16b	c	ditto	1657-1745		1/2C	89	1.37	0.30	0.131	
Iv16	c	Mean of Iv16a + Iv16b	1638-1745			108	1.54	0.43	0.129	Summer 1746
Iv17a1	c	3 rd stud from rear LH attic wall	1673-1692			20	0.84	0.15	0.145	
Iv17a2	c	ditto	1678-1731		15C	54	1.20	0.44	0.196	
Iv17b	c	ditto	1710-1746		15C	37	1.35	0.32	0.214	
Iv17	c	Mean of Iv17a1 + Iv17a2 + Iv17b	1673-1746		15C	74	1.18	0.37	0.185	Winter 1746/7
Iv18a	c	4 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1666-1731			66	1.65	0.50	0.201	
Iv18b	c	ditto	1724-1746		14C	23	1.66	0.41	0.227	
Iv18	c	Mean of Iv18a + Iv18b	1666-1746		14C	81	1.66	0.49	0.199	Winter 1746/7
* Iv19	c	5 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1639-1745		22 1/2C	107	1.31	0.55	0.170	Summer 1746
* Iv110	c	6 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1607-1745		21 1/2C	139	0.92	0.17	0.130	Spring 1746
Iv111	c	7 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1674-1746		13C	73	1.97	0.74	0.220	Winter 1746/7
Iv112a1	c	8 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1630-1730			101	1.16	0.47	0.167	
Iv112a2	c	ditto	1737-1746		10C	10	1.33	0.27	0.145	
Iv112b	c	ditto	1721-1744			24	1.51	0.27	0.154	
Iv112	c	Mean of Iv112a1 + Iv112a2 + Iv112b	1630-1746		10C	117	1.20	0.46	0.164	Winter 1746/7
Iv113a	c	9 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1668-1746			79	1.79	0.77	0.233	
Iv113b	c	ditto	1734-1746		11C	13	1.81	0.64	0.293	
Iv113	c	Mean of Iv113a + Iv113b	1668-1746		11C	79	1.78	0.76	0.235	Winter 1746/7
Iv114a	c	10 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1641-1745			105	1.35	0.36	0.132	
Iv114b	c	ditto	1709-1745		10 1/2C	37	1.07	0.21	0.139	
Iv114	c	Mean of Iv114a + Iv114b	1641-1745		10 1/2C	105	1.34	0.36	0.131	Summer 1746
Iv115	c	11 th stud from rear LH attic wall	1638-1745		8 1/2C	108	1.15	0.28	0.117	Summer 1746
Iv116a	c	Front brace LH attic wall	1681-1731			51	1.37	0.42	0.184	
Iv116b	c	ditto	1719-1746		15C	28	1.58	0.52	0.233	
Iv116	c	Mean of Iv116a + Iv116b	1681-1746		15C	66	1.42	0.45	0.194	Winter 1746/7
* Iv11346		Mean of Iv11 + Iv13 + Iv14 + Iv16	1632-1745			114	1.67	0.45	0.120	
* Iv11716		Mean of Iv16 + Iv18 + Iv11 - Iv13 + Iv16	1630-1746			117	1.35	0.54	0.175	
* Iv1145		Mean of Iv114 + Iv115	1638-1745			108	1.24	0.31	0.116	
* = LV1 Site Master			1607-1746			140	1.23	0.27	0.108	

Key: *, † = sample included in site-master; c = core; mc = micro-core; g = graticule; ⊕ = pith included in sample; Φ = within 5 rings of centre; Ω = within 10 rings of centre; 1/2C, 1/3C, C = bark edge present, partial or complete ring; 1/4C = spring (ring not measured); 1/2C = summer/autumn, or C = winter felling (ring measured); H/S bdry = heartwood/sapwood boundary - last heartwood ring date; std devn = standard deviation; mean sens = mean sensitivity; QVAL = *Quercus Alba* (White oak), QURU = *Q Rubra* (Red oak)

The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is bound in dark, possibly black, leather. The spine, visible on the left, is made of a dark wood. The main part of the cover is decorated with marbled paper featuring a complex, organic pattern of dark, swirling veins on a lighter background. A central rectangular label, framed by a double-line border, contains the title in a blackletter or gothic script. The text is centered and reads: "Abstracts of Deeds and Documents in Liber B of Deeds in Suffolk county Clerks Office. 1719 - 1765." The label is white with black text.

