

## Genealogy - about Hannah Emerson Dustin

Mom/Grandma/Cousin Ruthie often said that we were related to Hannah Dustin. So who was Hannah Dustin?

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#### CAPTURE OF HANNAH DUSTIN.

THOMAS DUSTIN (of Haverhill, Mass.).

Son of Thomas Dustin, Sr.; married, Dec. 3, 1677, HANNAH EMERSON, b. Dec. 23, 1657, eldest of fifteen children of Michael and Hannah (Webster) Emerson. In 1697 the Dustins were living in Haverhill, Mass.

Twelve children had been born to them; one born later:

1. HANNAH DUSTIN, b. Aug. 22, 1679.
2. ELIZABETH DUSTIN, b. May 7, 1680.
3. MARY DUSTIN, b. Nov. 4, 1681; d. Oct. 18, 1696.
4. THOMAS DUSTIN, b. Jan. 5, 1683.
5. NATHANIEL DUSTIN, b. May 16, 1685.
6. JOHN DUSTIN, b. Feb. 2, 1686; d. Jan. 28, 1690.
7. SARAH DUSTIN, b. July 4, 1688.
8. ABIGAIL DUSTIN, b. Oct., 1690.
9. JONATHAN DUSTIN, b. Jan. 15, 1692.
10. TIMOTHY DUSTIN, b. Sept. 14, 1694.
11. MEDITABLE DUSTIN, b. Sept. 14, 1694; d. Dec. 16, 1694.
12. MARTHA DUSTIN, b. March 9, 1697; killed by Indians March 15, 1697.
13. LYDIA DUSTIN, b. Oct. 4, 1698.

March 15, 1697, about twenty Indians appeared at Haverhill, burned a number of buildings, and killed or made captive thirty-nine of the inhabitants. Among the captives were Mrs. Hannah Dustin and Mrs. Mary Neff, a widow, who was serving as a nurse in the Dustin family, a child having been born to Mrs. Dustin six days before. Mrs. Neff attempted to escape with the babe, but was overtaken, the child snatched from her arms and its brains knocked out against a tree. Mrs. Dustin was compelled to leave her bed and accompany the savages. Mr. Dustin

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made their escape down the river, and after much suffering and hardship finally reached Haverhill. A stone monument, consisting of a life-size statue of Mrs. Dustin, raised some eight feet, now marks the spot where the Dustin house was burned. Samuel Hodge, born Oct. 4, 1686 (No. 12), had for wife "Sarah," and a traditionary claim has been made that she was Sarah Dustin, born July 4, 1688, daughter of Hannah Dustin, but no record has been found to warrant such a conclusion. At a later date, however, the Dustin and Hodge families became allied by marriage. (See Hodge family, Nos. 103 and 207.)

