

The French Line

JOHN¹ FRENCH, born in England about 1600-1610, was buried in Cambridge, Mass., 16 Feb. 1645. He married in England about 1633, JOANNA ———, buried in Cambridge, 20 Jan. 1645.

John French was a brother of Lieut. William French of Cambridge, the latter sailing on the *Defence* with his wife and four children in 1635. As John French's name does not appear in the sailing list of this vessel it is evident that he did not come with his brother. He appears in no other sailing list of the very few now extant so it is not possible to tell just when he came to the country but probably after his brother so was not in the country but a few years when his death occurred.

On the 2 April 1650, the Court granted to "W^m french right and power of administration upon the estate of his Bro: Jn^o. french, deceased, and doe confirme and allow of his disposall of the Children."

"Leift W^m french attested upon oath to his Bro. Jn^o ffrenches Inventory", 6 Oct. 1657.

In the account he rendered the Court is:—

"pad more for placing Forth of y^e children: For Y^e yongest beeing 3 yeares old to m^r sparhauke", "Joseph to gooman for skooling", "for Cloathes for John in his placing to Tho brookes", "for Sarah placing her wth Bro: Fessenden". "Lieut. William ffrench appearing before the County Court at Cambridge, octo 1657," swore to the above account. (*Middlesex Co., Probate.*)

In 1652, William French moved to Billerica, Mass., and possibly his niece Sarah lived with him there, for five years later she married John Trull of that town.

Children, except the first, born in Cambridge, Mass.:

- i. JOHN², b. about 1633, prob. in England.
- ii. SARAH, b. Oct. 1637; m. JOHN TRULL.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. 4 Apr. 1640.
- iv. NATHANIEL, b. 7 June 1643.

SARAH² FRENCH (*John¹*), born in Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 1637, died in Billerica, Mass., 26 Sept. 1710. She married JOHN TRULL. *See the Trull Line.*