*Abstracts
of
Deeds and Documents
in Liber B of Deeds
in Suffolk county
Clerks Office.
1719 - 1765.*

(See Smithtown Records)

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June 1, 1734. Jonathan Smith, of Smithtown
^{gives}
 sells, to his son Platt Smith, all his lands
 and rights of land, between the Huntington line
 and Smithtown river. And all my right to
 1/7 of the Thatch beds I bought of Obadiah
 Smith, Richard Smith Job Smith and Daniel
 Smith, and all my claim to the river.
 W. Tress

Ruth Smith

(See will of Jonathan Smith
 in Smithtown Records.)

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John Money of East Hampton, sells to David
 Gardiner, "Several Tracts of land which I bought
 of Wm Schelling, and which did belong to
 Wm Schelling formerly of East Hampton, deceased
 Great uncle of said Wm Schelling. Price £1100.
 April 13, 1742. (See Page 238)

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Joseph Conkling of East Hampton sells to
 Nathaniel Mulford, 37 acres of land, bounded
 north-east by land formerly of Capt. Onesimus
 Talmage, deceased, south-east by highway that
 runs down to Little Pond, south-west by Daniel
 Miller, north-west by highway. May 28, 1743.
 Price £331.

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Samuel Gardiner "Gent." late of New London,
 son and heir of Samuel Gardiner formerly of
 East Hampton "Gent." sells to David Gardiner
 of the Isle of Wight. "All those particular
 Tracts and parcels of land in East Hampton

which were in possession of my father Samuel Gardiner at the time of his death, To wit, a Home Lot, 11 acres, and a lot called Samuel Hands Lot, 7 acres," (and several other pieces not particularly described) Price £1370, April 4, 1745.

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James Cooper and wife Mary, of Southampton, sell to Hugh Gelston ^{Esq.} "my offel close & Captains neck, 9 acres, bounded north by Capt. Thomas Stephens, and Capt. John Post, east by Josiah Howell and Ichabod Cooper, south by Capt. Obadiah Rogers, west by the lane, Also my lower close, 5 acres, also in Captains neck, bounded north by Job Wick, west by bay, south by Thomas Jessup, east by Jonah Howell, Price £305, Sept. 18, 1741.

(This lot was sold by Hugh Gelston ^{Esq.} to John White, and descended to Charles White, who lately owned it, and sold it to W. R. Havens. The lot of Obadiah Rogers, next south, was sold by Cordelia Rogers to Henry Culver, who lately owned it.)

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John Stratton of East Hampton gives to his daughters, Ruth Hedges, Sarah Jessup, Mary Conkling, Hannah Chatfield and Ann Hildreth, all his lands meadows and Commonage. Oct. 2, 1721. See Page 110-112.

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John Stratton ^{Esq.} of East Hampton quit claims to Lewis Conkling, John Hedges, Joshua Hildreth, Thomas Chatfield and Isaac Jessup. all

NO. 19.

No. 19, Capt. Samuel 4, John 3, David 2, John 1, born
, baptized Mar. 15, 1713 died May 24, 1729.

Married Elizabeth Coit Nov. 8, 1720; born Mar. 22, 1704
died Oct. 1, 1725.

She was the daughter of John & Mehitable (Chandler)
Coit of New London.

John Coit was son of Deacon Joseph & Martha (Harris)
Coit. John Coit's wife, Mehitable, was daughter of John
& Elizabeth Chandler of Woodstock.

Deacon Joseph Coit was son of John & Mary (Jenners)
Cit of New London.

Deacon Joseph Coit's wife, Martha, was daughter of
Wm. & Edith Harris of Wethersfield.

—See Coit & Chandler Gen'ies.

His children were Nos. 37, 38.

"To Sam, he (meaning John 3) gave a great deal of
property at E. H. & House & lot where Capt. Abm. G. now
lives. All Minister James' property in E. H., consisting of
oneshare of Montauk, 12 acres Sam G— lot &c., &c. He
gave 500 pounds for it."—Mem'd Book, No. 7.

1721, Apl. 4:

Permitted to build his own pew in the Meeting House.

—E. H. Town Records Vol. I, p 115.