## THE STORY OF A BELL.

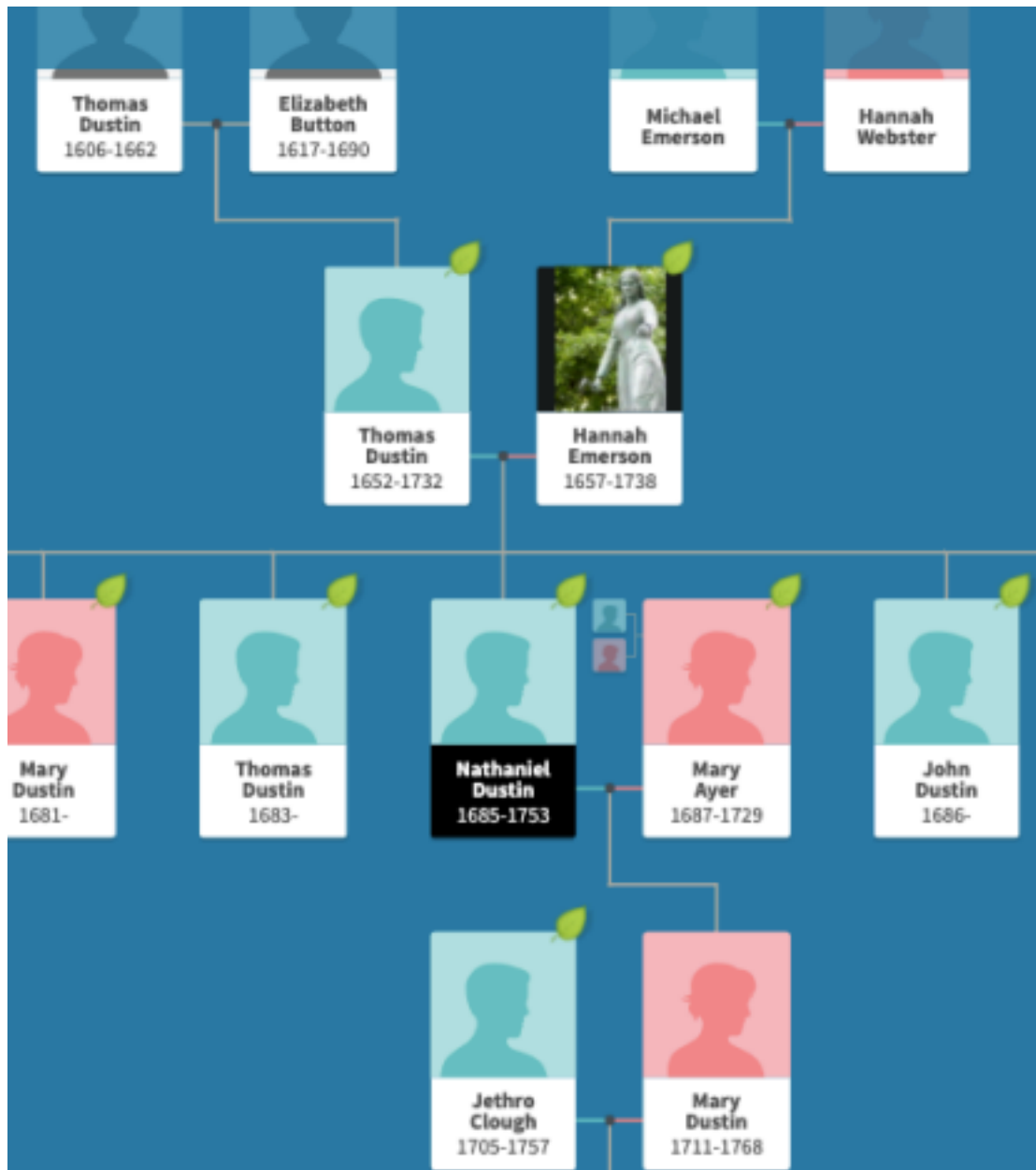
## THE FIRST BELL IN THE NEW HAVEN COLONY.

The Rev. Dr. Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., in a "Historical Discourse" delivered by him some years since while pastor of a church in that city, related the following facts in regard to the purchase of the first bell in the New Haven Colony:

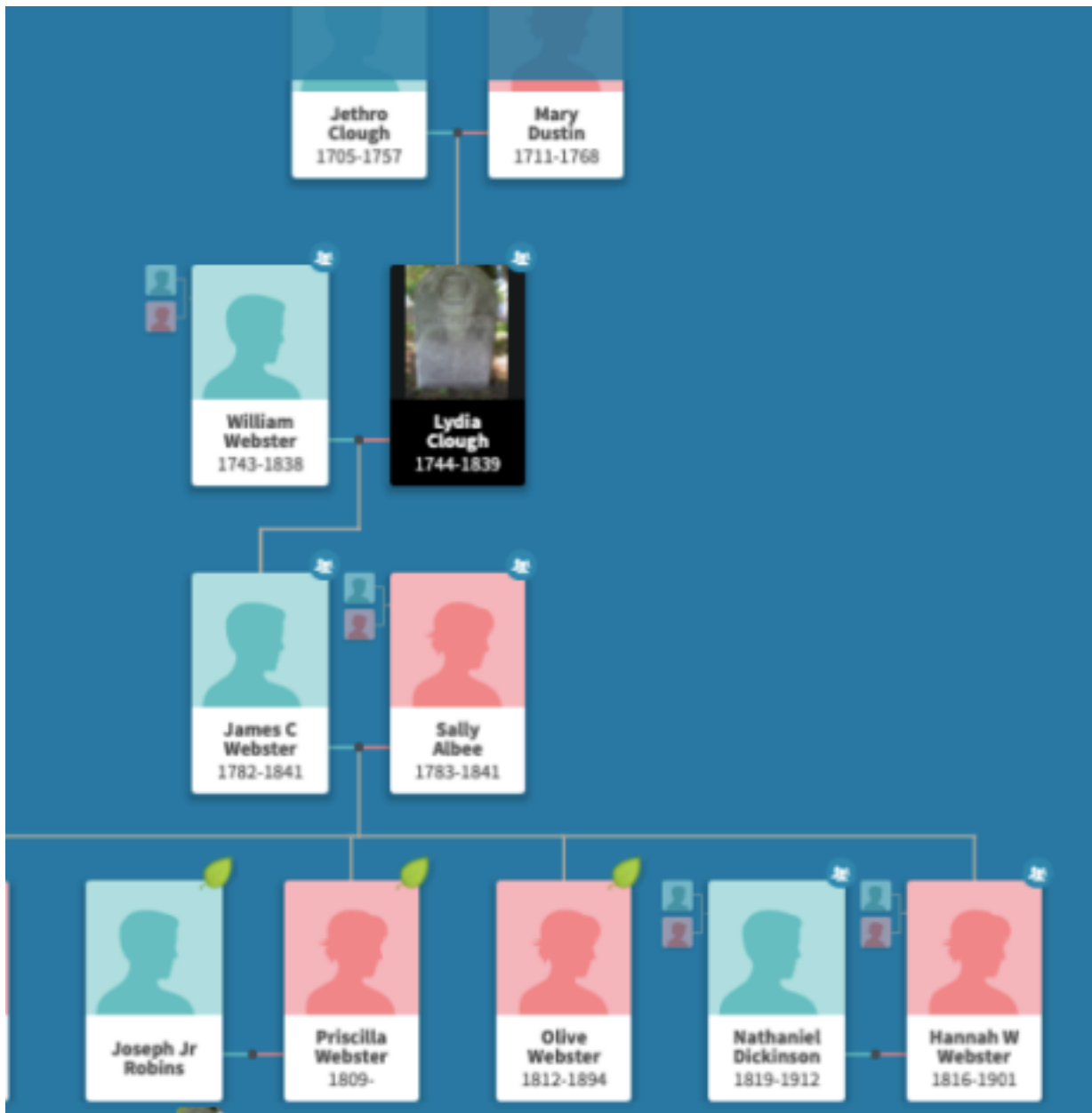
"In April, 1687, there being a bell brought in a vessel into the harbor, it was spoken of and generally it was desired that it might be procured for the town, and for the present it was desired that Mr. Thomas Trowbridge would if he can prevail with Mr. Hodge, the owner of it, to leave it with him until the town hath had some further consideration about it. In August the owner of the bell had sent to have it brought to the bay in Joseph Alsop's vessel, and it having lain so long it would not be handsome to put it off.' Thereupon 'after a free and long

There was also a good article in the *Smithsonian Magazine* about this story: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/gruesome-story-hannah-duston-american-colonist-whose-slaying-indians-made-her-folk-hero-180968721/>

So how are we related to her? Hannah Emerson married Thomas Dustin in 1677. They had 13 children (most children not shown on these charts due to size - Hannah herself was one of 15 children!). One of their sons, Nathaniel, married Mary Ayer. One of Nathaniel & Mary's children was Mary Dustin who married Jethro Clough.

