

John Pride Family

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- I. JOHN PRIDE The earliest record that I have found states that John was in Salem, Mass. in 1636. He was granted twenty acres there in 1636. He had half an acre at Winter Harbor and six acres on Darby Fort Side Mar.20, 19636, but I do not know whether these were included in the original twenty. He was at town meeting 1637. John's contribution to the community at Salem was as a potter and brickmaker. The Pride family seems to have been our most nautical. The Salem History by **Perley** gives the following account: "**Mordecai Crawford** and John Pride mortgaged **Cap't Crawford's** barque, pledging half of the barque Cap't Pride usually goeth in, and half of the produce of the fishing voyage." I do not know whether this reference is to John or to his son. John married Elizabeth ---, probably in England. He died in Salem before 1647.
- II. JOHN PRIDE, Jr., of Salem, m. Jane Lovering of Beverly, Mass. I do not have any dates for him. Issue: 1. John, b. 1680, m. Hannah ---, of York Co., Maine 2. William, m. Hannah Thorndyke 3. William. He is referred to as Captain William.
- IV. MICAJAH PRIDE of Norwich, Conn. I do not know whether his parents moved to Connecticut with him. I found the following on microfilm, Norwich, Conn., records: "Micajah Pride and **Ester Richards** married together on ye 10th of August, 1742." Micajah died Dec. 22, 1759. V. ABNER PRIDE This was also on microfilm: "Abner, ye son of Micajah Pride and wife Est born Dec. ye 3rd. 1744." (One source said that Abner was born Jan. 4, 1745.) He married Abigail Kingsbury July 16, 1766. They were both of Norwich, Conn., but moved to East Brookfield, Vermont. According to the story, Abner was a cobbler. Found in Vol. 2, Historical and Genealogical Register of Vermont, Hemenway:
- The Story of Abner Pride During the visit of the Prince of Wales to this country, not many years after the close of the Revolutionary War, that bigoted scion of royalty (the Prince of Wales) passed through Vermont enroute to Canada. In Northern Brookfield, Vermont, resided Abner Pride, a shoemaker by trade. His house was a long way from any other. It was frequently made a stopping place for travellers. The Prince stopped here and asked for refreshments. When about to leave, he stepped up to Mrs. Pride, and, with saucy freedom, kissed her. Observing her resentment, he remarked soothingly: "Oh, never mind. You can tell your people that you had the honor of being kissed by an English Prince." Mr. Pride, from his work at the bench, had witnessed the scene. Hearing these words, he rose indignantly, and with a kick more forcible than graceful, ejected the impertinent Prince from the door, sending after him the mocking farewell: "Oh, never mind. You can now go home and tell your people that have had the honor of being kicked out of the door by a cobbler from Vermont." After Abigail's death Abner married again. His second wife was Jane Smith who died Mar. 1, 1812. Abner died Sept. 21, 1813. He was buried in east Brookfield, Vermont. Issue of Abigail and Abner: 1. Amasa b. May 6, 1777, in Norwich Conn. He lived in East Brookfield, Vt., and finally moved to Waterbury, Vt., where he was one of the first settlers, and "He was the first successful merchant of Waterbury." There is more about him in Hemenway's History of Vermont. He is referred to in some of our family letters. He died Aug. 16, 1822 2. Abigail VI. ABIGAIL PRIDE b. June 17, ----, in Norwich, and moved to Vermont. Abigail married a young merchant, Barna Bigelow, Sept. 18, 1794. She died June 20, 1808. Abigail was known as "Nabby". Even her death notice reads, "Nabby Pride Bigelow, wife, Brookfield, white, housekeeper died June 20, 1808." Abigail died only a month after her mother's death.