1721, Apl. 1:

One of the Town Trustees; also in 1723, 1725.—E. H.
Town Records, Vol. I, p 115.

1726:

One of the Town Assessors.—E. H. Town Records
Vol. I, p 146.

1726/7, Feb. 15:

One of the Trustees of Montauk.—E. H. Town Recor
Vol. I, p 10.

For baptism see E. H. Church Records. Then adult.

For wife's and his deaths see E. H. Church Recor
which puts his May 25, 1727.

Both are buried in South End burying ground at E. H.

Their tombstones read as follows:

"Here lyeth the body of Capt. Sam'l Garnar who
ceased May 24 1729 aged 31 years."

"Here lies bured ye body of Mrs. Elizabeth Gardi
wife of Captn Samll Gardiner who dided October y
1725 in ye 22 year of her age."

1737:

Mentioned in his father's Will as deceased.

NO. 20.

No. 20, Sarah 4, John 3, David 2, Lion 1, born 1
died Apl. 2, 1744.

Married Charles Treat of Glastonbury, Conn., Oct.
1727, born Feb. 25, 1695/6.

For marriage see E. H. Church Records.

1737:

Will of her father gives her 100 pounds; her daught
Dorythy, 150 pounds; her daughter, Sarah, 150 pounds
her son, Jonathan, 150 pounds.

Charles Treat was son of Thomas & Dorothy (Bulk
Treat of South Glastonbury.

Thomas Treat was son of Richard Treat.

Charles Treat graduated at Yale and was a minister

Their children were:

Sarah, born Feb. 24, 1728/9.

John³ - Third lord of the Manor
LORD JOHN A GOOD FARMER

good farmer and made great improvements on the Island. He made a great deal of money, although a high liver and had much to do for the connections of his four wives. He had an expensive family of children. He gave them, for those times, large portions. Sam, he gave a great deal of property to at East Hampton. A house and lot upon the place where Capt. Abm. G. now lives. He owned Sam Gardiner lot &c., &c. He fitted out his daughters to whom he gave 500 pounds in cash apiece. From his wives' portion by merchandizing he acquired a very great property. He always kept his Chaplain."—See Mem'd Book of J. L. G., No. 7.

At the time of his death he was probably visiting his son Joseph S. who lived at Groton.

J. L. G., No. 7, says that the date of his death is correct, as above, and corresponds with a mem'd in the handwriting of David 6th taken from his tombstone in New London. "He was buried in New London City."

He & Mary his wife join the Church at E. H.—See E. H. Church Records.

1760 to 1770:

“Sag Harbor has opened a small trade with the West Indies. Col. Gardiner at that time owned and employed two brigs in that business.—See Paine’s L. I., p 208.

“David bought for his youngest son, Abraham, all the interest his cousin Sam had in E. H. He bought it of Sam, the merchant in N. L. when he was of age and who by advice of Assemblyman Miller (who with David 4th were Executors of the Estate) set up as a merchant in N. London. David gave Sam, the merchant, 1570 pounds for his lands in E. H. He bought the estate of Col. Abm. G.”

“Selah Pike says, “he is like his father.” Which means that Col. Abm. 5, resembles his father David 4th.—See Mem’d Book No. 7.

1771, Aug. 28:

Witness to Deed of Wm. Hedges to D. G. No. 6.—See it on Gardiner’s Island.

1774, June 17:

One of the committee on correspondence in relation to public affairs.—See Rev. Incidents Suffolk Co., p 14.

1774, July:

His letter to Jerusha G., No. 63.—See it on Gardiner’s Island.

1774, Sep. 7:

An Executor of his nephew D. G., No. 6.

1771, Mar. 29:

Letter of Dr. Jushua Lathrop of Norwich, Conn., calls him brother.—See it on Gardiner’s Island.

1771, Apl. 29:

Witness of Deed of Burnett Miller to D. G., No. 6.—See it on Gardiner’s Island.

the Atlantic on one side and Gardiner's Bay on the other. *refers to Samuel Buell Gardiner*

Our subject was born April 6, 1815, at the present home of David J. Gardiner, whose place of residence was built by Col. Abraham Gardiner and later purchased by the father of our subject, by name John Lyon Gardiner. During the War of 1812 the latter was compelled to remove from the island with his family by order of the United States Government, and, taking up his abode in East Hampton, continued to live there until the establishment of peace, when he returned to the home of his fathers. Samuel B. Gardiner came to East Hampton to live about 1836. In the year 1861 he inherited the island on the death of his older brother, John G., who died unmarried. The latter had come into the property on the death of his brother, David Johnson Gardiner, who had received it from his father, John Lyon, on his decease, November 22, 1816.