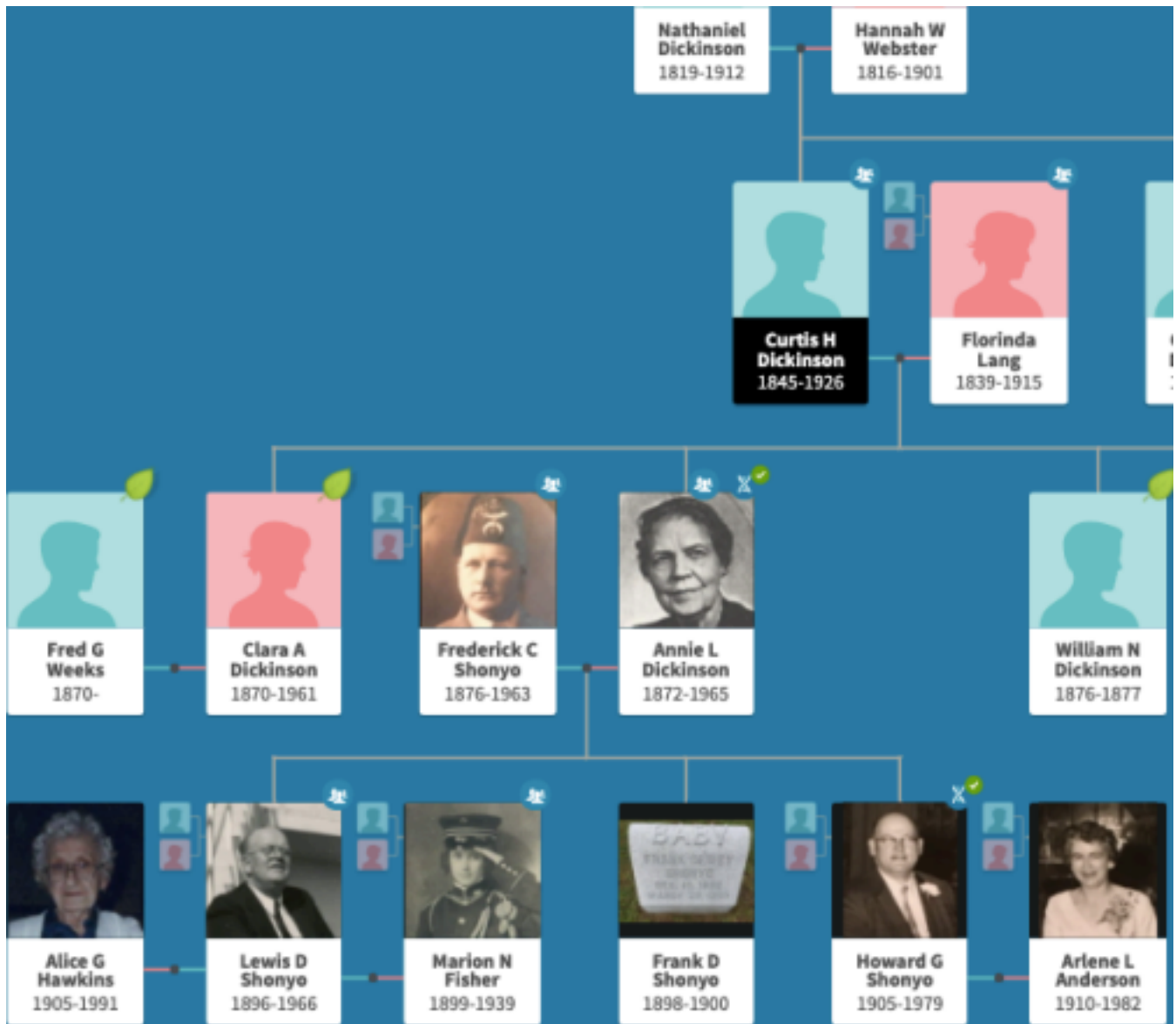


One of Jethro & Mary's children, Lydia, married William Webster. One of William and Lydia's children was James Webster, who married Sally Albee. One of James & Sally's daughters was named Hannah, and Hannah married Nathaniel Dickinson.



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One of Nathaniel and Hannah's children, Curtis, married Florinda Lang. One of their daughters, Annie Laurie, married Frederick Shonyo. And you know the rest from there!



So this means we're all direct descendents of Hannah Emerson Dustin. I figured we were distant cousins, as we are with Emily Dickinson (we're 11th cousins 11X removed) but Hannah is my great X 8 grandmother & your kids great X 9 grandmother.

I want to double check this through some town records when I get back to the American Genealogical Library in Boston some time - some records are not online, and many people's family trees have bad data. But I'd give this about 95% certainty.

I'm on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) but will let my membership lapse in February as it's expensive and we plan to travel more next year. But the family tree will stay online.