In 1861 our subject removed to Gardiner's Island and made that place his home until 1881, when through sickness he moved to East Hampton, where he died January 5, 1882. He had represented his district in the State Assembly and was of a quiet, retiring nature and an old-style gentleman, respected and honored by all who knew him. His wife, Mary Gardiner, was the daughter of Jonathan Thompson, of New York City. Her brother, David Thompson, was late President of the New York Life and Trust Company for a number of years until he resigned on account of advancing age. The wife of our subject lived until August 5, 1887, when she was called to her final rest.

David Johnson Gardiner, the eldest son of our subject and the eleventh of the family who have owned the island, was born March 1, 1840, in the house where he now lives, and which, as we have referred to above, was built by Col. Abraham Gardiner in 1745. David J. is interested in various enterprises of importance, and, being strictly honorable and conscientious in the discharge of his various duties, possesses the confidence and respect of those who know him, but, having no taste for public life, has declined official positions. He is a lover of fine animals and has on his es-

tate a number of fine horses, also a herd of valuable Guernsey cattle. During his earlier years he asked nothing better than to ride behind some of these fiery animals, but he is now content to see them driven by those who make it their business. He also has on his place a number of full-blooded buffaloes, some of which were secured from the farm of Buffalo Jones, of Nebraska, and from the far West.

HENRY HUNTTING was born in Southold, Suffolk County, May 6, 1818. His ancestors of the same family name form a long line of worthy people. The earliest of the family in this country was John Huntting, who in September, 1638, came from England and settled at Dedham, Mass., where he died April 12, 1682.

The latter's son, who bore the same name, was a resident of the same place. His wife was Elizabeth Payne, who belonged to a prominent family of that beautiful Norfolk County town on the Charles River, thirteen miles from Boston. In this town their son Nathaniel was born on the 15th of November, 1675. When he was eighteen years of age the young man was graduated at Harvard College, after which he gave three years to preparation for the ministry of the gospel. In September, 1696, before he was twenty-one years of age, he succeeded the famous and reverend Thomas James, the earliest pastor of East Hampton, as the minister of that large and important Puritan town. He was a diligent and faithful pastor; an orderly, energetic and capable man of affairs; a prosperous farmer, and a studious and accurate scholar. His sermons are written in pure and vigorous style, and are full of biblical teaching and practical application thereof. His writings are doubtless among the best existing sources of knowledge in respect to the condition of the East End of Long Island during the first half of the last century. He continued his pastoral care until September, 1746, just fifty years after he began to preach to the people of East Hampton. His wife was Mary Green. They had

Item. I give and bequeath unto Mary Burrows the sum of forty pounds in York money.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John Gardiner my Island lying in the County of Suffolk in the province of New York commonly called and known by the name of Gardiner's Island and after his decease to his Eldest son and after the decease of the said Eldest son to the Eldest son of such Eldest son and in that manner to continue in a lenial descent of the male line of my family to the end of time to the end that the right of the said Island shall forever hereafter be vested in him that shall bear the surname of Gardiner and descend from my posterity.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said son John one yoke of oxen one plough one cart and one harrow and all teem tackling for one teem and also five pounds in York money to be paid him by my Executors.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son David Gardiner and to his heirs and assigns forever all my lands tenements and Hereditaments and all my Real Estate whatsoever lying and being in the Colony of Connecticut in New England and I also give and bequeath unto my said son David all my personal estate being in the Colony of Connecticut aforesaid and also the two thirds parts of my personal estate on my Island not above disposed of.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Abraham Gardiner and to his heirs and assigns forever all my Land tenements and all my Real estate whatsoever lying and being in the township of Easthampton aforesaid in the province of New York. I also give and bequeath to my said son Abraham all my teem tackling teem wainage and utensils of husbandry that I have in Easthampton aforesaid and also I give unto my said son Abraham one negro slave named Cofeo and also one Negro slave named Will and also all my stock of living Creatures of what kine soever that I have in Easthampton aforesaid.